IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:	)	
	)	Administrative Order
Hon. Barbara Watkins	)	No. 2002- 50
	)	

ORDER FOR INTERIM REASSIGNMENT

Under Rule 31 of the Rules of the Commission on Judicial Conduct, the Chief Justice is authorized, at the request of an investigative panel composed of members of the commission, to reassign a judge pending a final determination of a commission proceeding. The reassignment of a judge pursuant to this rule may occur at any time following the institution of a preliminary investigation and should not be construed to mean that formal charges against the judge are imminent. The specific nature and scope of the investigation shall remain confidential pursuant to the strict rule of confidentiality applicable at this stage of the proceedings.

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice has reviewed a report and recommendation submitted by disciplinary counsel of the Commission on Judicial Conduct and concurs with its request for interim reassignment,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, effective immediately and until further order of the Court, that Justice of the Peace Barbara Watkins of the Northwest Phoenix Precinct be reassigned to other duties, without loss of compensation or benefits, such reassignment to be under the direction of Presiding Judge Colin F. Campbell of the Superior Court in Maricopa County.

IF IS FURTHER ORDERED that Justice of the Peace Watkins shall have fifteen (15) days from the date of this Order to file objections in accordance with Commission Rule 31.

DATED this 13 day of June 2002.

CHARLES E. JONES
Chief Justice