

## BIOGRAPHY

**CHARLES J. ADORNETTO** is the Judicial Education Officer for the Maricopa County Justice Courts and a Judge Pro Tempore in several courts. In his many years of legal practice, Mr. Adornetto has been the Wickenburg Town Magistrate, the Chief Hearing Officer at the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections, the Chief Hearing Officer/Assistant Director of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, and an Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge at the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Mr. Adornetto graduated from Stanford Law School and has a B.S. in Political Science from Arizona State University. He has also attended the Judicial College of Arizona; the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, the Arizona College of Trial Advocacy, the Certified Public Manager program, and the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Mr. Adornetto is a past Chair of the Executive Council of Arizona State Bar Public Lawyer Section and of the Juvenile Law Section. He also serves on the State Bar Fee Arbitration Committee and has served on the Unauthorized Practice of Law Advisory Committee and Peer Review Committee. He has also been a substitute teacher in our public schools and is the past president of A Stepping Stone Foundation, a charity providing preschool and family literacy services, along with college scholarships, to at-risk youth in Arizona.

Mr. Adornetto received two Strategic Agenda Awards from the Arizona Supreme Court for Enhancing Professionalism within Arizona's Courts in 2015 (Best Practice for Ensuring Access to Justice for Self-Represented Litigants) and again in 2020 (Best Practice and Webinars for Evictions During the Pandemic); received two awards from the National Association of Counties in 2020 for Information Technology (Educational Podcast System) and Personnel Management, Employment and Training (New Pro Tem Training Program) and one in 2021 for County Administration and Management (Maricopa County Eviction Best Practices Program); and was a Supervisor of the Year at the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections in 2006. Mr. Adornetto served as a Table Mentor at the Supreme Court's Limited Jurisdiction New Judge Orientation in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

**HONORABLE SARA J. AGNE** was appointed to the Maricopa County Superior Court by Governor Douglas A. Ducey on December 13, 2017, and took the bench in early 2018. Judge Agne currently presides over cases for the Civil Department of the Court. After graduation from the University of Michigan Law School in 2008, Judge Agne was a lawyer with Snell & Wilmer L.L.P., first as an Associate and then as a Partner in its Special Litigation and Compliance Group. Judge Agne is finishing her fifth year of service on the Arizona Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on the Rules of Evidence, which she co-chairs, and her seventh year on the State Bar of Arizona Civil Practice and Procedure Committee. She is a veteran petitioner of several court rules cycles for a variety of rule sets and currently chairs the Task Force on Conducting Juvenile Court Proceedings Safely in a Community Experiencing the Spread of an Infectious Disease. In early 2021, Judge Agne was named a "Presiding Judge's COVID Hero" for her work with the Task Force. A former journalist, Judge Agne earned her B.A. in Journalism from Arizona State University, serving as Editor in Chief of the University's morning daily, *The State Press*, during her senior year of college.

Dr. Margie Balfour is a psychiatrist and national leader in quality improvement, behavioral health crisis care, and law enforcement responses to mental illness. She is the Chief of Quality and Clinical Innovation at Connections Health Solutions, which provides immediate 24/7 access to mental health and substance use care, and she is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Arizona.

Dr. Balfour was named the Doctor of the Year by the National Council for Behavioral Health for her work at the Crisis Response Center in Tucson and received the Tucson Police Department's medal of honor for her efforts to help law enforcement better serve individuals with behavioral health needs. She has contributed to numerous expert panels for SAMHSA, the DOJ, and others. Her pioneering work on defining crisis quality metrics has been adopted as a national standard by SAMHSA, and she co-authored the most definitive set of standards for crisis systems to date, entitled Roadmap to the Ideal Crisis System: Essential Elements, Measurable Standards, and Best Practices.

Dr. Balfour is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and serves on the Council on Quality of Care. She has also served on the board of directors of the American Association of Community Psychiatrists, The American Association for Emergency Psychiatry, and NAMI Southern Arizona.

A native of Monroe, Louisiana, Dr. Balfour received a BA in Biology at Johns Hopkins University and then her MD and PhD in Neuroscience from the University of Cincinnati. She completed residency and fellowship in Community Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

**MARIANNE T. BAYARDI** has served as a Phoenix Municipal Court judge since January, 2007. She has presided over criminal misdemeanors and civil protective orders during that time. Judge Bayardi is currently serving as Assistant Presiding Judge. Marianne has also participated in numerous standing and ad hoc committees of the court and presided over the Phoenix Veterans' Court, the largest Veterans Court of its type in the country. Marianne is a member of the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on the Impact of Domestic Violence and the Courts as well as the Committee on Limited Jurisdiction Courts. She serves as an Executive Committee Member and Past President of the Horace Rumble Inn of Court.

Marianne was born near Chicago, Illinois and raised in Phoenix. She graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science in 1987. She earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Arizona College of Law in 1991. Among other things, she was a published law review author and served as an Executive Note Editor. Judge Bayardi joined a civil law firm after law school where she engaged in plaintiff and defense litigation in wrongful death and personal injury matters. She later worked as in-house counsel for a major insurance company practicing insurance defense. Marianne also served as a Deputy Maricopa County Attorney where she prosecuted felonies. She later returned to a civil practice and defended the Arizona Department of Transportation in wrongful death and personal injury cases at the Arizona Attorney General's Office. Following that, she served as an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings before being appointed to the Phoenix Municipal Court bench 13 years ago. Marianne and her wife Jenni have been married for 24 years and are busy raising their three children.

**Beth Capin Beckmann** is Chief Staff Attorney at Division Two of the Court of Appeals. She graduated from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in 1982 and practiced general civil litigation with the law firm of Thayer & Thayer, P.C. in Phoenix until she joined the Court of Appeals as a staff attorney in February 1989. She has served as a judge pro tempore for the Pima County Juvenile Court, has taught seminars on criminal law, juvenile law, appeals, special actions, and legal writing, and co-authored the special action section of the Arizona Appellate Handbook. Ms. Beckmann served on the Civil Practice and Procedure Committee, the Appellate Case Processing Implementation Task Force, the Juvenile Subcommittee of the Court Improvement Program, the Arizona Supreme Court's Committee on Juvenile Appeals: Delay Reduction/Best Practices, served as staff on the Rule 32 Task Force, and is currently a member of the Juvenile Rules Task Force and the Juvenile Law and Appellate Practice sections of the State Bar of Arizona.

