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APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION ON THE COURTS

In Administrative Order 88-6, the Supreme Court created the Commission on the Courts to advise the Supreme Court on methods for achieving the fully integrated judicial department envisioned in the state constitution and for improving the quality of judicial service available to the public. Under this order, the Chief Justice is responsible for appointment of members and hereby appoints the following individuals as members of Commission on the Courts until completion of the commission's work.

Charles Ares
Edward Basha
Robert Carrillo
Thomas Chauncey, II
Ron Collotta
Nancy Connor
Robert Corbin
B. Michael Dann
Roy Drachman
Susan Edwards
Pamela Grant
Art Hamilton
Sharon Hekman
Edwin Hencricks
Chris Herstam
Eino M. Jacobson
William Jacquin

Peter Kay
Pauline King
Mac Magruder
Thomas Meehan
Bruce Meyerson
Jack Moortel
Ruben Ortèga
Jones Osborn
Edward Pastor
Barbara Polk
Allison Quattrocchi
Noreen Sharp
Kenneth Sherk
Joel Valdez
Ben Williams
Ann Yellot
Thomas Zlaket

It is further ordered that Edward Basha be appointed as chair of the commission and that the chair may appoint a vice chair and organize task force committees as needed. One additional member of the commission will be appointed at a later date.

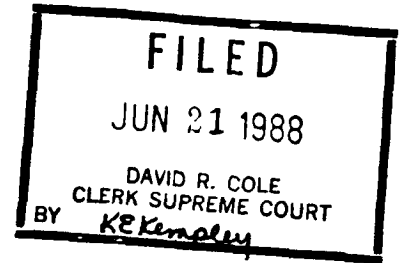
Dated this 21st day of June, 1988, at the Supreme Court in Phoenix, Arizona.

FRANK X. GORDON, JR. *[Signature]*
Chief Justice

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

COMMISSION ON THE COURTS

Administrative Order No. 88-6



In 1960, the Arizona electorate approved an amendment to the state constitution that clearly placed the responsibility for the overall administration of the court system upon the Supreme Court. Article VI, section 1, of the constitution vests the judicial power of the state in "an integrated judicial department consisting of a Supreme Court, such intermediate appellate courts as may be provided by law, a superior court, such courts inferior to the superior court as may be provided by law, and justice courts." Section 3 further provides that "the Supreme Court shall have administrative supervision over all the courts of the state," and gives the Chief Justice the authority to exercise the court's administrative powers.

Over the years since the adoption of this amendment, the Supreme Court has carried out its supervisory responsibilities in a variety of ways, and has organized an Administrative Office of the Courts, a Council on Judicial Education and Training, a Council on Judicial Administration and other committees to assist it in developing policies and procedures for the administration of the judicial system. But as the state population has grown and the court system has become more complex, it has become increasingly apparent that the overall organization, processes and procedures of the judiciary need to be examined to identify ways of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the judicial system. Now, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED THAT a Commission on the Courts is created to advise the Supreme Court on methods for achieving the fully integrated judicial department envisioned in the state constitution and for improving the quality and level of judicial services available to the public throughout the state. Under the direction of the Chief Justice, the commission shall:

1. Develop a long-range plan for the judiciary through the year 2000;
2. Prepare specific recommendations and strategies for improving the court system;
3. Provide the Supreme Court with an action-oriented process for accomplishing change; and

4. Promote the development of a receptive environment for change both within and outside the judicial system.

IT IS ALSO ORDERED that the commission shall be composed of thirty-five members and that the commission chair and its members shall be appointed by the Chief Justice. The Commission shall be organized into four task forces to study court organization and administration, court productivity, dispute resolution, and children and families in the courts. Each task force shall be composed of a chair and six members, all of whom shall be members of the commission, and such additional members as may be needed to carry out the work of the task force. Task force chairs and members shall be appointed by the Chief Justice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the chair of the commission may appoint a vice chair from among the commission's members to assist in directing the activities of the commission, and may call commission conferences and meetings, as needed, to conduct the business of the commission. Under the direction of the Chief Justice, the Administrative Director of the Courts shall provide staff for the commission to conduct research studies and prepare reports, and shall administer all of the internal affairs of the commission, including the payment of travel and per diem expenses of commission and task force members pursuant to established policies and procedures.

DATED AND ENTERED this 21st day of June, 1988, at the State Capitol in Phoenix, Arizona.

FRANK X. GORDON, JR.
Chief Justice