

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

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IN THE MATTER OF:)
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REVISION OF CASE ASSIGNMENT)
SYSTEM FOR MOHAVE COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2007-18

The judges of this court have reviewed the current case assignment system and considered the impact of some changes in the law, some needs and requests of segments of the local bar and the rotation of judges in the position of presiding and associate presiding judge to be effective in the near future. We have agreed that some changes in the assignments will improve either the administration of justice for litigants or the efficiency of the processing of cases in superior court. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED adopting the procedures and schedules outlined in the accompanying document as the procedure for assignment of cases to the judicial officers in Mohave County Superior Court, effective May 1, 2007.

DATED this 30th day of April, 2007.



Honorable Randolph A. Bartlett, Presiding Judge
Mohave County Superior Court

Original filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court in Mohave County

CRIMINAL CASES

Criminal cases filed in superior court will be assigned between three divisions, with Judges Conn and Moon each receiving forty-five percent (45%) and Judge Weiss receiving ten percent (10%).

These cases will continue to be subject to the procedure whereby any defendant with more than one criminal case pending will have each assigned to the same judge, and any future criminal cases filed against a given defendant will again be assigned to that same judge.

Criminal appeals from the limited jurisdiction courts will be assigned to Judge Weiss.

Fugitive cases given a 9000 number will be assigned to Commissioner Jantzen. The initial hearing in any given fugitive case may be held by Pro Tempore Superior Court Judge John S. Taylor, Judge Moon, Judge Conn, or Judge Weiss in that order of priority, in the event Commissioner Jantzen is unavailable.

Commissioner Jantzen will preside over, at least, all arraignments and case management hearings. Cases to be returned to assigned trial judge prior to sentencing. Commissioner Jantzen will conduct all unassigned/assigned judge unavailable initial appearances. Commissioner Jantzen will conduct all proposition 100 no bond hearings.

A. CIVIL CASES ASSIGNED A CV NUMBER

These cases will be assigned as follows:

1. Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a 7000 number will be assigned to Judge Bartlett and heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible.

2. Cases filed in Bullhead City and given a 4000 number will be assigned to Judge Gurtler and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.

3. Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned as follows:

a) If the case number ends in 0 or 5 the case will be assigned to Judge Gurtler.

b) All other CV cases filed in Kingman will be assigned to Judge Chavez.

4. Supplemental proceedings, including "T Files", shall be conducted by the judge previously assigned to any given case. In the event the originally assigned judge is permanently or indefinitely unavailable, the case will be assigned to Judge Roth for these proceedings.

B. PROBATE CASES - PB

These cases will be assigned as follows:

1. Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a 7000 number will be assigned to Judge Bartlett and heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible.

2. Cases filed in Bullhead City and given a 4000 number will be assigned to Judge Gurtler and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.

3. Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned as follows:

a) If the case number ends in 0 or 5 the case will be assigned to Judge Bartlett and heard in Kingman to the extent possible.

b) If the case was filed by a Bullhead City attorney and involves a personal representative residing in Bullhead City the case will be assigned to Judge Gurtler and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.

c) All other PB cases filed in Kingman will be assigned to Judge Chavez.

C. GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIP - GC

These cases will be assigned as follows:

1. Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a 7000 number will be assigned to Judge Bartlett and heard in Lake Havasu City to the extent possible.

2. Cases filed in Bullhead City and given a 4000 number will be assigned to Judge Gurtler and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.

3. Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned to Judge Chavez.

D. DOMESTIC RELATIONS - DO

These cases will be assigned as follows:

1. Cases filed in Lake Havasu City and given a 7000 number will be assigned to Judge Gurtler and heard in either Lake Havasu City or Bullhead City, depending on scheduling needs of the facilities and parties. Those cases proceeding to final hearing by default will be heard by Judge Pro Tempore Jill Davis, so long as she continues to serve in that capacity, but will remain officially assigned to Judge Gurtler for any post-decree proceedings.

2. Cases filed in Bullhead City and given a 4000 number will be assigned to Judge Gurtler and heard in Bullhead City to the extent possible.

3. Cases filed in Kingman will be assigned to Commissioner/Judge Pro Tempore Roth and heard in Kingman.

E. JUVENILE COURT CASES - JV/JD

1. Juvenile delinquency (JV) cases originating from Kingman (0000) and Bullhead City (4000) will be assigned to Commissioner Jantzen and heard in the city in which the offenses are alleged to have been committed to the extent possible. Hearings on juveniles detained in the detention center will be held in Kingman. Cases originating from LHC (7000) will be assigned to Judge Weiss.

2. Juvenile dependency (JD) and severance (JS) cases will be assigned to Judge Weiss and heard in Kingman to the extent possible, with Judge Weiss having discretion to schedule hearings in Bullhead City or Lake Havasu City upon good cause. Any pending JD/JS case now assigned to Judge Roth will be transferred to Judge Weiss on or before July 1, 2007.

F. MENTAL HEALTH CASES - MH

These cases will be assigned to Judge Chavez and heard in Kingman.

G. ORDERS OF PROTECTION

Commissioner Jantzen will conduct all unassigned/assigned judge unavailable order of protection hearings regardless of where the petition may have been filed. Hearings may be conducted telephonically or through video conferencing, if available.