

Rule 1.1

**LOCATIONS**

The District covers the entire State of Arizona. However, for convenience the District is divided into three unofficial divisions, each named and comprising counties as follows:

Phoenix Division: Maricopa, Pinal, Yuma, La Paz, and Gila counties.

Prescott Division: Apache, Navajo, Coconino, Mohave, and Yavapai counties.

Tucson Division: Pima, Cochise, Santa Cruz, Graham, and Greenlee counties.

(a) **Clerk's Offices; Place of Filing.** Permanent office of the Clerk shall be maintained at Phoenix and at Tucson and shall be open from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each day except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays enumerated in Fed.R.Civ.P. 77(c), when the offices are closed unless otherwise ordered by the Court. All files and records of the Phoenix and Prescott divisions shall be kept at Phoenix, and all files and records of the Tucson division shall be kept at Tucson. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, all filings for the Phoenix and Prescott divisions shall be made in Phoenix, and all filings for the Tucson division shall be made in Tucson. In cases where the cause of action has arisen in more than one county, the plaintiff may elect any of the divisions appropriate to those counties for filing and trial purposes, although the Court reserves the right to assign any cases for trial elsewhere in the District at its discretion.

(b) **Schedule of Hearings.** The Court shall be open permanently at Phoenix and at Tucson and will sit at Prescott and such other places when and as the Court shall designate.

(c) **Place of Trial.** Unless otherwise ordered by the court, all civil and criminal cases founded on causes of action (1) arising in the Phoenix Division shall be tried in Phoenix, (2) arising in the Prescott Division shall be tried in Prescott, and (3) arising in the Tucson division shall be tried in Tucson. All civil and criminal cases founded on causes of action arising on the Tohono O'Odham Indian Reservation shall be tried in Tucson, unless

otherwise ordered by the Court. All civil and criminal cases founded on causes of action arising on the San Carlos Indian Reservation shall be tried in Phoenix, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

(d) **Writs of Habeas Corpus.** Petitions for writs of habeas corpus by a person in State custody under 28 U.S.C. §2254, notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (c) above, shall be filed in the division which includes the County in which the judgment of conviction was entered, and not necessarily in the division where presently held in custody.

(e) **Defendants in Criminal Proceedings.** All Magistrate Judges, when holding persons or corporations charged with a crime and ordered to appear before this Court, shall require such persons or corporations to give bond or recognizance for their appearance in the division of the Court in which the case arose, in accordance with the orders and directions of the Court, or commit them to the custody of the United States Marshal. The Marshal shall confine the prisoners in such jail available for detention of federal prisoners as is situated most conveniently to the division in which the case arose.