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



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In Re the Matter of:)
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Original Signatures on)
Dependency Case Pleadings.)
_____)

Administrative Order No. 2005-0004

Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 10(d) states in part that , “[o]riginals only shall be filed. . . .” The rule further states, “The Court may, on its own motion or on request of any party, waive any of the foregoing requirements or provisions.”

The Court finds:

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-821, a child who is taken into protective custody, shall not remain in temporary custody for more than seventy-two hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays unless a dependency petition is filed.
2. The assistant attorney general who represents the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Division of Child Protective Services (CPS) is located in Kingman, Arizona, approximately one hundred miles from the La Paz County Superior Court. Several contract attorneys who represent parties in dependency cases filed in this Court live in Lake Havasu City.
3. Because of the distance between the assistant attorney general’s office, contract attorneys’ offices and the La Paz County Superior Court, coupled with the short time limit in which dependency petitions and other pleadings must be filed, requiring the petition, verification, and other pleadings be originals would place an extreme burden on all attorneys involved, and would not be in the best interest of the child.

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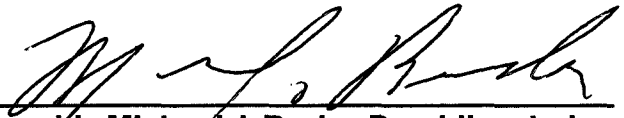
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED waiving the requirement, that the attorneys representing parties in dependency cases filed in the La Paz County Superior Court, provide original signatures on dependency petitions, accompanying verifications and other pleadings.

DATED this 24th day of August, 2005.



Honorable Michael J. Burke, Presiding Judge
La Paz County Superior Court

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