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New Members Welcomed to the Arizona Judicial Council, 3 Reappointed

PHOENIX – Members celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Arizona Judicial Council (AJC) at its meeting on June 15. The AJC is a policymaking body that oversees the judicial system in Arizona. It was created in 1990 to assist the Supreme Court and the Chief Justice in the development and implementation of policies designed to provide a central direction for the administration of all courts, uniformity in court operations, and coordination of court services to improve the administration of justice in the state. Three members were reappointed and seven new members were welcomed. They include:

- Honorable Monica Stauffer, Superior Court Presiding Judge in Greenlee County, filling the role of rural member. New term expiring June 30, 2018.
- Honorable Louis Frank Dominguez, Presiding Judge of the Surprise City Court, filling the role of magistrate member. New term expiring June 30, 2018.
- Tony Penn, President and CEO of the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, filling the role of public member. New term expiring June 30, 2018.
- Bryan Chambers, representing the State Bar of Arizona, which has a permanent seat on the Arizona Judicial Council. New term expiring June 30, 2016.
- Honorable Michael Brown, Chief Judge of the Arizona Court of Appeals. His term is by virtue of his position leading the Court of Appeals and he will serve as long as he holds that position.
- Honorable Janet Barton, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Maricopa County. Her term is by virtue of her position as Maricopa County Presiding Judge and she will serve as long as she holds that position.

- Honorable Kyle Bryson, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Pima County. His term is by virtue of his position as Pima County Presiding Judge and he will serve as long as he holds that position.
- Honorable David Widmaier, Presiding Justice of the Peace for the Lakeside/Pinetop Justice Court, Navajo County Justice Courts. Reappointed to a term expiring June 30, 2016.
- Honorable Rachel Torres Carrillo, Justice of the Peace, West McDowell Justice Court, Maricopa County Justice Courts. Reappointed to a term expiring June 30, 2017.
- Gary Krcmarik, Superior Court Administrator for Coconino County. Reappointed to a term expiring June 30, 2018.

Biographical information for new members:

Honorable Michael J. Brown

Appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals in 2007, Judge Brown becomes Chief Judge of the Arizona Court of Appeals, effective July 2015. Judge Brown was in private practice with the law firm of Brown & Brown, PC in Pinetop-Lakeside before coming to the court. He also served as City Attorney for the City of Show Low, Arizona and then as Town Attorney for Snowflake, Arizona. Judge Brown is a cum laude graduate of both Brigham Young University and Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

Honorable Janet Barton

Judge Janet Barton becomes Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Maricopa County on July 1. She has served on the Superior Court of Arizona's most populous county since 2000. Judge Barton started as a juvenile court judge before moving through rotations on the civil, criminal and family court benches. Judge Barton was in private practice as an attorney with the firm of Snell & Wilmer for several years and also served as a Judge Pro Tem. She earned her undergraduate and law degrees at the University of Kentucky.

Honorable Kyle Bryson

Judge Kyle Bryson will be the new Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Pima County, effective July 1. Judge Bryson most recently served as presiding judge of the court's probate division. He has also served on the family law and civil benches. Prior to his appointment as a judge, he served the people of Pima County for nine years as a Superior Court Commissioner. He was in private practice with the Tucson firm of Parrish & Vingelli, eventually becoming a partner in the firm before his appointment to the court. Judge Bryson received his undergraduate degree from Kansas State University and his law degree from the Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas.

Honorable Louis Frank Dominguez

As Presiding Judge of the Surprise City Court, Judge Dominguez serves as the city's chief magistrate handling cases such as misdemeanors, orders of protection, traffic and code violations and more. Judge Dominguez is an experienced municipal judge, having served the City of Phoenix for many years before being hired by Surprise. Judge Dominguez chairs the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct, which oversees the conduct and discipline of judges in the state. He is past Board Chair of Valley Leadership, member of the Arizona Minority Judges' Caucus, Los Abogados, Arizona Magistrate's Association, and the planning committee for the Arizona Supreme Court's 2015 Judicial Conference.

Mr. Tony Penn

Mr. Penn is President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona. This United Way chapter serves more than 100,000 people annually with programs that support education, income, and health. Penn is immediate past chair of the Tucson Metro Chamber Board of Directors and currently serves on the board of Sun Corridor, Inc. He is a member of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council.

Prior to joining the United Way, Penn was a senior executive of the YMCA of Greater San Antonio. His professional experience also includes more than 23 years with Teradyne Corporation after serving in the US Air Force.

Honorable Monica L. Stauffer

Judge Stauffer was a solo practitioner in a law office primarily practicing in Graham and Greenlee counties of Arizona from 1990 until November 1998, when Ms. Stauffer was elected Judge of the Superior Court in Greenlee County. She has served as Presiding Judge in all areas of the court. She is the Vice Dean of the Judicial College of Arizona, and served as president and treasurer for the Arizona Judges Association. Judge Stauffer serves, or has served, on numerous Supreme Court committees and working groups. She and her husband live on a working cattle ranch in Greenlee County.

Bryan B. Chambers

Bryan B. Chambers is the President of the State Bar of Arizona for 2015-16. He has been employed in various criminal and civil capacities at the Gila County Attorney's Office. Currently, he serves as Civil Bureau Chief. Under his leadership, the office's child support division received the 1998 National Child Support Enforcement Association Most Improved Program Award for having the nation's most improved child support program for 1995 through 1998.

He has been President of the Gila County Bar Association and was President of the Arizona Family Support Council in 1997-98 and 2000-01. In 2004, he was first elected to the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Arizona to represent Gila, Graham, and Greenlee Counties. He received his law degree from Brigham Young University in 1992.

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