

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)

COURTS IN APACHE AND GREENLEE)
COUNTIES EMERGENCY AUTHORITY)

Administrative Order
No. 2011 - 59

On June 6, 2011, Janice K. Brewer, the Governor of the State of Arizona, declared a state of emergency in Apache and Greenlee Counties. This state of emergency was due to uncontrolled forest fires and consequent evacuation orders in that area of the state. Courts and litigants may be faced with time delays, problems with filing and processing of documents and case information, and compliance with other court rules because of court closures and other disruptions during this state of emergency. It is necessary to delegate to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Apache County and Greenlee County sufficient authority to effectively administer those courts in response to this state of emergency.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Sections 3 and 5, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED, effective June 7, 2011, that the Honorable Donna Grimsley, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Apache County, and the Honorable Monica Stauffer, Presiding Judge of Greenlee County, are authorized to adopt and suspend rules and orders as necessary to address the current state of emergency and to take any action concerning court operations that the circumstances require. These Presiding Judges shall also have the authority to modify existing orders regarding probation supervision and any other probation matters as circumstances require.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of such emergency rules or orders shall be immediately provided to this Court.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2011.

REBECCA WHITE BERCH
Chief Justice