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Arizona Supreme Court Clerk Janet Johnson Announces Retirement

PHOENIX – Arizona Supreme Court Clerk Janet Johnson informed Chief Justice Robert Brutinel that she will retire on February 26, 2021. Johnson has served as clerk since February 2012. She is the Court’s 11th Clerk of the Court and the fourth-longest-serving clerk since the state’s founding in 1912. The clerk’s office’s functions include filing, tracking, and maintaining documents for cases before the court, providing public records, providing courtroom support for oral arguments, and maintaining records related to attorney admissions and discipline.



Prior to being appointed clerk, Johnson served as interim clerk from February 2012 until her appointment in May 2012 and was the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts’ Court Services Division for 12 years. Before her service at the Supreme Court and Administrative Office of the Courts, Johnson served as Assistant Director of the Court Services Division at the Missouri Administrative Office of the Courts. Some of Johnson’s achievements include being a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management, an officer of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks, and recipient of the President’s Award for Outstanding Service from the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks.

Chief Justice Robert Brutinel commented, “Arizona was fortunate to have Janet Johnson’s court management experience. Her time leading our Court Services Division made her an excellent fit for the demands of running the Supreme Court Clerk’s office where she served with distinction and professionalism. Her leadership in the national appellate clerks association contributed to the

improvement of courts across the country. The Judicial Branch thanks Janet for her service and we wish her the very best in retirement.”

The clerk’s office implemented significant improvements during Clerk Johnson’s tenure, including mandatory electronic filing. The office will implement a new case management system in the next year that promises to improve filing and access to court information.

Commenting on her departure, Clerk Johnson stated, “It has been an honor to serve the Court and the citizens of Arizona as the Clerk of the Arizona Supreme Court for the last nine years and prior to that, as the Director of the Court Services Division. I am proud of the many accomplishments in both the Court Services Division and the Clerk’s Office that served to move the judiciary forward.” In retirement, Clerk Johnson looks forward to volunteering in the community, spending more time with family and friends, and discovering new hobbies and adventures. The Chief Justice will appoint a successor Clerk of the Supreme Court.

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