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McCARVILLE NAMED TO NEW TERM AS PRESIDING JUDGE FOR PINAL COUNTY

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court has appointed the Honorable Stephen F. McCarville to a new three-year term as Presiding Judge for Pinal County. His new term as Presiding Judge will officially begin on January 1, 2017.

Presiding Judge McCarville was appointed to the Superior Court in Pinal County as a Judge Pro Tempore in 2000. He later won election to his first term as a Superior Court Judge in 2001 and became Presiding Judge in 2014. Due to population growth, Pinal County switched from the popular election of judges to merit selection and retention by voters. Voters approved of Judge McCarville's performance by retaining him on the 2012 ballot.

"It is a great honor to be reappointed as Presiding Judge in Pinal County. The last three years have been both challenging and rewarding. I am fortunate to have an excellent bench, judicial departments, and staff to help Pinal County continue to improve our access to justice and work on our strategic plan," Judge McCarville said. "I look forward to serving the citizens of Pinal County and thank the Arizona Supreme Court for the assistance they have provided over the last three years."

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 McCarville receives no additional compensation for his duties and responsibilities as presiding judge. In addition to leading the courts in Pinal County, Judge McCarville continues to hear cases and perform the full duties of a Superior Court judge.

Judge McCarville is a graduate of Creighton University with an undergraduate degree in History/Political Science and earned his Juris Doctor Law degree at Creighton in 1987. He is active in the state, county and American Bar Associations and has served on a number of community organizations aimed at improving life, health, education, and development in Pinal County.



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