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## **JUDICIAL NOMINEES ANNOUNCED**

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments has recommended 16 candidates to Governor Jan Brewer for five openings on the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Nominees for the opening created by the retirement of Judge Gary E. Donahoe are **Cynthia J. Bailey**, 44, Republican, of Phoenix, a Commissioner for the Maricopa County Superior Court; **Shellie Smith**, 48, Democrat, of Phoenix, a Commissioner for the Maricopa County Superior Court; and, **Todd F. Lang**, 45, Independent, of Phoenix, Executive Director of the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission.

Nominees for the opening created by the retirement of Judge Brian R. Hauser are **Katherine M. Cooper**, 49, Republican, of Phoenix, an attorney with the Scottsdale City Attorney's Office; **Michael D. Hintze**, 53, Democrat, of Phoenix, a Commissioner for the Maricopa County Superior Court; and, **Maria Salapska**, 59, Independent, of Phoenix, sole practitioner in the Law Office of Maria Salapska, PLLC.

Nominees for the opening created by the retirement of Judge Ruth H. Hilliard are **Steven P. Lynch**, 46, Democrat, of Chandler, a Commissioner for the Maricopa County Superior Court; **Jessica L. Everett-Garcia**, 38, Republican, of Chandler, a partner in the law firm of Perkins Coie, LLP; **Jay M. Polk**, 44, Republican, of Phoenix, a partner in the law firm of Barron & Polk, PLLC; and, **Ronee F. Korbin Steiner**, 42, Democrat, of Paradise Valley, sole practitioner in the Law Office of Ronee Korbin Steiner, PC.

Nominees for the opening created by the retirement of Judge M. Jean Hoag are **Michael T. Morrissey**, 49, Independent, of Phoenix, Section Chief, National Security of the United States Attorney's Office; **Janice K. Crawford**, 54, Republican, of Chandler, of Counsel in the law firm of Steptoe and Johnson, LLP; and **Justin Beresky**, 38, Democrat, of Phoenix, a partner in the law firm of Beresky and Fish, PC.

Nominees for the opening created by the retirement of Judge J. Kenneth Mangum are **Joan M. Sinclair**, 49, Democrat, of Scottsdale, a Commissioner for the Maricopa County Superior Court; **Boyd W. Dunn**, 58, Republican, of Chandler, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division-Liability Management Section of the Arizona Office of the Attorney General; and, **Bradley H. Astrowsky**, 40, Republican, of Scottsdale, Deputy County Attorney with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

Governor Brewer will make the appointments.