

Honorable Rebecca White Berch



Chief Justice's Outstanding Contribution to the Arizona Courts Award

Rebecca Berch has spent most of her 40-year career in public service and helping to advance the courts and legal system. She has served as a former justice and chief justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, a court of appeals judge, chief deputy attorney general, solicitor general, law faculty member at ASU College of Law, and private lawyer. She has worked to bring

automation to the courts, to reform Arizona's attorney discipline system, to encourage states' participation in the Uniform Bar Exam, and to foster reciprocity in admissions among states to make it easier for lawyers to move from state-to-state without having to take a second (or third!) bar exam, among other initiatives.

Since her retirement from the Court in 2015, Justice Berch has continued to assist the Court by serving as a visiting justice on several cases for the Supreme Court, and in several for the Court of Appeals. She has chaired committees to revise the rules of family law procedure and probate procedure, and chaired a committee proposing changes for the governance of the State Bar of Arizona and another to review the work of and consider changes to the Ethics, Professionalism, and Unauthorized Practice of Law Committees.

One of her enduring interests is supporting innovation to help ensure access to justice for those with limited means. To this end, she has served on the inaugural board of directors of the Homeless Legal Assistance Project, as a member of access to justice commissions, in various "think tank" projects looking at rule changes and other innovations to lower the cost (or provide free) legal services, and on committees to provide assistance to those involved in the legal system.

At the moment, she is serving on Chief Justice Bales' Legal Services Task Force, chaired by Justice Timmer. She remains active in the legal community by assisting firms with appellate work, responding to requests for assistance from and conducting investigations for government entities, speaking on issues relating to the courts and legal system, and naturally, of course, addressing law students and the public about the profession of law, the independence of courts, and the importance of the rule of law in our society.

One wonders whether she has ever truly retired.



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Barbara Broderick



Administration of Justice Award

Barbara Broderick has been the Chief Probation Officer of the Maricopa County Adult Probation Department since 2000. In June 2005, she was appointed Interim Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for Maricopa County until August 2006 and assumed responsibilities over diversion, probation and detention services with over 1,000 Juvenile employees and a budget of \$60 million.

She began her career with the Arizona Judicial Branch in 1995 as the State Director for Adult Probation. In this position, she was involved with the development and expansion of drug courts and substance abuse treatment, the design and implementation of an operational review process for the oversight of 15 probation departments, and the development of probation performance measures. Broderick has consistently delivered positive results, year after year, even when faced with significant budget restraints.

From the Arizona Safe Communities baseline year, FY 2008 to FY 2017, Maricopa County experienced a 43.2% decrease in the number of dispositions that resulted in a revocation to prison and a 16.4% decrease in the rate of new felony convictions by probationers. Overall satisfaction ratings for the Maricopa County Adult Probation Department include employees at 90.7%, probationers at 88.6%, and law enforcement/criminal justice partners at 93.4%.

Broderick serves as Past President on the Board of Directors of the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA). She was selected as a member of the prestigious Harvard University Executive Session on Community Corrections, and she served on the Probation Revocation Advisory Board with the Robina Institute at the Minnesota University School of Law. She was selected to serve on the Pew Charitable Trust Advisory Council on Community Corrections and is co-chair of Columbia University's Community Corrections Administrators for the Justice Steering Committee.

Broderick was elected chair from 1996 to 2014 of the Arizona Parents' Commission on Drug Education and Prevention, and she has served as a board member of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the National Association of Probation Executives.

Michael E. Hurley



Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award

Michael E. Hurley has been practicing law in Arizona since 1966. He got his start as a deputy county attorney with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office under County Attorney Robert Corbin, until 1968. Thereafter, he was the city prosecutor for the City of Scottsdale. In 1969, he went into private practice.

For more than 50 years, Hurley has been a sole practitioner.

Hurley's current focus is family law, appeals, probate, and general civil. He represents clients of diverse cultures and backgrounds. A significant percentage of Hurley's clients are Spanish speaking, with an impressive number referring family and friends. Pro bono service has played a major role in Hurley's law career.

Since 1992, he has been an active volunteer with the Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP), and the Family Lawyers Assistance Program (FLAP). He served on the Board of Directors for the MCBA Lawyer's Referral Service. He has received numerous awards and recognition for his selfless service to the cause of providing pro bono advocacy, advice, and education to those in need.

He earned his JD from the University of San Francisco School of Law in 1966, and his BA from Carroll College, Helena, Montana in 1963. In 2014, he was inducted into the Carroll College Alumni Hall of Fame in recognition of his example of exemplary service to his community. Michael has been married to Nancy for 55 years. They have three children, Mark, Ryan, and Amy, and four grandchildren.

A former Boston Marathon runner, Michael Hurley still enjoys running every evening after work.

Honorable Kyle Bryson



Judge of the Year Award

Presiding Judge Kyle A. Bryson has served as the presiding judge of the Superior Court in Pima County since 2015. Prior to his appointment in 2010, Judge Bryson was a court commissioner and judge *pro tem* in Pima County Superior Court for over eight years, where he presided over probate, criminal, civil, and family law cases.

He has served and continues to serve on various committees, workgroups and commissions on both the state and local levels that include the Judicial Performance Review Commission, the Court Security Standards Committee, the Digital Evidence Management Task Force, the Arizona Judicial Council, the Committee on Superior Court, the Judicial College Advisory Board, and the Rule 122 Task Force, among others.

In his own court, Judge Bryson has been active in the Superior Court Law Library remodeling project that resulted in a modern Self-Help and Resource Center, the implementation of local safety and security standards, improving pretrial outcomes through the MacArthur Safety + Justice Challenge, hosting a Decriminalizing Mental Illness symposium, promoting the FASTAR pilot program for resolving smaller-value cases, and chairing a newly-established regional problem-solving court collaborative.

He is a frequent speaker on topics including the role, selection and retention of the judiciary, ethics and professionalism, courthouse security and safety, procedural rules, and substantive and constitutional law. As a presenter, he has shared his experience through the State Bar of Arizona, the American Bar Association, the National Center for State Courts, the National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers, and others.