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Governor Jan Brewer Announces Appointment to La Paz County Superior Court

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced the appointment of attorney Samuel Vederman to the La Paz County Superior Court.

“Samuel has proven himself as an exceptional candidate to serve the Court and the community, both through his Arizona courtroom experience and his public service as an elected official,” said Governor Brewer. “In addition to possessing a strong legal background, he exhibits the managerial skills, integrity and evenhandedness necessary for a role in which accountability to the public is ever-important.”

Mr. Vederman currently is the County Attorney for La Paz County, a position to which he was elected in 2008. In this prosecutorial capacity, he carries a full felony caseload while managing the administrative aspects of a busy law office, including oversight of a 22-member staff. His experience includes: jury and bench trials in both prosecution and defense roles; grand jury presentations; legal research; and legal counsel to county departments. Mr. Vederman played a key role in the creation of the innovative and cost-effective Substance Abuse/Drug Court program in La Paz County, where he led a collaborative effort with the Adult Probation Department and the Clerk of the Superior Court.

Mr. Vederman has been licensed to practice law in Arizona since 2000. Prior to being elected County Attorney, he worked in private practice in Parker, Arizona (2007-2008); served in various roles for the La Paz County Attorney’s Office (2003-2007); was Assistant City Prosecutor for the City of Mesa (2002-2003); and served as Deputy Public Defender for the La Paz County Public Defender’s Office (2000-2002). Mr. Vederman was a law clerk for U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham.

Mr. Vederman has been an active member of his community. He is Chairman of the La Paz County Anti-Drug and Racketeering Enforcement Task Force, and a member of the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council. He also is President of the Sunrise Rotary Club of Parker, a member of the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce and McMullen Valley Chamber of Commerce, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Regional Crisis Shelter.

Mr. Vederman earned his law degree from Michigan State University College of Law. He received an undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Rhode Island.

Governor Brewer’s appointment of Samuel Vederman to the La Paz County Superior Court is made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Michael Burke, effective December 14, 2012.

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