



DIVISION ONE
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IN THE
 COURT OF APPEALS
 STATE OF ARIZONA
 DIVISION ONE

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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 APPELLATE PRO BONO) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2014-04
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Competent legal briefing on behalf of the parties generally promotes the Court's resolution of a case, particularly when the case presents a difficult or complex legal issue. A considerable number of parties to civil and juvenile appeals filed in the Court, however, are not represented by counsel. When parties in cases that present difficult or complex legal issues are not represented by counsel, the legal briefing presented to the Court may be largely unhelpful. In such cases, without legal counsel, the parties' positions may not be presented competently, and the Court's consideration of the issues presented may be delayed and, in the end, may not be fully informed. After consideration, the Court has determined that members of the State Bar are willing to volunteer to represent parties in such cases. Therefore, and upon consideration:

IT IS ORDERED establishing the Court of Appeals Pro Bono Representation Program ("Program"), by which pro bono counsel are provided to pro se parties in selected civil and juvenile appeals and special actions identified by the Court in which briefing and argument by counsel would benefit the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that attorneys who volunteer to represent parties in cases in the Program are serving the public interest, providing a valuable service to the Court and to their clients.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED appointing Kimberly A. Demarchi, Esq., of Lewis Roca Rothgerber LLP, as Pro Bono Attorney Coordinator who shall recruit and coordinate private volunteer attorneys for the Pro Bono Program in Division One.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon notification by the Court that the Court has placed a case in the Program, the Bono Attorney Coordinator will endeavor to identify a volunteer attorney who is ready, willing and able to accept the representation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in each case selected for the Program, the Court will enter such further orders as are appropriate concerning appointment of counsel, briefing (or re-briefing) schedules, stays, etc.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, except where not appropriate or not practical, the Court will set oral argument in each case in the Program so that volunteer counsel will have the opportunity to participate in an argument before the Court.

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Diane M. Johnsen
Chief Judge, Division One
Arizona Court of Appeals