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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)
)
SIGNATURES ON ENTRIES OF DEFAULT)
IN CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS)
MATTERS.)
_____)

ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER NO. 20030003

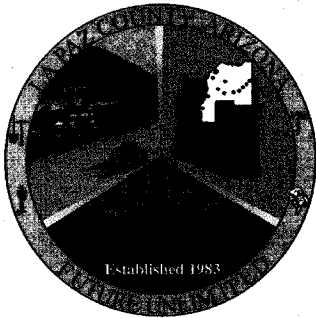
Having reviewed Rule 55, Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure and Maricopa County Superior Court Administrative Order No. 2001-041 and in cooperation with the Clerk of the La Paz County Superior Court;

IT IS ORDERED, effective October 1, 2003, the Clerk of the Superior Court will no longer sign and seal the "Entry of Default" that is typically attached to or incorporated into the Application for Default. The filing of the Application and Affidavit of Default will constitute the entry of default of the filing party. The Clerk's practice of signing the "Entry of Default" is not required by Rule 55, A.R.C.P. and any requirement for entry of default will be satisfied by the Clerk simply "filing in" the Application and Affidavit of Default.

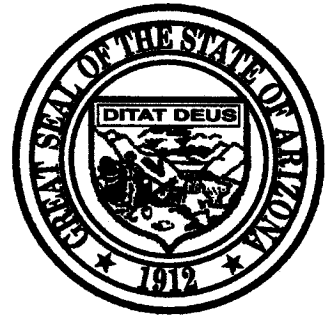
DATED this 19 day of September, 2003.



Honorable Michael J. Burke, Presiding Judge
La Paz County Superior Court



La Paz County Clerk of the Superior Court



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MEMORANDUM

TO: La Paz County Practicing Attorneys

FROM: Sheri Newman, Clerk
La Paz County Superior Court *Sheri Newman*

DATE: September 19, 2003

RE: Rule 55, Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure

Attached for your review is a copy of La Paz County Administrative Order No. 2003-03, In the Matter of Signatures on Entries of Default in Civil and Domestic Relations Matters.

It has long been the practice of the Clerk of the Superior Court to sign a document entitled "Entry of Default." However, the actual signing is not required by Rule 55(a), A.R.C.P. In fact, Maricopa County has had in place a similar policy since July, 1999, which was codified by an administrative order in June, 2001. Pima County Superior Court is currently holding meeting with its Bench and Superior Court Clerk and may very well adopt this policy in the near future.

Any issue of appropriate service may will be reviewed by the Court if a judgment is sought. The signing of the "Entry of Default" holds no more legal weight than the new process of filing the documents in.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Attachment