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Judge Song Ong Honored with National Award for Contributions to Judicial Education

PHOENIX – The Honorable Roxanne Song Ong, presiding judge of the Phoenix Municipal Court, earned an award from the American Judges Association for significant contributions to judicial education. The 2014 Judge Bob Jones Memorial Award was presented to Judge Song Ong October 7 at the annual conference of the American Judges Association.

She was nominated for the 2014 Judge Bob Jones Memorial Award by members of the Arizona Supreme Court’s Education Services Division.

“When we heard about this award, we agreed to nominate Judge Song Ong to honor her tireless commitment to judicial education and training. She truly believes that you can never know enough or learn enough. Her enthusiasm for education has improved the quality and variety of educational offerings statewide, thereby improving the knowledge and skills of court staff and judges,” said Jeff Schrade, Director of the Education Services Division.

Judge Song Ong chaired the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Education and Training from 2003 to 2013. She also chaired the Supreme Court’s Commission on Minorities from 2006 to 2014 and serves various roles on the Supreme Court Commission on Technology, the New Judge Orientation Program, and Arizona Judicial College. She is a member of the Arizona Judicial Council, which sets policy and provides guidance for the effective supervision and management of the state court system.

Judge Song Ong has served as a judge in Phoenix since 1991, becoming assistant presiding judge of the Phoenix courts in 2000. She became the chief presiding judge of the Phoenix Municipal

Court in 2005. She is the first Asian woman judge in the State of Arizona and the first woman and minority to become the city's top judge.

In addition to this prestigious national award, Judge Song Ong's service to her community has earned her other awards, including:

- 2014 YWCA Tribute to Leadership Award for Public Service;
- 2014 Arizona State Bar Committee on Minorities and Women in the Law Award for Advancing Equal Opportunity in the Legal Profession;
- 2013 Maricopa County Bar Association's Hall of Fame;
- 2013 Arizona Supreme Court Judge of the Year;
- 2013 Asian Pacific Community in Action Award;
- 2010 Arizona State Bar's Judicial Award of Excellence; and
- 2009 National Asian American Bar Association's Trailblazer Award.

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