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JUDGE JAMES L. CONLOGUE APPOINTED TO SECOND TERM AS PRESIDING JUDGE FOR COCHISE COUNTY

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court appointed James L. Conlogue for a second term as Presiding Judge for Cochise County. The Presiding Judge has administrative authority over all courts, judicial officers, and court employees in Cochise County. Judge Conlogue has served as Presiding Judge for three years and has served Cochise County as a Superior Court Judge and Judge Pro Tempore for more than twenty years.

Judge Conlogue began his first term as Presiding Judge in January 2013 during lean economic times marked by decreased funding. His motto as presiding judge has been “we can do better with less.” That motto was embodied in the Cochise County Court’s first ever Strategic Agenda implemented under Judge Conlogue’s leadership.

In 2014, Judge Conlogue received the prestigious Leader of Year in Public Policy award for the State of Arizona in the area of Public Safety. In nominating Judge Conlogue for the award, County officials credited him with saving Cochise County \$650,000.00 every year through efficiencies implemented in the court process. In addition, under his leadership the Juvenile and Adult probation departments were consolidated into one department resulting in both significant savings and improved service. During Judge Conlogue’s first term as Presiding Judge, the Court reduced its workforce by 16 positions saving over \$500,000.00 every year while the quality of court services continues to improve.

Presiding Judges in Arizona take on extra duties and serve as the chief executive officer of the courts in the county, overseeing all aspects of court business, including financial management. The Presiding Judge oversees case assignments, and helps set the court calendar. They also monitor the performance of the courts to ensure that cases are processed in a timely manner.

Judge Conlogue receives no additional compensation for his duties and responsibilities as presiding judge. He also maintains a strenuous caseload as a judge and continues to perform those duties in addition to presiding over the courts in Cochise County.

Judge Conlogue earned his undergraduate degree from Arizona State University. He attended the University of Arizona for his law degree as well as a Master of Public Administration degree.

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