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**MACKEY NAMED TO NEW TERM AS PRESIDING JUDGE
FOR YAVAPAI COUNTY**

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court has appointed the Honorable David L. Mackey to a new three-year term as Presiding Judge in Yavapai County. His new term as Presiding Judge will officially begin in January 2017.

Presiding Judge Mackey was appointed to the Superior Court in Yavapai County in 2001 and became Presiding Judge in 2011. Judge Mackey is a graduate of Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona. He started his career in private practice until joining the Yavapai County Attorney's Office as a trial attorney until his appointment to the bench in 2001.

"I am grateful for the trust placed in me by the Chief Justice and all the Justices of the Supreme Court. I look forward to continuing to work with our many justice partners including our Board of Supervisors, Sheriff, County Attorney and Public Defender to improve programs intended to ensure that only people who truly need to be incarcerated are in our jail from pretrial evaluation through completion of their sentence," Presiding Judge Mackey said.

"Our court looks forward to continuing our partnership with the Superintendent of Public Schools who has established a very successful transition school to continue the education of our youth who have been removed from their homes or released from our juvenile detention facility," Mackey continued. "Finally, I look forward to new partnerships with the Veterans Administration and Veterans organizations for the establishment of a Veterans Court and Court participation in our local Veterans Stand Down event."

Presiding Judges in Arizona take on extra duties and serve as the chief executive officer of the courts in the county, overseeing all aspects of court business, including financial management. The Presiding Judge oversees case assignments, and helps set the court calendar. They also monitor the performance of the courts to ensure that cases are processed in a timely manner.

Judge Mackey receives no additional compensation for his duties and responsibilities as presiding judge. He also maintains a strenuous caseload as a judge and continues to perform those duties in addition to presiding over the courts in Yavapai County.



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