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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIMA SANDRA BAY, DEPUTY

DEFINING JUDICIAL BRANCH) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
GROUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES) NO. 2024-09
OF PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES)
BY COURT SECURITY OFFICERS)
_____)

The Superior Court building in Pima County, the Juvenile Court building in Pima County, and the building housing the Pima County Consolidated Justice Court use certified court security officers to ensure the safety of judicial branch employees and facilities in accordance with Arizona Code of Judicial Administration, Section 5-302, and A.R.S. § 12-299.10. These authorities permit a certified court security officer to perform the officer's duties "in a judicial branch facility, on judicial branch grounds or where a court is convening." Neither authority defines with specificity the extent of "judicial branch grounds." As safe ingress and egress to court facilities is necessary for proper operation of courts in Pima County, the definition of "judicial branch grounds" necessarily includes areas needed to facilitate passage to and from designated parking areas serving the judicial branch facility.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,


IT IS ORDERED that for purposes of A.C.J.A. 5-302 and A.R.S. 12-299.10, "judicial branch grounds" includes the areas surrounding the judicial branch facility sufficient to allow for secure ingress and egress from any designated parking area or public transportation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in addition to the superior, juvenile, and justice courts in Pima County, "judicial branch grounds" include:

- All offices of the Adult Probation Department located at 150 W. Congress.
- The Conciliation Court.
- All court-attended events including the Bench and Bar functions, Fresh Start Expo, court-attended conferences or trainings and any other court event where judges or judicial staff may convene.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that judicial branch grounds shall include the areas in the immediate vicinity of a court security officer if they are escorting a member of the public or court employee to his or her vehicle due to a possible threat.

DATED this 21st day of February 2024.



JEFFREY T. BERGIN
Presiding Judge

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