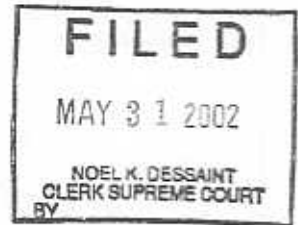


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA



In the Matter of:)

Guadalupe Municipal Court)

Administrative Order
No. 2002- 49

The Supreme Court, having administrative supervision over all courts of the state pursuant to the Constitution of Arizona, Article VI, through its Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), periodically conducts reviews and audits of court operations. Further, Administrative Rule 96-32 provides for the appointment of the Presiding Judge of the county as the Chief Executive Officer of the county with administrative supervision over the municipal courts in their county.

Whereas, The Honorable Colin F. Campbell, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Maricopa County, presented this Court with a letter dated May 31, 2002, recommending that the Guadalupe Municipal Court be placed under the administrative supervision of the Court, citing improper administrative control, including missing funds, lax financial procedures, improper record keeping and deficiencies in the operational functions of the court,

Whereas, an operational review of the Guadalupe Municipal Court was conducted by the AOC in November 2001 found a lack of internal financial controls, resulting in missing funds and other administrative and operational deficiencies, some which were present during a previous operational review conducted in February 1996, and

Whereas, the orderly operations of the Guadalupe Municipal Court are important to the citizens it serves and to maintaining public trust and confidence in the Arizona Judicial Branch,

IT IS ORDERED that until further order of the Court, administrative control and oversight of day to day operations of the Guadalupe Municipal Court shall be assumed, at his request, by the Honorable Colin F. Campbell, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Maricopa County, or his designee,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that until further order of the Court, no person, other than Honorable Colin F. Campbell or his designees, or the Administrative Director of the Courts or his designee, shall remove from the premises of the Guadalupe Municipal Court any paper or record of any type whatsoever for any reason whatsoever, nor shall any such paper or record be defaced, altered or destroyed. This order is intended to and does apply to all personnel of the Guadalupe Municipal Court, including the judge, chief clerk, all employees of the court, city officials and any agents or representatives of any of the foregoing named individuals. The Administrative Office of the Courts is to take immediate steps to secure the integrity of electronic records contained in the court's automated system.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Presiding Judge Campbell may issue such orders concerning the administration of the court as may be required to ensure the on-going and proper operations of the Guadalupe Municipal Court.

DATED this 31st day of May 2002

CHARLES E. JONES
Chief Justice