

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of ) Arizona Supreme Court  
 ) No. R-20-0012  
RULES FOR THE FAST TRIAL AND )  
ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTION PROGRAM )  
("FASTAR") ) **FILED 12/6/2023**  
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**ORDER EXTENDING THE FASTAR PROGRAM  
UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THIS COURT**

In 2016, the Committee on Civil Justice Reform recommended an experimental program called the Fast Trial and Alternative Resolution Program ("FASTAR Program") as a means of improving access to justice in civil cases. A project governed by the Pima County Rules for the Fast Trial and Alternative Resolution ("FASTAR") Pilot Program ("FASTAR Rules") was established in the Superior Court in Pima County under Administrative Order 2017-116.

On January 9, 2020, Judge Kyle Bryson, then the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Pima County, proposed amendments to the FASTAR Rules in rule petition R-20-0012. The COVID pandemic ensued shortly thereafter, and this Court at its August 2020 Rules Agenda continued the petition until further order. At its December 2021 Rules Agenda, and after additional public comment periods, this Court by its December 8, 2021 order in R-

20-0012 adopted amendments to the FASTAR Rules effective December 31, 2021. That order also extended the FASTAR Pilot Program in Pima County until December 31, 2023, and further ordered the submission of a progress report to the Arizona Judicial Council before that date.

The progress report has been prepared for submission to the Arizona Judicial Council at its December 14, 2023 meeting. The report requests that the Court elevate FASTAR from a pilot program to a permanent program. The report also advises that Judge Jeffrey Bergin, who is now the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Pima County, will be filing a rule petition in the 2024 rules cycle seeking permanent adoption of the FASTAR rules. This Court would like to maintain the active status of the FASTAR Program and the FASTAR Rules pending consideration of Judge Bergin's rule petition. Doing so requires this Court to extend the expiration date of the FASTAR Program and the FASTAR Rules that were established in its December 8, 2021 Order. Accordingly, and after consideration,

**IT IS ORDERED** extending the FASTAR Program in Pima County and the FASTAR Rules until further order of this Court.

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

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/s/  
ROBERT BRUTINEL  
Chief Justice

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