Paul Bennett is a Clinical Professor of Law, and Co-Director of Clinics at the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law. Professor Bennett also teaches Professional Responsibility, Juvenile Law, and Law and Humanities. Bennett joined the Arizona Law faculty in 1996 after teaching for several years at Cornell Law School. Bennett has also taught law as a visitor at the University of Washington, University of Tennessee, and University of San Diego Schools of Law.

Bennett graduated law school in 1976 and began practice as a Legal Services attorney in Upstate New York -- first at Orleans Legal Aid Bureau in rural Albion and then Chemung County Neighborhood Legal Services in Ithaca. From 1983 – 1988, Bennett was an Assistant City Attorney in Ithaca, NY primarily working on Housing and Building Code enforcement. He was then in private practice with the Ithaca law firm of Holmberg, Galbraith, Holmberg, Orkin & Bennett until 1993 when he started teaching full-time.

In 2004-2006, Bennett co-chaired the State Bar of Arizona's Task Force on Professionalism. He is currently a member of the AZ Supreme Court Commission on Diversity, Equality and Justice where he has focused on issues relating to disproportionate minority contact in juvenile justice and diversity within the Arizona Judiciary.

Along with the late Kenney Hegland, Bennett co-authored the recently released second edition of West Academic's *"A Short and Happy Guide to Being a Lawyer."*

## **Rebecca White Berch Bio**

Rebecca Berch served on the Arizona Supreme Court from 2002-2015 and as the Chief Justice from 2009-2014. Before that, she held various government jobs: court of appeals judge, first assistant (chief deputy) attorney general, solicitor general, and special counsel to the Attorney General. She spent eight years on the faculty of ASU law school as Director of the Legal Writing and Academic Support Programs. Private practice as an associate and firm partner preceded her position at the law school.

Justice Berch has authored hundreds of opinions and decisions, several law review articles, magazine articles, books, and chapters for books. The textbook she co-authored, "Introduction to Legal Method and Process," is in its fourth edition and has been used in law schools throughout the country.

As an active participant in the legal and social communities of the State of Arizona, Justice Berch has received several awards, including ASU's Alumni Service Award, ASU Law School's Distinguished Alumni Award, an honorary JD degree from Arizona Summit (Phoenix) School of Law, the James A. Walsh Distinguished Jurist Award, the Arizona Women Lawyers' Association Sarah Herring Sorin Award, the Arizona Women's Walk of Fame, and Maricopa County Bar Association Hall of Fame Award, among others. For service, she has served on several national boards, including serving as Chair of the American Bar Association's Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, Chair of the National Conference of Bar Examiners' Board of Trustees, a member of the board of governors of the National Conference of Chief Justices, and on the Arizona State University Trustees, among other boards and civic groups. She has worked to advance causes relating to education, improving the plight of the poor, and working for animal welfare. She maintains several other legal and community involvements and continues to be a frequent speaker on legal topics.

Shay Bilchik is a Research Professor and the founder and Director Emeritus of the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy. The Center's purpose is to advance a balanced, multi-systems approach to reducing juvenile delinquency that promotes positive child and youth development, while also holding youth accountable. This work is carried out through the dissemination of papers on key topics; the sponsorship of symposia; Certificate Programs at Georgetown providing leaders with intensive learning opportunities and ongoing support in their systems improvement efforts; and multi-site demonstration projects. Shay has been recognized as a Distinguished Investigator by Georgetown University in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 for his field research on multi-systems reform.

Prior to joining McCourt on March 1, 2007, Mr. Bilchik was the President and CEO of the Child Welfare League of America, a position he held from February of 2000. Prior to his tenure at CWLA, Shay headed up the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in the U.S. Department of Justice, where he advocated for and supported a balanced and multi-systems approach to attacking juvenile crime and addressing child victimization. Before coming to the nation's capital, Mr. Bilchik was an Assistant State Attorney in Miami, Florida from 1977-1993, where he served as a trial lawyer, juvenile division chief, and Chief Assistant State Attorney. Mr. Bilchik earned his B.S. and J.D. degrees from the University of Florida.

Don Bivens is a litigation partner at Snell & Wilmer, LLP. He currently chairs the Center for Innovation at the American Bar Association, and the Arizona Supreme Court's Board for Non-Lawyer Services Providers. Don was a member of the Supreme Court's Task Force on the Delivery of Legal Services, which studied and recommended the new ethical rules implemented January 1. Don is a past chair of the ABA's Section of Litigation, and a past President of the State Bar of Arizona, the Maricopa County Bar Association, and the Western States Bar Conference. He is a member of the American Law Institute. Don is ranked by his peers as a Best Lawyer across five categories of complex civil litigation. He is married to Patricia Lee Refo, the current President of the ABA. Don is a closet musician and singer. He could entertain you for about five minutes, but then he would run out of material.

**Judge James Blake** has been an Associate Scottsdale City Judge since he was sworn in on September 11, 2001. Currently he handles a criminal court docket in a limited jurisdiction court. He has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Arizona Magistrates Association and has served as its Vice-President as well as its President in the past. He also served on two boards of directors for the Arizona State Bar; those boards were the Public Lawyers Section and the Legal Services Committee. He is licensed to practice law in the State of Arizona and inactive in the State of Colorado. Judge Blake has been awarded a judicial award for excellence

Judge Blake received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Arizona in 1983. He received his Bachelors' of Science Degree in History from Arizona State University in 1980, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. At Arizona State University, he was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. In 1993, that university awarded him its A.S.U. Young Achievement Award.

After graduation from Law School, Judge Blake was a prosecutor at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office from 1984 to 2001. At that office, he tried cases ranging from Murder to Possession of Marijuana. He also managed attorneys as the head of the Gang /Repeat Offender Bureau, Southeast Division and also as the Criminal Trial Division Chief. His specialty was prosecuting White Supremacy cases. He was also appointed a special prosecutor in Yuma, Pima and Yavapai counties. Judge Blake has also drafted proposed legislation and lobbied at the Arizona State Legislature for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. In 1994, the State Bar of Arizona awarded him the Law Related Education Award and he also received the Distinguished Public Lawyers Award.

# Matthew Boger

Subject of Academy Award-nominated Film, *Facing Fear*

## Biography

As the subject of the Academy Award-nominated short documentary *Facing Fear*, Matthew Boger describes the haunting details of one of his darkest moments in his young life. Boger was the target of a brutal attack in a Los Angeles alley carried out by a group of Neo-Nazi skinheads. He now has the dual perspective of being a victim while also being capable of embarking on a journey of forgiveness and compassion, understanding that anyone has the ability to change.

