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JUDICIAL NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments recommended four candidates to Governor Jan Brewer for the opening on the Maricopa County Superior Court created by the recent appointment of Judge Samuel A. Thumma to Division 1 of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Nominees for the opening are **Suzanne E. Cohen**, 44, Republican, of Cave Creek, Deputy County Attorney with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office; **Stephen M. Hopkins**, 51, Republican, of Phoenix, sole practitioner in Hopkins Law Offices, P.L.C.; **Joan M. Sinclair**, 50, Democrat, of Scottsdale, a Commissioner for the Maricopa County Superior Court; and **Shellie Smith**, 49, Democrat, of Phoenix, a Commissioner for the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Governor Brewer will make the appointment.