

**STATE OF ARIZONA
FIRST ANNUAL VETERANS TREATMENT COURT CONFERENCE
MARCH 3, 2025
JUDICIAL EDUCATION CENTER
PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

9:00 am-9:30 am	Introduction and Welcome Mesa Veterans Court Judge Rick Romley introduces the Honorable Ann Timmer, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Arizona to make opening remarks.	
9:30 am-10:10 am Plenary	History of Veterans' Treatment Courts in Arizona Panel members will review and discuss the history of veterans' treatment courts in Arizona. Moderator: Judge Wilbur Hudson, Phoenix Veterans Court Panel: Retired Judge Michael Pollard, Tucson Veterans Treatment Court Retired Judge Gregg Maxon, East Valley Regional Veterans Treatment Court Judge Patricia George, Phoenix Municipal Court Judge Donald Watts, Maricopa County, Northwest Regional Court	
10:10 am-10:25 am	Break	
10:25 am-11:30 am Plenary	Model Veterans Treatment Court and Current Trends Panel members will discuss characteristics of a model VTC to include current trends Moderator: Judge Thad Semon, Regional Municipalities Veterans Treatment Court, Southern Arizona Panel: Judge Kevin Kane, Presiding Judge, Tempe Municipal Court Judge Mitchell D. K. Kalauli, Lake Havasu Municipal Court Judge Tait Elkie, East Valley Regional Veterans Court Vincentio D'Arquea, Prosecutor Lori Lewis, U of A College of Law Veterans Advocacy Clinic/Defense James Grover, Rally Point/LaFrontera Mentor Program Kama Garcia, Center for Life Skills Therapist/Treatment Provider Valentina Trujillo, Program Coordinator, Rally Point Mentor Program	
11:30 am-12:15 pm Plenary	National Trends Overview of VTCs and innovations on a national level by Retired Major General Clyde (Butch) Tate, Chief Counsel, All Rise/Justice for Vets	
12:15 pm-1:00 pm	Lunch Break	
1:00 pm-1:20 pm Plenary	Afternoon Kick-Off Mesa Veterans Court Judge Rick Romley introduces Attorney General Kris Mayes and Director Bryan Matthews, Phoenix Veterans Affairs Health Care System to kick off the afternoon session	

1:20 pm-2:10 pm Plenary	VA and Community Support Services
	Panel discussion of assessment processes and related services for Arizona veterans Moderator: Ellyn Black, Veterans Justice Outreach Counselor Panel: Amy Primak, Sage Counseling Carolyn Arteaga, Maricopa County Adult Probation Department William Glennon, Assistant Deputy Director for Veterans Services' Division Dylan Dalzotto, Assistant Deputy Director, Public and Intergovernmental Affairs
2:10 pm-2:30 pm	Transition Break
2:30 pm-3:30 pm	Best Practice Breakouts
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Judges and Court Administrators • Group 2: Counsel (Prosecutors and Defense) • Group 3: Clinicians and Veteran Services
3:30 pm-3:45 pm	Transition Break
3:45-4:15	Breakout Reports
	Each group reporter will share top 3 findings—notes will be captured for post conference report to be distributed to participants and posted on Court website.
4:15-4:30	Closing Remarks

**Program is subject to change*

Veterans Conference Planning Task Force Members:

Chair: John Phelps, Retired East Valley Regional Veterans Treatment Court Judge

Members:

Ms. Ellyn Black, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Ms. Desirée Quintana, Office of the Arizona Attorney General

Hon. Kevin Kane, Tempe Municipal Court

Hon. Michele Reagan, McDowell Mountain Justice Court

General Richard (Gregg) Maxon (USA, ret.)

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Mr. Jeffrey Schrade, Deputy Director, Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts

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