

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI

IN THE MATTER OF:)

CREATION OF JUDICIAL DISTRICTS)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2021-02

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DONNA McQUALITY, Clerk
By: K. Wilkes

John Napper, Presiding Judge of Yavapai County, pursuant to the Local Rules of Practice for the Superior Court of Yavapai County, hereby reaffirms the establishment of the Prescott Judicial District and the Verde Valley Judicial District. The Prescott Judicial District encompasses all areas of Yavapai County except the area within the jurisdiction of the Verde Valley Justice Court Precinct. The Verde Valley District encompasses the area within the jurisdiction of the Verde Valley Justice Court. Cases shall be assigned to these Judicial Districts in compliance with Local Rules of Practice for the Yavapai County Superior Court.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED creating the Juvenile Justice Judicial District. The Juvenile Judicial District encompasses the entirety of Yavapai County and shall be assigned the following juvenile cases: Delinquency Petitions, Dependency Petitions, Severance Petitions, and Adoption proceedings. Juvenile cases will be assigned heard in both the Prescott and Verde Judicial Districts and will be assigned as follows:

- Delinquency Petitions will be heard in the Judicial District where the delinquent act occurred.

✓ Clark of Court
✓ Chief Deputy
✓ Court Admin

() _____ () Other _____

- Dependency Petitions will be heard in the Judicial District where the act leading to the filing of the dependency occurred.
- Severance Petitions will be heard in the Judicial District encompassing the petitioner's residence
- Adoption proceedings will be heard in the Judicial District selected in the filing coversheet.

The Presiding Juvenile Judge shall have the authority to transfer cases between the Prescott and Verde Valley Judicial Districts in the interests of judicial economy after considering the factors listed in the Local Rules of Practice for Yavapai County Rule 3(C)(1)(2).

DATED at Prescott, Arizona, the 11th day of January, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JDN', written over a horizontal line.

Honorable John D. Napper
Presiding Judge