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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MARICOPA COUNTY
STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of:

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL
MASTER TO ADMINISTER
CASES IN THE SUPERIOR
COURT IN MARICOPA COUNTY

Administrative Order 2009-124

CR 2009-008332-001

CR 2009-007891-001

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MARICOPA COUNTY
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE'S
MOTION FOR INQUIRY BY
SPECIAL MASTER

Assigned to Special Master
Justice Ruth McGregor

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office (MCAO) hereby respectfully requests that this Court conduct an inquiry regarding the origins and circumstances of the campaign apparently being conducted to enlist

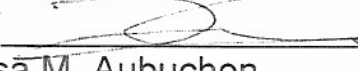
County Attorneys outside Maricopa County, and possibly other third parties, to publicly pressure MCAO and county law-enforcement agencies not to press criminal charges against certain influential defendants. In the past week, both the Yavapai County Attorney and Pinal County Attorney have issued public statements about pending criminal cases and matters in Maricopa County. These actions violate the rules of professional responsibility and are affecting the jury pool in Maricopa County.

Moreover, these actions appear to be part of an orchestrated campaign to pressure law enforcement in Maricopa County to drop charges against influential criminal defendants and suspects.

MCAO respectfully requests that this Court conduct an inquiry and exercise its powers to take appropriate action against these County Attorneys and other persons who unlawfully and improperly seek to influence ongoing criminal matters in Maricopa County.

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