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Judge Steven C. Moss Appointed Presiding Judge for Mohave County

PHOENIX –The Arizona Supreme Court has appointed the [Honorable Steven C. Moss](#) to the post of Presiding Judge for the Superior Court in Mohave County, effective July 1, 2021. His new appointment will follow the retirement of current Presiding Judge Charles W. Gurtler and will continue through June 30, 2024.

In accepting the appointment, Judge Moss said, “Judge Gurtler’s retirement creates a huge void on the bench. He was a stellar trial judge. He was the go-to resource on complex civil litigation matters. As an administrator he was second to none, with a long list of accomplishments. It will be impossible to entirely fill the void he’s left behind but I will do my best. I’m honored that the Supreme Court has seen fit to appoint me as presiding judge.”

Presiding Judges in Arizona serve as the chief executive officer of the county courts, having administrative authority over the courts, judicial officers, and court employees in their county. The Presiding Judge oversees case assignments, court calendars, financial management, and helps set the court’s strategic agenda. They also monitor the performance of the courts to ensure that cases are processed timely. Judge Moss will receive no additional compensation for his duties and responsibilities as Presiding Judge.

Judge Moss practiced law for over 20 years in the areas of family law and civil practice, including contracts, property, and construction defects. From 2013 to 2017 he was a Supervisor on the Mohave County Board of Supervisors, representing District 5. In 2017, Judge Moss was appointed to the Superior Court in Mohave County by Governor Doug Ducey. He was elected to the post in 2018 and has served as presiding family law judge and associate presiding judge.

Judge Moss graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science and received his law degree *cum laude* from Western Michigan University, Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He also served in the United States Marine Corps from 1984 to 1988.

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