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Judge Janet Barton to become Presiding Judge for Maricopa County

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court has appointed the Honorable Janet Barton to a three-year term as Presiding Judge in for the Superior Court in Maricopa County. She will begin serving as Presiding Judge on July 1, 2015. In the interim, she will be working alongside Presiding Judge Norman Davis to ensure a smooth transition in July.

“Judge Barton is the right person to lead Arizona’s busiest trial court, which also is one of the nation’s highest volume courts. She brings leadership experience from her service in the family, civil, criminal, and juvenile court divisions. She also has served on several statewide court committees, including the recently formed Access to Justice Commission,” Chief Justice Scott Bales said.

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 the court calendar and monitors performance of the courts to ensure that cases are processed in a timely manner.

“I am flattered and humbled by the confidence the Arizona Supreme Court has in me and the encouragement I have received from my colleagues on the bench. My appointment as the Presiding Judge for the Maricopa County Superior Court is the greatest honor of my judicial career,” Judge Barton said. “I look forward to working with the court’s many partners to maintain and promote our county court system’s national reputation of excellence and innovation.”

Judge Barton was nominated to the Superior Court in Maricopa County in 2000 by former Governor Jane Dee Hull. She first served as a juvenile court judge before serving rotations on the civil, criminal, and family court benches. She was in private practice with the firm Snell & Wilmer and had served as a Judge Pro Tem before being selected to serve as a superior court judge.

Judge Barton is active in the county, state and national bar associations and has served her community on a number of important committees and non-profit organizations, including: the Arizona Tax Research Association’s Board of Directors; the Superior Court’s Jury Advisory



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Committee; the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce's City Budget Task Force; Arizona Town Hall, and Soroptimist International.

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