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Applicants Sought for Position of Water Master

PHOENIX – History is replete with examples of small and large disputes over water, particularly in the west. Arizona has a job that is dedicated to resolving disputes over water and applicants are being sought to fill the post. The Special Master for Arizona General Stream Adjudications is tasked with a variety of judicial duties arising from disputes over water, water rights, hydrological surveys, and more.

The Superior Court in Maricopa County is now recruiting for a Special Master for Arizona General Stream Adjudications. Based at the Superior Court in Maricopa County, this position is part-time at 20 hours per week or more and eligible for benefits through the State of Arizona benefits and the Arizona State Retirement System. Applicants must be a licensed member of the State Bar of Arizona with five or more years of active general practice of law immediately preceding his or her appointment.

An abbreviated list of duties include:

- Reviews hydrological survey and technical reports prepared by the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR).
- Oversees the litigation of objections to reports of ADWR.
- Organizes objections to hydrological survey reports into contested cases and holds hearings.
- Files reports that contain findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations that determine the relative water rights of each claimant or resolve issues of broad legal importance.
- Determines legal and factual issues related to the adjudication of federal non-Indian and Indian reserved water rights.

- Litigates contested cases currently in process and initiates new cases.
- Resolves procedural matters arising in the course of litigation that are referred to the Special Master.
- Maintains a website that contains rulings, orders, appellate decisions, rules, and information.

For more about the duties and qualifications, [click here](#).

To learn more about the activities of the Special Master, go to

<http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/GeneralStreamAdjudication/Index.asp>.