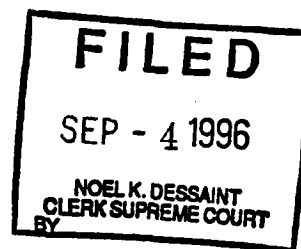


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA



In the Matter of: )

APPROVAL OF ARIZONA TRAFFIC )  
TICKET AND COMPLAINT FORMS )  
WITH SUBSTANTIAL VARIATION )  
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE )  
STATE OF ARIZONA )

Administrative Order  
No. 96 -42

Rule III, Arizona Rules of Procedure in Traffic Cases, and Rule 4, Arizona Rules of Procedure in Civil Traffic Violation Cases, require approval from the Supreme Court for "any substantial variation from the form of the Arizona Traffic Ticket and Complaint " form as set forth in appendices to the Rules.

Jurisdictions are now experimenting with new technologies to issue citations such as photo radar and electronic hand-held citation writers. Those technologies require new formats for citation forms. In addition, some courts process complaints for parking violations according to the Arizona Rules of Procedure in Civil Traffic Violation Cases and those complaints do not require the use of the Arizona Traffic Ticket and Complaint form.

Until guidelines can be developed to address the changes caused by the new technologies, it is necessary for this Court to review and approve each deviation from the rules. It will take some time to address all the issues that will affect the rules and to draft guidelines and proposed rule changes. Meanwhile, there are immediate needs in several courts for decisions about the format of citations. Under current rules, each of those decisions must come to the Supreme Court for resolution.

IT IS ORDERED that the Administrative Director of the Courts may approve, on behalf of the Supreme Court, any substantial variation from the form of the Arizona Traffic Ticket and Complaint form effective upon signing of this order until July 1, 1998.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the Administrative Office of the Courts is directed to study the use of new technologies for issuing citations and develop recommended rule changes to the Arizona Rules of Procedure in Traffic Cases and Arizona Rules of Procedure in Civil Traffic Violation Cases to accommodate the use of those technologies. The study shall include, but not be limited to, use of photo radar and electronic hand-held citation writers. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall present the proposed rule change no later than January 1, 1998.

Dated this 4th day of September, 1996.

STANLEY G. FELDMAN  
Chief Justice