In early 2005, Boger made the life-changing decision to leave his high profile career as one of L.A.'s premier celebrity colorist with an A-List clientele and become the Museum of Tolerance's Manager of Operations because "It was a way for me to use my voice to speak out against hate for all those who no longer have a voice." In that same year, while working at the museum, he ended up in a chance meeting with former Neo-Nazi skinhead, Timothy Zaal, who had begun volunteering as a speaker against hate. The two quickly discovered that Zaal had been one of the Neo-Nazis who had nearly killed Boger in the alley in West Hollywood 25 years previously.

Together, the two embarked on a journey of forgiveness and reconciliation, challenging them to grapple with their own beliefs and fears. Through his program *Unlikely Allies*, Matthew presents to diverse audience at the Museum of Tolerance. Matthew also speaks outside the museum to students grades 8-12, law enforcement agencies and educators, Juvenile detention centers and prison inmates as well as Colleges and Universities. His goal with these presentations is to "simply give them the information and hope they will realize that the power to change and forgive is within us all."

Alongside Jason Cohen, Zaal and Boger made *Facing Fear*, a documentary chronicling the events leading to and following the alley attack, as well as the chance encounter that brought their lives back together. Using the Academy Award-nominated documentary short as the cornerstone of his presentation, Matthew is able to open the minds of his audiences and facilitate a powerful and meaningful discussion on the many subjects raised in the film. Conversations sparked by his presentation center around homelessness and bullying, hate and forgiveness with an emphasis on compassion and understanding, in our schools, communities and workplaces as well as our role as active participants in our surroundings.

In addition to the film, in late 2009 the young adult book *Freaks and Revelations* by Davida Wills Hurwin was released through Little Brown publishing. Since its release it has received numerous awards and critical acclaim for its raw, powerful and honest retelling of the events that lead to the attack in the alley. Through his work as a motivational speaker, Boger is able to move the audience forward from the alley to his life today and what impact we can all have on the people around us





# Supreme Court

## State of Arizona



### **JUSTICE CLINT BOLICK**

Clint Bolick was appointed by Governor Doug Ducey in January 2016 to serve on the Arizona Supreme Court and in 2018 was retained by the voters for a six-year term.

Prior to joining the Court, Justice Bolick litigated constitutional cases in state and federal courts from coast to coast, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Among other positions, he served as Vice President for Litigation at the Goldwater Institute and as Co-founder and Vice President for Litigation at the Institute for Justice. He has litigated in support of school choice, freedom of enterprise, private property rights, freedom of speech, and federalism, and against racial classifications and government subsidies.

Justice Bolick received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of California at Davis, where he has been recognized as a distinguished alumnus, and his Bachelor of Arts degree *magna cum laude* from Drew University. He serves as a research fellow with the Hoover Institution. Among other honors, he was named one of the 90 Greatest DC Lawyers in the Last 30 Years by *Legal Times* in 2008, received a Bradley Prize in 2006, and was recognized as one of the nation's three lawyers of the year by *American Lawyer* in 2002 for his successful defense of school vouchers in *Zelman v. Simmons-Harris*.

Justice Bolick is a prolific author of a dozen books and hundreds of articles. Among his most recent books are *Immigration Wars: Forging an American Solution*, co-authored with former Florida Governor Jeb Bush; and *David's Hammer: The Case for an Activist Judiciary*. Bolick serves as an adjunct professor of constitutional law at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law and at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law and has served as a lecturer at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

**Lance Broberg** is a shareholder at Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. Lance is a trial attorney focused on intra-corporate disputes, contract disputes, real estate disputes, commercial landlord-tenant disputes, and trade misappropriation. Lance's trial and litigation experience extends from provisional relief through bankruptcy and appellate matters. He has successfully tried and defended numerous jury trials in Arizona and New Mexico (he is licensed in both) and has obtained multiple verdicts including significant punitive damage awards in non-injury commercial cases. He just recently (March – April 2021) had the privilege of serving as one of three jurors in a blue-ribbon jury trial.

In recognition of his trial accomplishments, Lance was asked to serve on a Task Force focused on how to reopen the Courts for jury trials in the new and post COVID-19 environment. Lance was also asked to serve as Plaintiff's counsel in a mock jury trial to be utilized nation-wide for purposes of determining how courts may reopen following the COVID-19 pandemic. Lance has been honored to help.

Chief Justice Brutinel became Chief Justice on July 1, 2019. He was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court in November of 2010 and was elected as Vice Chief Justice in January 2018. Prior to his appointment, Justice Brutinel served as the Presiding Judge of the Yavapai County Superior Court, where he presided over cases involving civil, criminal, juvenile, mental health, drug court, probate and domestic relations matters.

Justice Brutinel currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Conference of Chief Justices and has served on the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Juvenile Courts, the Arizona Supreme Court Commission on Technology, the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct, the Supreme Court Arizona Judicial Council, the Arizona Character Education Commission, and the Governor's Children's Cabinet. Justice Brutinel is a past president of the Arizona Judges Association and the Yavapai County Bar Association and has served as an Advisory Board Member for the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections. In 2010 Justice Brutinel was chosen as the National Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Judge of the Year.

Justice Brutinel graduated from Arizona State University with a B.S. in Economics in 1979. He received his law degree from the University of Arizona in 1982 and an LL.M. in Judicial Studies from Duke University in 2018. Justice Brutinel was admitted to practice law in Arizona in 1982. Prior to serving as a judge he practiced law in Prescott, Arizona, primarily in the areas of business and real estate, and Indian Law.

