



# JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

## ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT in PIMA COUNTY



### Commissioner Superior Court and Juvenile Court

**Hiring Salary: \$130,500 annual**

**PURPOSE OF POSITION:** Serve as full-time Commissioner under the authority granted by Article VI, Section 24 of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 8-231 and 12-211 et seq. to perform a variety of judicial tasks as determined by the Presiding Judges. Commissioners also serve as Judges Pro Tempore in the course of their regular duties.

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Commissioner may have responsibilities in some or all of the following areas:

1. **Family Law.** Trial commissioners are responsible for a full range of family law cases and proceedings involving pre-decree child support, custody and spousal maintenance, trials on dissolution of marriage, legal separation, paternity, and custody; and post-decree enforcement and modification of these orders.
2. **IV-D Child Support.** At this time two commissioners are assigned to hear child support cases brought by the Child Support Division of the Arizona Attorney General's Office.
3. **Domestic Violence.** Court commissioners conduct ex parte and contested hearings on orders of protection.
4. **Probate.** Commissioners assigned to the probate bench have responsibilities which include hearing cases involving probates, guardianships and conservatorships, and reviewing and approving guardian reports and conservatorship accountings.
5. **Mental Health.** Commissioners assigned to the probate bench review the pleadings for and preside over hearings where involuntary mental health treatment is sought under Title 36 of the Arizona Revised Statutes.
6. **Juvenile Bench.** Commissioners assigned to the Juvenile Bench preside over all delinquency and child welfare matters brought before them without restriction to include following: Child welfare cases, from preliminary protective hearings to bench trials on motions and petitions to terminate parental rights; adoptions; juvenile justice cases, including delinquency, incorrigibility, and adult transfer petitions; related family law matters; orders of protection and injunctions against harassment; mental health commitment petitions.

A Commissioner selected to fill this position may expect to serve in all of the above areas during his or her career with the court. From time to time, at the direction of the Presiding Judge, a Commissioner may be assigned to such other responsibilities as may be permitted by law on any of the benches of the Court; however, most of the Commissioner's assignments will likely be related to family or juvenile law. Commissioners selected for this position may rotate between the Family Law Bench and the Juvenile Court at the discretion of the Presiding Judges.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Per Arizona Statute 12-211; 12-213 and 8-231 an appointed Commissioner shall be:

- Admitted to the practice of law in and a resident of this state for five years next preceding taking office.
- To be eligible to serve as a court commissioner a person shall be a United States citizen and a resident of the county in which appointed.
- He or she shall reside at the county seat or at such other city or town within the jurisdiction of the judge making the appointment as may be designated by the judge.

In addition, the Arizona Superior Court in Pima County has the following requirements:

- Must not have any disciplinary matters pending before the State Bar Disciplinary Board. Must not have any criminal charges pending before any court.
- **Have substantial family law or juvenile law experience; probate law experience is also desirable.**

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The person occupying this position is subject to the restrictions of Rule 3.10 of the Code of Judicial Conduct with respect to the practice of law.

**HOW TO APPLY: Submission deadline is by 4:00 p.m., March 16, 2012.** Please submit resume & Application. Applications available at the AZ Superior Court in Pima County, 9<sup>th</sup> floor reception, or may be downloaded from the court's website at [www.sc.pima.gov](http://www.sc.pima.gov). Submissions must be tendered to the Pima County Superior Court, Human Resources, 110 W. Congress, 9<sup>th</sup> floor, Tucson, AZ 85701; faxed to (520) 740-4253 OR e-mailed to [scjobs@sc.pima.gov](mailto:scjobs@sc.pima.gov). All applications will be a matter of public record. Questions may be directed to Human Resources: (520) 740-3837; (520) 740-4217; TDY (520) 740-8887.

**The successful candidate must undergo a full background investigation including criminal history check.**

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