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News Release

COMMISSION HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PHOENIX. The Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct named April Phillips Elliott as its new executive director following the appointment of Margaret H. Downie to the position of Presiding Disciplinary Judge. Since 2014, Elliott served as Disciplinary Counsel for the Commission and was responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all complaints filed with the Commission.

Elliott was appointed by Governor Janet Napolitano to the Pinal County Superior Court bench in 2005 and served until her term expired on December 31, 2006. She had previously served as a judge pro tem/family law commissioner for that court. She also served as a judge pro tem for the Pinal County Justice Courts from 2002–2005. From 1995 to 2005, Ms. Elliott was in private practice in Casa Grande, Arizona. Following her service on the bench, she spent almost eight years with the Pinal County Public Defender’s Office, serving as the office’s director in 2013-2014. She received both her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Arizona, and she served as Managing Editor of the *Arizona Law Review* in 1994-1995.

Elliott will assume her new duties on May 17, 2021. She will also serve as the staff director of the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee.

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