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Judge Klein Earns James A. Walsh Outstanding Jurist Award

PHOENIX – The State Bar of Arizona Board of Governors honored Superior Court Judge Andrew G. Klein with the 2016 James A. Walsh Outstanding Jurist Award. Judge Klein who is on the bench in Maricopa County, received the award at the State Bar of Arizona Convention earlier this month.

According to the State Bar’s materials, the James A. Walsh Outstanding Jurist Award is *“presented to a judge whose career exemplifies the highest standards of judicial conduct for integrity and independence; who is knowledgeable of the law and faithful to it; who is unswayed by partisan interests, public clamor or fear of criticism; who is patient, dignified and courteous to all who appear before him or her; and who endeavors to improve the administration of justice and public understanding of, and respect for, the role of law in our society.”*

“Under Judge Klein’s leadership, the Maricopa County Probate Court implemented a highly successful mediation program that has resolved contested complex cases expeditiously and streamlined the litigation process substantially,” according to the State Bar of Arizona’s awards program.



Appointed to the Superior Court in Maricopa County in 2001, Judge Klein is Presiding Judge on the probate bench after serving rotations on the juvenile, civil, criminal, and family courts.

Judge Klein is a frequent speaker at law-related seminars and teaches as an adjunct professor at ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

Judge Klein attended the University of California at Berkeley and received his law degree from Indiana University, Bloomington.

The James A. Walsh Outstanding Jurist Award is named in honor of James Augustine Walsh (1906-1991), who was nominated by President Harry S. Truman to a seat on the United States District Court for the District of Arizona. Walsh served as chief judge of that court from 1961 to 1972. After many years of service, Walsh assumed senior status and continued in semi-retirement until his death in 1991.

Recent recipients of the James A. Walsh Outstanding Jurist Award include:

- Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Ruth V. McGregor (2009),
- The Honorable Barbara Rodriguez Mundell (2010),
- The Honorable John M. Roll (posthumously in 2011),
- The Honorable James M. Marlar (2012),
- The Honorable Robert L. Gottsfield (2013),
- Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Rebecca White Berch (2014), and
- The Honorable Lawrence F. Winthrop (2015).

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