

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
CITY OF SAN LUIS, COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
)	NO. 2026-03
REMOTE APPEARANCES BY COUNSEL;)	
TEMPORARY CHANGES TO CALENDAR;)	Amending AO 2022-02
ASSIGNMENT OF CASES)	

A new presiding judge was appointed to San Luis Municipal Court on May 13, 2026. Pursuant to Rule 2.11 of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct, Judge Watlington will not hear criminal cases in which she was previously involved as a prosecutor. A part-time special magistrate or visiting judge will hear those criminal cases.

The court has implemented a temporary calendar to assign the court room to a specific judge at specific times. The temporary calendar may require attorneys to appear for hearings more frequently than in recent years. To aid the administration of justice and ensure that attorneys can appear for all hearings,

IT IS ORDERED that attorneys may appear remotely for: Arraignment, Pre-Trial Conference, Status, Change of Plea, and Sentencing hearings without filing a motion, until this Administrative Order is amended. For any hearing type not listed above, attorneys must appear in person unless the court grants a motion to appear remotely.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants must appear in person for all hearings unless the court grants a motion to appear remotely.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if an attorney appears remotely for a Change of Plea or Sentencing hearing, immediately following that day's calendar the court will scan and email the completed sentencing documents to the attorney for the attorney's signature. The attorney will be required to sign the documents and return them to the court by email that same day. As the court will not have the complete signed documents at the conclusion of the hearing, the attorney will be required to provide their client with a copy of the signed sentencing documents.

To aid parties and court staff in determining which cases will be heard by Judge Watlington,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any open criminal case that was arraigned or litigated between April 1, 2024 and May 13, 2026 will be heard in San Luis Municipal Court by a part-time special magistrate or visiting judge or will be transferred to another court for adjudication.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any criminal case that was adjudicated between April 1, 2024 and May 13, 2026 will be heard by a part-time special magistrate or visiting judge if additional orders or hearings are needed relating to compliance with sentencing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any long form criminal case filed between April 1, 2024 and May 13, 2026 that has not been arraigned or is in warrant status will be heard in San Luis Municipal Court by a part-time special magistrate or visiting judge or will be transferred to another court for adjudication.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any criminal case that was initiated by an Arizona Traffic Ticket and Complaint between April 1, 2024 and May 13, 2026 for which the defendant did not appear at arraignment and the case has been in warrant status since the arraignment date will remain in San Luis Municipal Court and be heard by Judge Watlington.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that new criminal cases initiated by an Arizona Traffic Ticket and Complaint arraigned after May 13, 2026, will remain in San Luis Municipal Court and will be heard by Judge Watlington.

Dated: June 23rd, 2026



Hon. Amanda Mahon Watlington