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6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
7 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YUMA
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9 IN THE MATTER OF:) Administrative Order
10 SECURING COURT FACILITIES) No. 2016-04
11 IN YUMA COUNTY)
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15 WHEREAS, the legislature passed and the Governor signed Senate Bill 1266, which
16 authorizes an elected or appointed officer to carry a deadly weapon in the court facility in which
17 the judicial officer works, subject to rules and policies adopted by the Presiding Judge.

18 WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge is required to establish court security policies and
19 procedures to provide a safe work environment for judicial employees, litigants and users of the
20 court pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Administrative order 2005-32; and

21 WHEREAS, the courts in Yuma County are committed to providing a safe environment
22 for all employees, litigants, and members of the public, and limiting the type and number of
23 deadly weapons allowed in a court facility increases the safety of the facility. To this end,
24 judicial officers who comply with this policy may carry a firearm within a court facility, as
25 outlined below, but all other deadly weapons remain strictly prohibited in all court facilities.

26 **IT IS ORDERED** effective March 7, 2016, adopting the following policies
27 pursuant to A.R.S. §13-3102 (A) and A.R.S. §13-3112 (N).

28 1. Where the judicial officer works shall be defined by the court system in which the

1 officer is assigned. For example, if the judicial officer works in the Superior Courts, that
2 is where he or she shall be entitled to carry a deadly weapon. If the judicial officer is a
3 Superior Court Judge, he or she may carry the deadly weapon in either Superior Court or
4 Juvenile Court. The same applies to Court Commissioners, Justices of the Peace and
5 Municipal Court Judges.
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7 2. In order for the judicial officer to be in compliance with the law, and be permitted to
8 carry a firearms in a courthouse in Yuma County, the officer must demonstrate
9 competency with a firearm through any of the following as prescribed by A.R.S. §13-
10 3112 (N), except that the judicial officer shall comply with any rule or policy adopted by
11 the presiding judge of the superior court while in the court facility. See A.R.S. §13-
12 3102(D).
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14 3. The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court may require any judicial officer who
15 qualifies under the statutes to carry a firearm in a court facility, to be required to qualify
16 on an annual basis with the firearm carried by the judicial officer. The type and
17 frequency of qualification shall be determined by the Director of Court Security of
18 Superior Court in consultation with and approval of the Presiding Judge of Superior
19 Court; and which complies with A.R.S. §13-3112(N).
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21 4. This right to carry a deadly weapon in a court facility shall apply to all judicial
22 officers, except hearing officers and part-time judicial officers pro-tempore.
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24 5. The authorization to carry a firearm is limited to the court facility in which the
25 judicial officer is assigned; however, if a Superior Court Judge or Court Commissioner
26 who is customarily assigned to Superior Court, that Superior Court Judge or Court
27 Commissioner may carry a firearm to Juvenile Court and that Superior Court Judge or
28 Court Commissioner may carry a firearm to Superior Court.

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2 6. Before bringing a firearm into any court facility, each judicial officer who wishes to
3 carry a firearm in the court facility in which he or she is assigned or allowed to carry a
4 firearm otherwise into a court facility, shall comply with and provide proof of
5 demonstrated competence as defined pursuant to A.R.S. 13-3112(N).
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7 7. The Presiding Judge of Superior, Justice or Municipal Courts may revoke, or
8 temporarily suspend authorization to carry a firearm in a courthouse in Yuma County
9 under their supervision for any of the reasons listed in Arizona Code of Judicial
10 Administration section 6-113, subsections (G)(6)(a) through (f),(I),(k) and (p) through
11 (s).

12 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that these policies shall apply to Superior Court
13 Judges, full-time Superior Court Commissioners, Justices of the Peace in Yuma County, and full
14 time Judges, Magistrates, Commissioners and hearing officers of the Municipal and Town Courts
15 in Yuma County.

16 Dated this 7th day of March, 2016.
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21 JOHN N. NELSON
22 PRESIDING JUDGE
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