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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
 SELECTION REVEALED FOR
 SHERRY GEISLER AWARD
 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OF THE YEAR**

Each year the association nominates and selects a Justice of the Peace of the year. A judge must be nominated by their peers, they are then asked to fill out an application relating to their service as a judicial officer.

The categories include Leadership, Furthering Justice Education, public relations, and charitable works.

Once the applications are received they are then reviewed by the nomination committee.

IN 2013 the award was renamed as the Sherry Geisler Award in honor of the late Honorable Sherry Geisler of Round Valley Justice court. Judge Geisler was a great leader in the judicial community she was the first association president when the association split from the partnership with the constables in 1996. Judge Geisler served as a mentor judge; she served on multiple committees for the Supreme Court including the Judicial Ethics Commission.

Highlights of this year's recipient of the Sherry Geisler Justice of the Peace of the year award. This year's recipient Honorable Maria Felix, has been on the bench more than 10 years, has previously served as Presiding Judge for Pima county consolidated justice courts and currently serves as the alternate. She serves on the LJC committee, Court leadership Institute or CLIA, she served two years on the Civil Rule update committee. She also presented at the State conference the new civil rule changes. IN 2012 she hosted an international webinar for Judges and Attorneys relating to the Animal Welfare Court, Judge Felix was instrumental in helping develop this new type of specialty court. She was invited by the Mexican Government to participate in an International Judicial forum. She has served as guest judge for the Arizona, regional and National Mock trial competition, she attends a local elementary school's annual career day, has been a guest speaker for the University of Arizona College of Law. Judge Felix has had several articles published in the Arizona Daily Star and the Pima County Bar Association. Her Charitable works include fundraising for the American Heart foundation, fundraiser for scholarships of University of Arizona, she has participated as an actor and Board member for a Children's theatre. Congratulations Honorable Maria Felix Pima County Consolidated Justice Courts.

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