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**NELSON NAMED TO NEW TERM AS PRESIDING JUDGE
FOR YUMA COUNTY**

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court has appointed the Honorable John N. Nelson to a new three-year term as Presiding Judge in Yuma County.

Presiding Judge Nelson was appointed to the Superior Court in Yuma County in 1998 and became Presiding Judge in 2011. Judge Nelson is a graduate of Idaho’s Ricks College, Brigham Young University, and the University of Tennessee Law School. He started his career as a prosecutor in the Yuma County Attorney’s Office before leaving for private practice. He worked in private practice for 22 years as a solo practitioner and as a partner in several firms until he was appointed to the bench in January 1998.

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

“Judge Nelson has demonstrated outstanding leadership by ensuring a fair and impartial justice system that protects the community, children, and families. I appreciate his willingness to continue serving Yuma County Superior Court as its Presiding Judge.” stated Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court Rebecca White Berch.

For more information about the Yuma County courts, visit <http://www.co.yuma.az.us/index.aspx?page=589>. For information about the court system throughout Arizona, visit www.azcourts.gov.

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