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Six Arizona Judges Earn Accolades from National Organization

PHOENIX – The Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) has selected six Arizona judges for entry into its Hall of Fame. Inductees include:

- Judge Maurice Portley from Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals,
- Judge Philip G. Espinosa from Division Two of the Arizona Court of Appeals,
- Judge Silvia R. Arellano from the Superior Court in Maricopa County,
- Judge Stephen C. Villarreal from the Superior Court in Pima County,
- Former Tucson Municipal Court Judge Margarita Bernal (retired), and
- Phoenix Municipal Court Judge Carol Scott Berry.

CLEO works to make the practice of law “a more diverse profession by expanding opportunities for underrepresented persons to pursue a legal career,” according to its website. It is a national non-profit branch of the American Bar Association that assists minorities and disadvantaged students with preparation, testing, scholarships, and entry to law schools.

Membership in the CLEO Hall of Fame is exclusive to judges, honoring CLEO alumni who have reached “the highest levels of the profession, and are some of the nation’s most distinguished current and former members of the judiciary.” A special website at www.cleoinc.org/jhof features photos of all the judges. For more information about CLEO programs, see <http://www.cleoscholars.org/>.

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