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## **Three Court Professionals Become Fellows at the Institute for Court Management**

PHOENIX – Courts in Prescott, Holbrook, and Yavapai Counties are represented by the latest Arizona court professionals to graduate from the Institute for Court Management Fellows program. The Fellows program is the highest certification and most demanding program of court management and the only program of its kind in the United States.

The final step of the Fellows process includes a three-day master class held in Washington, DC, during which participants present and reflect upon the results of their court research and improvement projects. Successful participants are recognized at a graduation ceremony held at the United States Supreme Court and awarded certification as a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management.

The new Fellows are:

- C. Rolf Eckel, Court Administrator, Arizona Superior Court in Yavapai County, Prescott, Arizona. Mr. Eckel's research project and presentation was entitled *Age Matters: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Security in Historic Courthouses*.
- Lu Ann Garbini Pillow, Court Services Coordinator, Navajo County Courts, Holbrook, Arizona. She conducted research and made a presentation on *Safeguarding Public Monies in the Navajo County Justice Courts*.
- Peter C. Kiefer, Civil Court Administrator, Arizona Superior Court in Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Kiefer was the 2016 recipient of the National Center for State Courts' Joan K. Cochet Memorial Scholarship. His presentation and research was on *The Role of Strategic Planning and Strategic Management in the Courts*.

To become eligible for a fellowship, applicants must have completed the Certified Court Manager process and the successor program, Certified Court Executive. Both of these programs demand rigorous study covering a broad array of topics including: caseload management; court performance standards; managing financial resources; technology projects; court-community communication; strategic planning and more.

The National Center for State Courts, based in Williamsburg, VA, sponsors the Institute for Court Management.

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*Photo Left to Right:*

C. Rolf Eckel, Arizona Superior Court in Yavapai County with Mary Campbell McQueen, President of the National Center for State Courts; Lu Ann Garbini Pillow, Navajo County Courts with McQueen; and Peter C. Kiefer, Arizona Superior Court in Maricopa County with McQueen.

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