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ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIMA

K. YLVISAKER, DEPUTY

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THE COURTHOUSE	)	NO. 2013-34
	)	(rescinds AO 1997-05)
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Rule 122 of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court governs the use of recording devices in court proceedings;

Rule 122.1 of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court governs the use of portable electronic devices in a courthouse and specifically provides that, by local administrative order, a court may adopt reasonable limitations on photography and audio or video recording in a courthouse that are not inconsistent with Rule 122.1 or Rule 122 of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court;

Consistent with the intent of these two rules, the court may make reasonable provisions to prevent interference with court employees and members of the public who are conducting business in a courthouse; to maintain the security of the court, employees and the public; and to secure the privacy of the jurors serving the court;

Now therefore it is ORDERED:

1. No person may use a recording device during a court proceeding or in a courtroom except in compliance with Rule 122.

2. Under the provisions of Rule 122.1, in areas of a courthouse other than courtrooms, no one may photograph or record an individual without that individual's express consent. Limited use of portable electronic devices by attorneys, parties and members of the public, other than witnesses or jurors, is permitted and personal audio recorders may be used in a court proceeding but only if the person using the device notifies the judge or the judge's staff prior to using the device, under Rule 122.1.

3. Except as otherwise provided in either Rule 122 or Rule 122.1, photography, audio recording or video recording are not permitted within a courthouse without the express written permission of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court or the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court or their designees.

4. Except for juvenile court proceedings, requests for permission for electronic, video, or still photographic coverage of public judicial proceedings shall be made by filing the court's camera request form with the judicial officer presiding over the proceeding, with a copy to the court's community relations coordinator. Such requests shall be made no less than two business days before the proceeding sought to be covered. The assigned judge shall determine whether and under what conditions such coverage shall be permitted in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 122.

   At juvenile court, electronic coverage of proceedings is not permitted except in adoption proceedings, and then only with the agreement of the parties to the proceeding and the court, pursuant to Rule 122.

5. In the Clerk of Court's offices, private parties may take photographs as permitted by the Clerk, so long as the provisions of SCR 122.1.C(2) are observed.

6. All persons wishing to use a recording device or portable electronic device of any type during court proceedings, in courtrooms or in any other area of the courthouse are expected to be familiar with Rules 122 and 122.1 of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, copies of which will be made available, upon request, on the first and ninth floors of the Superior Court building and at the information desk in the Juvenile Court Center.

7. Any use of portable electronic devices, photography, audio recording or video recording in a courthouse is subject to the authority of any judge, court administrator or court security officer to limit or terminate activity that may be disruptive to court operations, may affect the fair administration of justice or that may compromise courthouse security.

8. Any individual who uses or has used an electronic device to record activities or to take photographs or video without the express permission required by this order or in any manner except as permitted by either Rule 122 or Rule 122.1 will be required to delete the photographs or video or the recording, may be removed from the building and may be subject to sanctions by the court.

This Administrative Order shall be effective on January 1, 2014. This Administrative Order rescinds Administrative Order 1997-05 and any other conflicting administrative orders or policies of the Superior Court of Juvenile Court.

Dated: October 2, 2013

SARAH R. SIMMONS
Presiding Judge

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