**Christina M. Cabanillas** is the Deputy Appellate Chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tucson, where she has also served as Senior Litigation Counsel, Appellate Chief, International Coordinator, Training Coordinator, and a trial attorney in the Criminal Division. She also worked as an Assistant Director for the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of Legal Education, where she organized courses and conducted legal training for federal attorneys and staff. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. Cabanillas was the Chief of Criminal Appeals for the Pima County Attorney's Office. She regularly teaches state and federal criminal law and procedure to various audiences and has taught appellate advocacy and legal research and writing at the University of Arizona College of Law and Pima Community College. She has authored books and articles, pro bono, including the Arizona State Bar publications *SEARCH & SEIZURE: A PRACTICE MANUAL* (2006 & Supp. 2008, 2016) and *ARIZONA DUI TRIAL NOTEBOOK* (2d ed. 2005) (part-author), as well as *IMMIGRATION LAW, OFFICE OF LEGAL EDUC., U.S. DEP'T OF JUSTICE* (4th ed. 2005) (contributing author). Ms. Cabanillas is active in bar and other volunteer activities and has served in leadership roles. In 2019, she received the U.S. Attorney's Distinguished Service Award, as well as the Pima County Bar Association's inaugural John M. Roll Award, for longtime professionalism, excellence and dedication as a state and federal prosecutor, legal instructor, and community volunteer. She received the 2015 George H. Lyons Mentor Award from Arizona's Finest Lawyers for excellence in mentoring law students, and in 2013, she received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award, the second-highest DOJ award for employee performance, for her work contributing to *United States v. Loughner*, 672 F.3d 731 (9th Cir. 2012). Other awards have included State Bar's Continuing Legal Education Award and two Department of Justice awards for excellence as a legal instructor and for her work contributing to *United States v. Arvizu*, 534 U.S. 266 (2002). Ms. Cabanillas earned her J.D. from the University of Arizona and her B.A. in History from Arizona State University. In her youth, she lived in foreign countries when her mother worked for the U.S. Foreign Service. In addition to teaching, she enjoys spending time with family, singing at nursing homes, traveling, watching movies, and fly-fishing.

## SHORT BIO – JUDGE CARBON

**Susan B. Carbon**, Presiding Judge  
9<sup>th</sup> Circuit – Family Division  
Manchester, NH  
[scarbon@courts.state.nh.us](mailto:scarbon@courts.state.nh.us)

Susan B. Carbon is the Presiding Judge of the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court -- Family Division in Manchester, NH. Originally appointed in 1990, she served until 2010 when she was appointed by President Barack Obama to be Director of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) at the United States Department of Justice. She was reappointed to the NH Circuit Court upon her return.

Judge Carbon has served on many domestic violence and child protection initiatives at the state and national level. In New Hampshire, she served for many years on the Governor's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence. She also led the creation of New Hampshire's Fatality Review Committee and served as its chair for several years. She presently chairs the Family Violence and Domestic Relations Advisory Committee of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) and is a member of the NCJFCJ/OVW National Technical Assistance Team for the Firearms Technical Assistance Project (FTAP). She also served on the NCJFCJ/OVW National Technical Assistant Team for the Family Court Enhancement Project (FCEP).

Among other national work, Judge Carbon has served on the Advisory Board of the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative, the editorial board of *Justice System Journal*, and Boards of Trustees of Project Harmony, the American Judicature Society, and Southern Poverty Law Center's School to Reform Prison Project. She has published several books and articles related to family violence, firearms, judicial selection and retention, and judicial administration, and has conducted multi-disciplinary trainings around the country and internationally, including in England, Russia, Ukraine, Taiwan, and Guam.

Judge Carbon is Past President of both the New Hampshire Bar Association and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. She presently serves on the NH Supreme Court Judicial Conduct Committee. She is the recipient of numerous awards including the most recent in 2020: the ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Judge Judith Kaye Award for Judicial Excellence; the NH Campaign for Legal Services John E. Tobin, Jr. Justice Award; and the National CASA Judge of the Year Award for 2000.

Judge Carbon is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Madison and the DePaul University College of Law.

## **Kent E. Cattani**

Kent Cattani was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals on February 9, 2013. At the time of his appointment, he was an Assistant Arizona Attorney General, serving as Solicitor General, overseeing criminal appeals, capital litigation, and civil appeals.

Kent earned his J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1986, and he worked as an associate at Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, and Beus, Gilbert & Morrill in Phoenix prior to joining the Attorney General's Office in 1991. For the next 22 years, he represented the State of Arizona in state and federal court, handling death penalty post-conviction proceedings in trial courts throughout the State, briefing over 200 appellate cases, and arguing more than 95 cases in the Arizona Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. He also assumed supervisory responsibilities during that time period as a Unit Chief, Section Chief, Division Chief, and Solicitor General.

Kent provided testimony to the United States Senate and House of Representatives Judiciary Committees regarding federal habeas and death penalty issues, and he helped draft legislation and worked with the Arizona legislature in addressing a variety of criminal law issues. He has also lectured extensively both locally and nationally on criminal law and federal habeas issues.

Kent led the Attorney General's efforts to collaborate with the defense bar in studying lessons learned from DNA exonerations. Additionally, he chaired the Attorney General's DNA Task Force from 2006 – 2008, and he serves on Arizona's Forensic Science Advisory Committee formed as a result of recommendations by the Task Force. He also serves on the Arizona State Bar Jury Instructions Committee.

# **JUDGE BRUCE R. COHEN**

## **MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

Bruce R. Cohen was appointed as a Superior Court Judge to the Maricopa County Superior Court in May, 2005. He was assigned to the Family Court Department for six years, where he served for four years as Associate Presiding Family Court Judge. This was followed by a four year assignment to the Criminal Department of the Court, where he served for two years as the Managing Judge of the Post-Conviction Relief Unit for the Criminal Department. He then spent three years assigned to the Juvenile Court and one year on a Civil Court calendar. He now serves as Presiding Judge of the Family Department of the Maricopa County Superior Court.

In the mid to late 1970s and before entering the legal profession, Judge Cohen worked in the concert industry. He produced shows with many top acts, including Bruce Springsteen, The Eagles, Bob Seger, George Carlin, Bob Hope, Janis Ian, Melissa Manchester, Journey, Billy Joel, Emerson Lake & Palmer, Yvonne Elliman, Yes, Black Sabbath (with Ozzy), Mellissa Manchester, Janis Ian, Kenny Loggins, Dicky Betts of the Allman Brothers, Yvonne Elliman, Harry Chapin, Cheech and Chong, and the Rolling Stones. He helped produce a benefit concert in 1977 featuring Fleetwood Mac and the Marshall Tucker Band, which raised over \$400,000 for the American Heart Association. He was given an outstanding service award in 1977 by the Heart Association for those efforts.

