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SUPERIOR COURT IN YAVAPAI COUNTY

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Announcement of Judge Pro Tempore

Presiding Judge David L. Mackey is pleased to announce his selection of **Chris Kottke** as Judge Pro Tem effective January 1, 2018. This appointment will fill the vacancy created by the Governor's appointment of Judge John Napper to Division 2.

Judge Mackey also announced the appointment Thomas K. Kelly and Susan Kayler as Seasonal Judges Pro Tem effective January 1, 2018.

There were 20 applicants for the full-time position and 9 for the seasonal position. After reviewing applicant qualifications and conducting interviews, the Selection Committee provided Presiding Judge Mackey with four finalists for each position. Judge Mackey reviewed applications, qualifications and public comment prior to making his decision. Judge Mackey stated, "Chris Kottke has served our country with distinction in the military and has established himself as an outstanding attorney in our community. His diverse background and experience will enable him to effectively serve the citizens of Yavapai County as a Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore. I am pleased to request his appointment."

Presiding Judge Mackey is requesting the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court's formal appointment of Judge Kottke be effective January 1st, 2018 and the appointment is subject to the approval of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors. Judge Kottke will serve primarily in the Verde Valley Judicial District. Judges Kelly & Kayler will serve at the pleasure of the court on an as-needed basis.

Judge Mackey also stated, "I would like to thank the Members of the Selection Committee, the Honorable Michael Bluff, Associate Presiding Judge and Selection Committee Chair; Sabrina Shaw, Esq.; Paul Roberts, Esq.; Wendy Ross, County HR Director; Tom Taylor, CLU, CFP of Taylor & Huntley Financial Group; and C. Rolf Eckel, Court Administrator. I also would like to thank all the individuals who provided public comment to me on behalf of Chris Kottke and the other outstanding applicants."