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## **Governor Jan Brewer Appoints Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge**

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer has appointed Thomas Fink to the Santa Cruz County Superior Court.

“With 30 years of legal experience – including criminal prosecution and defense – Thomas will bring a solid background and perspective to the justice system,” said Governor Brewer. “I am confident he will serve the court and Santa Cruz County with fairness and distinction.”

Mr. Fink has worked as a sole practitioner since 2003. Previous roles include: Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona (1998-2003; 1989-97); Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois (1997-98); attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division (1985-89); and attorney for the private law firm Bell, Boyd and Lloyd, in Chicago, Illinois (1984-85).

Additionally, Mr. Fink served as a court-appointed mediator for Santa Cruz County Superior Court (2009-11), where he heard domestic relations and civil matters. He has 30 years of courtroom, litigation and appellate experience, including arguing in front of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on 10 occasions and litigating 150 felony trials as both a prosecutor and a defense attorney.

During his time with the U.S. Department of Justice, Mr. Fink earned several awards for his service, including: Director’s Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney; Special Achievement Award Sustained Superior Performance of Duty; and Outstanding Attorney Award, Tax Division.

Mr. Fink graduated from Northwestern University School of Law (1984) and received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan (1980). He has been appointed to replace the Honorable James Soto, who was nominated by President Obama and recently confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as a federal judge for the U.S. District Court of Arizona.

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