After graduating from the University of Arizona in 1978, Judge Cohen attended law school at Arizona State University. Since graduation in 1981, he has remained involved with the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. In 2001, he served as a family law adjunct professor at the College of Law and has been a guest speaker on many occasions since that time. He and his sponsored an annual scholarship project through 2012 for first year law students on the issue of professionalism. Further, Judge Cohen was a participating member of the National Forum on the Future of Legal Education held in April, 2010. In the summer of 2010, he helped develop a mentor program for first year law students to be paired with judicial officers.

Prior to his appointment to the Bench, Judge Cohen was in private practice for 24 years. He was a certified specialist in Family Law and served on the Family Law Board of Legal Specialization for the State Bar of Arizona. He also served a term on the Family Law Executive Council for the State Bar of Arizona. He was a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and was named annually to the Martindale Hubbell Preeminent Lawyers in America.

Judge Cohen served on the Arizona Supreme Court appointed Child Support Guidelines Committee for four quadrennial reviews, commencing in 1996, and served as Chairperson for that committee for the 2008-2010 Review. He also served on the Arizona Supreme Court appointed Family Law Rules Review Committee and on the Arizona Supreme Court Admission on Motion Task Force. Judge Cohen is a past president of the Arizona Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (1992) and served a three-year term as a member of the AzAFCC Board through January, 2011 where he chaired 2010-11 AzAFCC Summit Project, which focused on developing communication skills for parents engaged in high-conflict divorce. He is past a past member of the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board for the City of Scottsdale, where he served as Chairperson until January, 2018. Judge Cohen is a founding member of the Maricopa County Superior Court Peer Support program. He is currently a member of the Supreme Court's Committee on the Impact of Domestic Violence and the Courts, the Family Court Improvement Committee, and the Commission on Access to Justice. Judge Cohen also serves on the Judicial Executive Council for the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Judge Cohen co-authored legislation on parent education programs and adoption of special needs children. He was named Volunteer Lawyer of the Year in 1990 by the Maricopa County Bar Association. The Arizona Family Support Council named him the 2010 Judicial Officer of the Year for the State of Arizona. Additionally, he received the 2011 AzAFCC Outstanding Service Award. At the State of Arizona Annual Judicial Conference held in June, 2011, the Arizona Supreme Court named him as the recipient of the prestigious "Improving Public Trust and Confidence in the Arizona Court System" Award. He was also the 2013 recipient of the Maricopa County Superior Court Pendleton Gaines Collegiality Award. He was a nominee for the US Justice Department 2014 National Crime Victims' Service Award. While serving as the managing judge for the Criminal Department Rule 32 Unit, the National Association of Counties awarded the Unit with its 2015 National Achievement Award for innovation. He is a 2016 recipient of a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the State Bar of Arizona- Family Law Section. In December, 2019, the Phoenix Chapter of the American Board of Trial Attorneys named Judge Cohen "Judge of the Year."

Judge Cohen worked in collaboration with others in 2013 to return to Arizona the program known as "Anytown." The organization brings together high school aged young men and women for a weeklong camp focused on stamping out bias, prejudice and bigotry and celebrating diversity. He served as a co-director for the 2014 and 2016 camps.

In 2013, Judge Cohen and his family appeared and were champions on the Steve Harvey hosted game show, *Family Feud*, which allowed Judge Cohen to destroy in 17 minutes a favorable reputation that had taken decades to develop.

Judge Suzanne Cohen was appointed to the Bench in December 2012 and took office January 2013 joining the Family Department. Judge Cohen became the Presiding Judge of the Family Department in November 2016. Judge Cohen rotated to the criminal department in June 2019. Judge Cohen will be the Associate Criminal Presiding Judge as of June 28, 2021.

Prior to being appointed, Judge Cohen was a prosecutor with the Maricopa County Attorney's office and with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. Since being appointed, Judge Cohen has presented for the Judicial Conference, The Arizona State Bar, The Maricopa County Bar and American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, on various family law topics.

**MARIA ELENA CRUZ** currently serves on the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One. Prior to her appointment, she served as the Presiding Judge of Superior Court in Yuma County. At that same time, she administered the business of the courts county-wide, Judge Cruz presided over criminal cases, the Swift Accountable Fair Enforcement Program, Drug Court, and Restitution Court, a program she had established in her county. She has also presided over juvenile, family, civil and criminal matters.

Judge Cruz earned a Juris Doctorate and her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Arizona. After clerking at the Pima County Attorney's Office, she began her practice as a prosecutor in Yuma County. Later Judge Cruz practiced in criminal defense, eventually venturing into solo practice and has served as judge pro tempore for the Cocopah Indian Tribe. In 2008 Judge Cruz became the first woman elected Superior Court Judge in Yuma County, Arizona.

Today, in addition to her service on the Court of Appeals, she also serves on the Arizona Supreme Court's Commission on Victims in the Court, the Committee on Criminal Rules Regarding Victims, the Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence, and judge pro tempore for Restitution Court in Yuma County. She also contributes to the development of the law internationally by serving as a professor of law teaching trial advocacy in various regions within the Republic of Mexico.

Mark Curriden is a lawyer/journalist and founder of The Texas Lawbook. He is also a contributing legal correspondent for The Houston Chronicle and the Dallas Business Journal. For more than 30 years, Mark was a contributing writer for the ABA Journal and The Dallas Morning News. Mark is the author of the best selling book *Contempt of Court: A Turn-of-the-Century Lynching That Launched a Hundred Years of Federalism*. The book received the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award and numerous other honors.

**Teri Deal, M.Ed.** joined the National Center for State Courts as a Principal Court Management Consultant after several years of experience working both in juvenile and family court research settings and in direct service to system-involved youth and families. Her work at NCSC focuses on child, youth, and family justice with a specific emphasis on implementing and evaluating court practices, continuous quality improvement, and systems change efforts. She is currently directing a study of virtual child welfare hearings across 5 states and 17 jurisdictions. Prior to joining NCSC, Ms. Deal spent nearly a decade as a researcher at the National Center for Juvenile Justice, the research arm of the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Her work there primarily focused on supporting juvenile justice systems, courts, agencies and programs to collect and use data to improve outcomes for youth and families. Ms. Deal studied University of Pittsburgh and the University of Virginia. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Community Engagement at Point Park University researching school-justice partnerships.

