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JUSTICE ROBERT BRUTINEL TO BEGIN DUTIES AS AN ARIZONA SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

Phoenix, Arizona – The Arizona Supreme Court will officially welcome Justice Robert Brutinel as its newest Justice on Monday, January 10, 2011.

Justice Brutinel was appointed to the court by Governor Jan Brewer in November and has been transitioning out of his role as Yavapai Superior Court Presiding Judge. Judge David Mackey was appointed in December by Arizona Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Berch as the new Presiding Judge for the Yavapai Superior Court.

Justice Brutinel joins the court with nearly 15 years of experience as a trial court judge. He was appointed to the Yavapai County Superior Court by Governor Fife Symington in 1996 to fill a vacancy, and was then elected to four subsequent terms by the voters of Yavapai County.

He graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelors Degree in Economics in 1979, and received his law degree from the University of Arizona, College of Law in 1982. He was admitted to practice law in Arizona in 1982.

Judge Brutinel has presided over cases involving civil, criminal, juvenile, mental health, drug court, probate and domestic relations matters. He currently handles juvenile dependency, delinquency, severance and adoption cases. Prior to serving as a judge he practiced law in Prescott focusing on Indian law and business and real estate matters. He is the past-president of the Arizona Judges Association and the Yavapai County Bar Association. He served nine years

on the Commission on Judicial Conduct and has taught numerous seminars for attorneys and judges. He currently serves on the Arizona Judicial Council and served three terms on the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission.

A ceremonial investiture and swearing in will take place in early February. For more information about the Arizona Supreme Court, visit www.azcourts.gov.

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