



MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT: LOWER COURT APPEALS DEPARTMENT

Modified Lower Court Appeals Department Operation during COVID-19 Pandemic

Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona has executed Executive Order 2020-18.

- 1** **Until April 30, 2020, with limited exceptions, no in-person proceeding will occur in Arizona Superior Court in Maricopa County.** The court will continue to hold telephonic hearings and remain available to process all case types and non-appearance proceedings.
- 2** **No new juries will be empaneled through April 30 2020.**
- 3** **If hearings need to be set or a judicial officer determines** that oral argument is appropriate or required, the proceeding will be set presumptively to occur telephonically or by video conference.
- 4** **Judicial officers currently assigned to Lower Court Appeals (LC) calendars** will cover other essential calendars. Therefore, delays in processing your rulings may occur.
- 5** **Calls and emails will be answered;** however, many staff members and tax administrative staff are teleworking.
- 6** **Any application for temporary restraining order/preliminary injunction filed** will be reviewed and orders issued. In addition to filing an application for temporary restraining order/preliminary injunction with the Clerk of Court, the pleadings, attachments, and proposed form of order must be emailed to the assigned judicial division with a copy emailed to civilemergencies@jbazmc.maricopa.gov. Any return hearing or evidentiary hearing will be held with parties appearing by video or telephone absent further order of the court.
- 7** **Any LC filing should be filed with the clerk** and a copy placed in the judicial officer's division inbox outside his/her courtroom. If filing an LC emergency, after filing, please place a copy in the Civil Court Drop Box located at the Central Court Building at 201 West Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona 85003.

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