## **Kim Demarchi**

Kim is the Senior Associate General Counsel in the Office of General Counsel at Arizona State University, where she oversees the lawyers who advise on personnel and student matters, provides administrative oversight to the Athletics Compliance group, and advises on government law and litigation matters. Prior to joining the Office of General Counsel, Kim was in private practice in Phoenix where her primary areas of practice were government law, education law, and appellate advocacy. After graduation and before beginning her practice, Kim clerked for the Hon. Ruth V. McGregor of the Arizona Supreme Court and for the Hon. Mary M. Schroeder of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Kim is an elected member of the American Law Institute and the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and is the co-editor of the Arizona Appellate Handbook. She also serves on the Arizona Supreme Court's Attorney Ethics Advisory Committee, the Research Committee of the Arizona Town Hall, and as an Appellate Lawyer Representative to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. A native of Tucson, Arizona, Kim is a graduate of Arizona State University's Honors College and of the Yale Law School. She is admitted to practice law in Arizona; the U.S. District Court for the State of Arizona; the United States Courts of Appeal for the Fifth, Ninth, Eleventh, and Federal Circuits; and the Supreme Court of the United States.

**HONORABLE LOUIS FRANK DOMINGUEZ** is the Presiding Judge for the Surprise City Court. He has facilitated education sessions on Judicial Ethics, Human Relations and Diversity, Jury Trials, Judicial Demeanor, Criminal Law Practice and Procedure, Sentencing, Appeals, Traffic Cases, Victims' Rights, and Case Management on behalf of the Arizona Supreme Court, the State Bar of Arizona, the National Judicial College, the National College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics, the American Bar Association, and other organizations. Judge Dominguez received his B.A. in Psychology at Arizona State University and graduated from the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

Judge Dominguez is a member of the Arizona Judicial Council, He is also a member of the Arizona Supreme Court 2021 Judicial Conference Planning Committee, the Arizona Magistrates Association, and the Arizona Minority Judges Caucus. He serves as Co-Chair of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (G.O.H.S.) Judicial Traffic Conference. Judge Dominguez is a Past Board Chair of Valley Leadership. His volunteer efforts focus on working with youth in the community and leadership development. In April 1998, Judge Dominguez received a "Distinguished Leadership Award" from the National Association of Community Leadership. In June 2003 Judge Dominguez was presented with a "Distinguished Service Award" from the Arizona Supreme Court. In May 2010, the Arizona Supreme Court presented Judge Dominguez with a 2009 Trainer Excellence Award. This award was in recognition of his contributions to the goal of excellence in judicial education and for his commitment to serving the Arizona judiciary as faculty. In September 2020, Judge Dominguez received the State Bar of Arizona Public Lawyers Section Justice Michael D. Ryan Award for Judicial Excellence. This award honors a judicial officer who demonstrates a dedication and commitment to improving the justice system.

Judge Dominguez is Chair of the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct. He is also a member of the Arizona Supreme Court Work Group on the Code of Judicial Conduct. Judge Dominguez served as a member of the Arizona Task Force on the Code of Judicial Conduct in 2008 & 2009.

**Margaret H. Downie** is the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, presiding over formal attorney discipline, disability, and reinstatement proceedings. Previously, she served as Executive Director of the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct and Staff Director of the Arizona Supreme Court's Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee. From 2008 to 2017, Judge Downie was a judge on the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One. Prior to that, she spent 11 years on the Maricopa County Superior Court, where she was Associate Presiding Judge and Civil Presiding Judge.

Judge Downie graduated with a B.A. degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She received her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. After law school, Judge Downie worked in the civil litigation department of Jennings, Strouss & Salmon in Phoenix. Thereafter, she spent almost ten years in the lawyer regulation department of the State Bar of Arizona, ultimately serving as Chief Bar Counsel.

**HONORABLE KARL EPPICH** was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two, in 2017. Prior to his appointment he served as a Pinal County Superior Court judge and on the Mesa Municipal Court bench. He previously served as a staff attorney with the Arizona Court of Appeals. Judge Eppich had been employed as a litigator in private practice and as a deputy county attorney. Prior to attending law school he was a deputy sheriff and is a U.S. Army veteran.

Judge Eppich is a graduate of Stanford Law School and the University of California at Irvine. He regularly serves as a faculty member for the Arizona Judicial College. He currently serves on the Court Leadership Institute of Arizona, the Arizona Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee on the Rules of Evidence, the Supreme Court's Commission on Technology and the Task Force on Issuing Search Warrants.

Judge Eppich previously served as a liaison to the executive council of the Arizona State Bar Family Law Section, on the Arizona Supreme Court's Task Force on the Rules of Family Law Procedure and on the Arizona State Bar's Family Law and Criminal Law Practice and Procedure Committees. He was a member of the State Bar Professionalism and Appointments Committees, and served on the executive committee of the Arizona Judges Association and as president of the Arizona Magistrates Association.



**MIKE FAUST, DCS DIRECTOR**

---

Mike Faust is the Director of the Arizona Department of Child Safety.

Mike began his state career in September 2015 at the Arizona Department of Administration's Government Transformation Office. During this assignment he worked closely with the DCS leadership team to build the agency's management system, supported development and implemented the Department's strategic objectives and improvement priorities. Mike found working in child welfare to be extraordinarily rewarding. He officially joined the Child Safety team in December 2016 as Deputy Director where he continued to support strategic planning, projects and management system definition across state agencies.

Before joining the state, Mike spent over 15 years in the aerospace manufacturing industry in various capacities including general management, value stream management, manufacturing engineering and continuous improvement. Mike's hands-on approach and ability to practically apply lean manufacturing concepts to human services delivery has made a lasting impact on Arizona's child welfare system. Key contributions include the elimination of the 16,000 inactive case backlog, safe reduction of Arizona's out-of-home care population by 25 percent, and increased timeliness of service referrals.

**The Honorable Jeremy Fogel (Ret.)**  
Executive Director, Berkeley Judicial Institute



[On September 17, 2018](#), Judge Jeremy Fogel became the first Executive Director of the Berkeley Judicial Institute, a center at Berkeley Law School whose mission is to build bridges between judges and academics and to promote an ethical, resilient and independent judiciary. Prior to his appointment at Berkeley, he served as Director of the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, DC (2011-2018), as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California (1998-2011), and as a judge of the Santa Clara County Superior (1986-1998) and Municipal (1981-1986) Courts. He was the founding Directing Attorney of the Mental Health Advocacy Project from 1978 to 1981.

Judge Fogel has served as a faculty member for the Federal Judicial Center since 2002 and was a lecturer at Stanford Law School from 2003 until his relocation to Washington. He taught for the California Continuing Judicial Studies Program and California Judicial College from 1987 to 2010 and has served as a faculty member for legal exchanges in more than a dozen foreign countries. He received his B.A. from Stanford University in 1971 and his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1974.

