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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LA PAZ**



S1500AO201500003

In Re the Matter of:)
)
USE OF DIGITAL RECORDING)
EQUIPMENT BY COURTROOM)
CLERKS AND DIGITAL RECORDING)
OF COURT PROCEEDINGS)
_____)

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. S1500AO-2015-00003

(REPLACES
S1500AO-2004-0001)**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-424, the Clerk of the Superior Court is currently using digital recording equipment to assist the courtroom clerks with the accurate and timely preparation of minute entries.

The digital recording equipment also serves as the official court record when there is no court reporter or stenographer being used.

If a court reporter or stenographer is used, the digital recording shall not be the official court record and shall only serve to assist a courtroom clerk with the timely preparation of a clerk's work product and to enable a clerk to generate timely and accurate minute entries.

The digital recording equipment is not intended for production of the official verbatim record of court proceedings in which a court reporter or stenographer has been used. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. A copy or reproduction of a digital recording of a court proceeding, other than one produced as the official court record, as noted above, shall not be disseminated without a court order.

2. The official court record of a superior court hearing, or proceeding, where a court reporter or stenographer has been used, shall be the transcript produced by the court reporter or stenographer.
3. Unless otherwise provided herein, no recording of a proceeding made from the digital recording system, or any other recording system, or a transcript produced from such a recording, may be used as the official court record of any superior court proceeding, except, with a court order, a transcript prepared by a court reporter or stenographer approved by the La Paz County Superior Court.
4. A copy of a digital recording that is the official record of a superior court proceeding, which has not been sealed by a court order, may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court through a public records request. If a digital recording, that is the official court record, has been sealed by court order, it may only be obtained by court order.
5. A digital recording, that is not the official court record, may be destroyed after its reference value has been served.

DATED this 8 day of May, 2015.



**Samuel E. Vederman, Presiding Judge
La Paz County Superior Court**