

News from the Superior Court in Maricopa County

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Superior Court Judge Earns National Award for Probate & Mediation Programs

PHOENIX – The National College of Probate Judges (NCPJ) selected Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Andrew Klein as the 2015 recipient of the William W. Treat Award for his accomplishments in the areas of probate and mediation. The award will be presented during the NCPJ fall conference in November.

Judge Klein currently serves as the Probate/Mental Health Presiding Judge with supervisory responsibilities over other judicial officers. He won this award for the highly successful arbitration and mediation program he has implemented in probate court.

“I’m honored to receive this type of national recognition for our court,” Judge Klein said. “This award is a reflection on our entire department and the excellent work that our commissioners, administrators and staff do to make the department run so efficiently and effectively.”

Probate Court is the court that hears not only estate probate and intestate matters but also a variety of other cases that traditionally involve filings in the areas of guardianship, conservatorship, elder fraud, and physical abuse.

Established in 1978, the Treat Award is presented annually to one who has made “a significant contribution to the improvement of the law or judicial administration in probate or related fields.” The award is named in honor of Judge William W. Treat, founder and President Emeritus of the National College of Probate Judges. Previous recipients of this prestigious award include U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, Arizona Supreme Court Justice Ann Scott Timmer, Professor James Casner of Harvard Law School, and other prominent legal scholars.

NCPJ was founded in 1968 and it is the only national organization exclusively dedicated to improving probate law and probate courts.