Judge Fogel has received numerous accolades, including the President's Award for Outstanding Service to the California Judiciary from the California Judges Association and the Vanguard Award for notable contributions to intellectual property law from the State Bar of California. In 2002, he received special recognition from the Santa Clara County Bar Association for exemplifying the highest standards of professionalism in the judiciary.

**Pamela S. Gates**

Pam is the Presiding Civil Judge for the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County. Pam previously served as the Associate Criminal Presiding Judge and the Associate Presiding Judge (Downtown) for Family Court. Her committee work includes the Advisory Committee on the Rules of Evidence, the Steering Committee on Arizona Case Processing Standards, Task Force on the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, Committee on Superior Courts, Committee on Time Periods for Electronic Display of Superior Court Case Records, Data Quality Standards Committee, Commercial Court Review Committee, the Court Leadership Institute of Arizona, Our Courts Arizona, Arizona Task Force to Supplement Keeping of the Record by Electronic Means, National State Court Remote Jury Pilot Group, and the Superior Court Records Retention Schedule Revision Committee. She chairs the Task Force on Jury Data Collection, Policies, and Procedures and co-chaired the committee tasked with improving access to justice and reforming the Court's resource center. Pam also serves on the Jury Committee and chairs the Court's Data Integrity Committee. Prior to becoming a judge, Pam worked as a partner at Bryan Cave LLP.

# Gabe Goltz

Gabe Goltz is currently the Program Manager of the Education Programs Unit in the Arizona Administrative Office of the Court's (AOC) Education Service Division, assisting in the administration of judicial officer training, judicial staff training, and judicial branch leadership development. Holding a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Northern Arizona University and a Master of Arts in the same from the University of Colorado—Boulder, Gabe has taught and researched extensively in the areas of political philosophy and ethics, American government, constitutional law, religion in politics, feminism, and the politics of difference. Since joining the AOC in December 2005 as an Educational Specialist in the Court Leadership Institute, Gabe has developed and taught courses in areas including adult education, a variety of diversity-related topics, constitutional law and history, the purposes and responsibilities of courts, law in literature, and ethics in film. Prior to joining the AOC, Gabe worked in the Graduate College at Arizona State University, coordinating graduate academic program development and graduate student support.

Jennifer Greene has worked for the Administrative Office of the Courts since 1999, originally as a Policy Analyst in the Court Services Division, and more recently as Assistant Counsel. Jennifer was a trial and appellate lawyer in several state and federal jurisdictions for 18 years before joining the AOC. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law and Beloit College in Wisconsin.

Christopher L. Griffin, Jr., is the Director of Empirical & Policy Research and a research professor at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law.

Professor Griffin teaches Civil Procedure, Remedies, and Empirical Methods in the Law. His research empirically investigates which ideas for enhancing access to justice work in practice. Professor Griffin and his colleagues primarily use randomized control trials to evaluate the causal effects of existing and innovative solutions for narrowing the justice gap. Most of these studies focus on the civil justice system, including the efficacy of unbundled legal services in housing court, the value of connecting survivors of intimate partner violence to civil legal aid, and the potential promise of non-lawyer models of legal services provision. Professor Griffin is also involved in several randomized evaluations of criminal pretrial risk assessments. His work has appeared in the *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, the *Utah Law Review*, and the *William & Mary Law Review*, among other journals.

He holds a B.S. in International Political Economy, *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, an MPhil in Economics from the University of Oxford, and a J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the *Yale Law Journal* and Editor-in-Chief of the *Yale Law & Policy Review*.

Having entered his 28<sup>th</sup> year with the Judiciary, Chuck Gurtler is retiring on June 30. He has been the presiding judge in Mohave Co. the past nine years and has served on the Judicial Council, COSC, Digital Evidence Task Force, Court Leadership Institute, and the Case Processing Standards committee. Chuck has had the good fortune to sit as a visiting judge of the Arizona Supreme Court and as a Judge Pro Tempore of the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division 1.

MARCI A. HAMILTON is the Founder and CEO of CHILD USA, [www.childusa.org](http://www.childusa.org), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit academic think tank dedicated to interdisciplinary, evidence-based research to improve laws and public policy to end child abuse and neglect. She is also the Fels Institute of Government Professor of Practice, and Fox Family Pavilion Resident Senior Fellow in the Program for Research on Religion at the University of Pennsylvania. Before moving to Penn, Professor Hamilton held the Paul R. Verkuil Chair in Public Law at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University.

Prof. Hamilton is the leading expert on clergy sex abuse and child sex abuse statutes of limitation (“SOL”). She has been invited to testify and advise legislators in every state where significant SOL reform has occurred. She is the author of *Justice Denied: What America Must Do to Protect Its Children* (Cambridge University Press), which advocates for the elimination of child sex abuse statutes of limitations. She has filed countless pro bono amicus briefs for the protection of children at the United States Supreme Court and the state supreme courts. She is the co-author of *Children and the Law* (Carolina Academic Press 2017).

Hamilton is a leading and influential critic of extreme religious liberty and the author of *God vs. the Gavel: The Perils of Extreme Religious Liberty* (Cambridge University Press), which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Hamilton successfully challenged the constitutionality of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (“RFRA”) at the Supreme Court in *Boerne v. Flores* (1997), and defeated the RFRA claim brought by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee against hundreds of child sex abuse survivors in *Committee of Unsecured Creditors v. Listecky* (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2015). She has represented numerous cities, neighborhoods, and individuals dealing with church-state issues as well as claims under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (“RLUIPA”). Hamilton is currently litigating on behalf of victims suing the Church of Scientology, The Holy See, and others.

Hamilton has been honored with the 2019 Distinguished Daughters Award by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf; the 2018 Louis H. Pollak Award for Public Service by the University of Pennsylvania Law School; the 2015 Annual Religious Liberty Award, American Humanist Association; the 2014 Freethought Heroine Award; the 2016 Voice Today, Voice of Gratitude Award; the National Crime Victim Bar Association’s Frank Carrington Champion of Civil Justice Award, 2012; the E. Nathaniel Gates Award for outstanding public advocacy and scholarship, 2008; and selected as a Pennsylvania Woman of the Year Award, 2012, among other awards and honors. She is also frequently quoted in the national media on child sex abuse, statute of limitations issues and constitutional, RFRA, RLUIPA, and First Amendment issues.

