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**COMMISSION INVITES PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON PERFORMANCE OF
JUSTICES AND JUDGES ON 2012 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

The Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review will hold public hearings at the following times and locations to take comments from the public about the judges on the 2012 retention election ballot:

March 14, 2012 – Tucson

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
West Side Police Service Center
1310 West Miracle Mile
Rillito Room

March 21, 2012 – Florence

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Pinal County Courthouse
971 Jason Lopez Circle
Jury Assembly Room-1st Floor

Established in 1992 by a constitutional amendment passed by voters, the 30-member Commission is charged with conducting performance reviews of judges. It sets performance standards for judges, decides whether or not a judge meets those standards, and publishes its findings for voters.

In addition to holding the public hearings, the Commission surveyed litigants, witnesses, jurors, people who represented themselves in court, staff and attorneys who appeared before Superior Court judges from August 29 through December 30, 2011. Surveys on appellate court justices and judges are distributed throughout their term. More than 57,000 surveys on Arizona judges were distributed in 2011.

The Commission's findings will be released to the public before the 2012 general election in the Secretary of State's Voter Pamphlet. The findings will also be available on the Commission's website at www.azjudges.info. Voters will decide whether judges remain in office on November 6.

Any citizen may appear at a public hearing or send written comments by April 15, 2012, to the Commission on Judicial Performance Review, 1501 West Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ 85007-3231. Comments can also be sent through the Commission's web page at www.azjudges.info.

Comments are invited on the following judges:

Arizona Supreme Court:

Andrew D. Hurwitz A. John Pelander III

Court of Appeals, Division I:

Margaret H. Downie Maurice Portley

Donn G. Kessler Peter Swann

Patricia K. Norris

Court of Appeals, Division II:

Peter J. Eckerstrom Joseph W. Howard

Philip G. Espinosa Virginia Kelly

Superior Court in Maricopa County:

Helene F. Abrams Jo Lynn Gentry-Lewis

Eddward P. Ballinger Douglas Gerlach

James P. Beene Michael D. Gordon

A. Craig Blakey, II John R. Hannah, Jr.

Susan M. Brnovich Cari A. Harrison

John A. Buttrick Kristin Hoffman

Bruce R. Cohen Michael W. Kemp

Connie Contes Daniel J. Kiley

Christopher A. Coury Andrew G. Klein

Glenn Davis Thomas L. LeClaire

John R. Ditsworth Margaret R. Mahoney

Lisa Daniel Flores Crane McClennen

Jeanne M. Garcia M. Scott McCoy

David B. Gass Paul J. McMurdie

Pamela Gates Colleen A. McNally

Superior Court in Pima County:

Karen S. Adam Richard Gordon

Gus Aragón Howard Hantman

Deborah Bernini Jan E. Kearney

Kyle A. Bryson Kenneth Lee

Carmine Cornelio John S. Leonardo

Jane L. Eikleberry Leslie B. Miller

Richard S. Fields Michael Miller

Superior Court in Pinal County:

J. Rudy Georgini Robert Carter Olson

Boyd T. Johnson Janna L. Vanderpool

Stephen F. McCarville

Michael R. McVey

Linda H. Miles

Robert E. Miles

Robert H. Oberbillig

Jose S. Padilla

David J. Palmer

Karen A. Potts

Timothy J. Ryan

Teresa A. Sanders

Roland J. Steinle, III

Sherry K. Stephens

Peter A. Thompson

David K. Udall

Christopher T. Whitten

Clark W. Munger

Scott H. Rash

Sarah R. Simmons

Christopher P. Staring

Paul E. Tang

Stephen C. Villarreal