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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LA PAZ



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IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR)
INDIGENT PERSONS IN NON-CAPITAL)
CASES.)
_____)

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2003-02**

Pursuant to Rule 6.2 of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure (hereinafter A.R.C.P.), the following procedure for the appointment of counsel for indigent persons in non-capital cases is hereby adopted by the Superior Court and Courts of Limited Jurisdiction in La Paz County and shall become effective August 11, 2003.

A. Initial Appointment Procedure

Upon a determination of indigency of any defendant entitled to representation by counsel as provided by A.R.C.P. Rule 6.1, the Court will appoint the La Paz County Public Defender in accordance with A.R.C.P. Rule 6.5.

For cases in which the Public Defender is unable to represent a defendant, or the Public Defender deems it necessary and appropriate to assign court approved conflict counsel to provide indigent defense services, the La Paz County Public Defender shall file a Notice of Assignment with the Court. This procedure does not apply to those cases which have already been set for trial. The procedure for withdrawal and substitution of counsel in cases which have been set for trial is set forth in A.R.C.P. Rule 6.3(c).

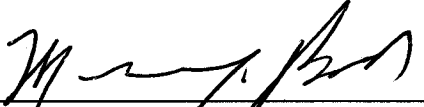
B. Withdrawal of Assigned Counsel Procedure

The following procedure shall be followed for cases in which the assigned counsel deems it necessary to withdraw from representation because he/she is not ethically permitted to accept or continue the representation under the Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct. In such cases, assigned counsel shall file a Motion to Withdraw with the Court.

The Court will then either appoint substitute counsel or refer the case back to the Public Defender for the assignment of substitute counsel. Substitute counsel shall thereafter file a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 6.3.

Previously assigned counsel shall deliver a copy of the file to substitute counsel.

DATED this 11 day of August, 2003.



MICHAEL J. BURKE
Judge of the Superior Court