Hamilton clerked for United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and Judge Edward R. Becker of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Professor Hamilton is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, B.A., *summa cum laude*; Pennsylvania State University, M.A. (English, fiction writing, *High Honors*); M.A. (Philosophy); and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Order of the Coif.

**Honorable Robert C. Houser, Jr. (Ret.)** was appointed to the Maricopa County Superior Court in 2002 by Governor Jane Hull and served on rotations in the Civil, Family, Juvenile and Appeals Departments. Judge Houser also served as a member of the Judicial Executive Committee for the Superior Court. Since his retirement, Judge Houser has been called back from time to time to cover Civil, Family and Juvenile Court calendars. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Houser served as a Judge *Pro Tempore* on the Maricopa County Superior Court in both the Criminal and Civil Departments. In addition, he has served as a Judge *Pro Tempore* on the Arizona Court of Appeals—Division One.

Judge Houser has been engaged in the private practice of law for more than thirty-five years with an emphasis on complex litigation in the areas of contracts, torts, antitrust, intellectual property, unfair competition and family law in state and federal courts at both the trial and appellate court levels.

Judge Houser has served as a member of numerous associations and committees, including: Arizona Judges Association (Maricopa County Superior Court representative (2009) and Retired Judges Representative (2013 to date); lawyer representative to the Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review (2000-2002); State Bar of Arizona Committee on Rules of Professional Conduct; State Bar of Arizona Civil Practice and Procedure Committee; State Bar of Arizona Technology Task Force on Low-Cost Access; State Bar of Arizona Trial Practice Publications Subcommittee; MCBA Bench Bar Committee; MCBA Continuing Legal Education Committee, and; MCBA Volunteer Lawyers Project Committee.

Judge Houser's publications include: *Arizona Attorneys' Fees Manual*, Chapter Two: A.R.S. § 12-341.01, 2017 (6<sup>th</sup> Ed. Hon. Bruce E. Meyerson & Hon. Patricia K. Norris, eds.) State Bar of Arizona/Phoenix, Arizona (Judge Houser also authored Chapter Two in the previous five editions of the *Manual* published in 1987, 1992, 1998, 2003 and 2010, as well as Supplements published in 2006 and 2014; *The Domain-Name Game: New Rules Speed Wins for Trademark Owners*, Arizona Attorney, October/2000, at 16; *New Technology Produces New Legal Issues*, Arizona Business Gazette, December 14, 1995, and; *Antitrust and the Foreign Government Trader: The Impact of Pfizer, Inc. v. Government of India*, Law and Policy in International Business, Volume 10, 1978 (pp. 719-67) Georgetown University/ Washington, D.C., reprinted in CORPORATE COUNSEL'S ANNUAL, Volume 2, 1979 (pp. 1149-98) (Jeremiah J. Spires & Edward J. Burchell, eds.) Mathew Bender & Co./New York, New York.

Judge Houser has been a frequent speaker at various programs, including: Arizona Supreme Court Domestic Relations Conference (Bankruptcy and Family Law Issues); Arizona Judicial Conference (Applications for Awards of Attorney's Fees), Maricopa County Superior Court Civil Department Training (Attorneys' Fees Issues); State Bar of Arizona and Maricopa County Bar Association CLE programs (Trial Practice, Computer Evidence Issues, Attorneys' Fees Issues and Intellectual Property Litigation); CLE International Condemnation program (Ethics Issues); New Judge Orientation Program (Awards of Attorneys' Fees), New Judge Orientation (Awards of Attorneys' Fees in Civil, Family Law and Probate Cases), and; guest lecturer at Arizona State University College of Law clinical program on trial practice.

Judge Houser received his J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1974, where he served on the executive board of the international law journal, and his A.B. degree, *cum laude* in economics, from Harvard University in 1971. He is a member of both the State Bar of Arizona (admitted 1979) and the District of Columbia Bar (admitted 1975).

## **Randall M. Howe**

**Randall M. Howe** was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals in May 2012. Before his appointment, he served for nineteen years with the Arizona Attorney General's Office and three years with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona. The State Bar awarded him the Distinguished Public Lawyer Award in 2007, the Michael C. Cudahy Criminal Justice Award in 2013, and the Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Award in 2019.

Judge Howe graduated from Arizona State University College of Business, Summa Cum Laude, in 1985 and Arizona State University College of Law, Cum Laude, in 1988. In 2002, he received the Young Alumnus Award from the Arizona State University Alumni Association.

Judge Howe has also been involved in the disability community. He has served as Chair of the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, President of the Board of Directors of the Arizona Center for Disability Law, and Chair of the Board of Directors of Arizona Bridge to Independent Living. He is currently on the Board of Directors of United Cerebral Palsy of Central Arizona and Daring Adventures. In 2020, he received the Laura Dozer Award from UCP of Central Arizona.

## **HON. ANNA HUBERMAN is the Justice of the Peace of the Country Meadows precinct in the West Valley.**

Anna was born and raised in the Midwest but moved with her parents to Argentina as a teenager where she finished high school and obtained a JD degree from the Universidad de Buenos Aires. As an adult she moved back to the United States with her husband and children.

Her love of language and law came together in her 15 year career as a court interpreter with the Maricopa County Superior Court. Highly regarded in her field, she taught skills classes for the Master's Program in Court Interpretation at the College of Charleston and mentored and trained new interpreters.

In 2012 a new justice court precinct was created in the West Valley. Drawing on her knowledge of the law and language and her 15 years of experience in the courts in Maricopa County, Anna decided to run for the position. She was re-elected to her third term in 2020. Her prior experience in court and on the bench has allowed Anna to understand how lives are impacted by the decisions made by a judge and the ramifications her decisions as Justice of the Peace have for defendants, victims, litigants and the public.

Judge Huberman is the current Justice of the Peace of the Year. She sits on and chairs numerous Justice Court committees and Supreme Court commissions. She also continues to teach. She has presented as faculty in New Judge Orientation, the Judicial Conference, the Justice of the Peace Conference, the ACA Conference, Maricopa County Justice Courts Staff Conference and Judicial Officer trainings. She also serves as a mentor judge.

Outside of the courtroom you'll find Judge Huberman active in her community on charities and community projects, traveling the world, and enjoying her season tickets to the Arizona Cardinals.