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Anna Mary Glaab Named Judge of the Year by Arizona Supreme Court

PHOENIX – Bagdad and Yarnell Justice of the Peace, Anna Mary Glaab, was named Judge of the Year for her outstanding achievements in the advancement of justice.

“Judge Anna Mary Glaab exemplifies the characteristics we look for in a Judge of the Year. She inspires trust and confidence in the Arizona court system and demonstrates leadership in her courtrooms,” Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Scott Bales said. “Judge Glaab generously shares her more than 30 years of experience through our judicial education programs and new judge orientation. She has served on several important committees that work to improve court service, quality and efficiency for the benefit of the public.”

Separated by more than 60 miles and covering a 2,600 square mile area of Yavapai County, Judge Glaab’s two courts handle approximately 3,200 cases per year.

Judge Glaab currently is a member of the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct. She previously served as the Presiding Justice of the Peace for Yavapai County and as the Secretary and Treasurer for the Arizona Justice of the Peace Association.

Judge Glaab is an integral part of the court’s education program, helping as a faculty member and as a mentor to the New Judge Orientation program. She has served on various committees that include the Justice of the Peace Education Planning Committee, the Education Committee, the Limited Jurisdiction Benchbook Committee, and the Electronic Benchbook Committee.

Born in Prescott, Judge Glaab is a third-generation Arizonan and is no stranger to hard work, having been raised on a cattle ranch. Judge Glaab began working as a clerk in the court in the early 1980s and was appointed to Justice of the Peace in 1992.

Her community of Yarnell suffered an unspeakable tragedy for which many are still grieving. Nineteen firefighters lost their lives in the Yarnell Hill Wildfire and more than 100 homes and structures were destroyed. During the fire, with the support of Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Yavapai County, David Mackey, Judge Glaab continued to operate her court, even though her three staff members were evacuated. Two of her staff members lost their homes in the fire.
The award was given to Judge Anna Mary Glaab on June 25 at the start of the 2014 Arizona Judicial Conference.

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