

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

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IN THE MATTER OF:

THE APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING
TREATMENT COURT JUDGE FOR THE
MOHAVE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

CHRISTINA SPURLOCK
CLERK SUPERIOR COURT
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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WHEREAS, the Mohave County Superior Court has operated treatment courts for juvenile and adult offenders for several years. The Court views the collaborative model of treatment courts as essential in addressing substance misuse, mental health, and behavioral health needs of justice-involved individuals and families. The Court recognizes the importance of these programs to promote public safety and strengthen individuals, families and communities.

WHEREAS, the Mohave County Superior Court, through its collaboration with Adult and Juvenile Probation Services, the Mohave County Attorney's Office, the Mohave County Health Department, and many local service providers and community stakeholders, has determined that treatment courts reduce recidivism and are more cost-effective than incarceration, resulting in safer communities and less financial burden on taxpayers.

WHEREAS, the Mohave County Superior Court will experience unprecedented growth and turnover in judicial officers in the next several years. New judicial officers will be assigned to treatment courts. Presiding over treatment courts require a thorough understanding of concepts like therapeutic jurisprudence, addiction and behavioral health science, motivational interviewing, contingency management, and effective leadership principles.

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Presiding Treatment Court Judge will allow the Court to ensure that judicial officers newly assigned to treatment courts are properly trained, mentored and supported. The position will ensure that Mohave County Superior Court treatment courts continue to operate according to evidence-based practices. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED appointing the Honorable Rick A. Williams as the Mohave County Superior Court's Presiding Treatment Court Judge.

DATED this 10th day of November 2025.

[Signature]
Honorable Steven C. Moss, Presiding Judge
Mohave County Superior Court

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