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## Arizona Superior Court Presiding Judges

### *Chief Justice's Outstanding Contribution to the Arizona Courts Award*

For Outstanding Contributions to the Arizona Judiciary by Preserving the Dignity of the Judiciary During the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis.

The Honorable Michael Latham, Presiding Judge, Apache County  
The Honorable James Conlogue, Presiding Judge, Cochise County  
The Honorable Dan Slayton, Presiding Judge, Coconino County  
The Honorable Tim Wright, Presiding Judge, Gila County  
The Honorable Michael Peterson, Presiding Judge, Graham County  
The Honorable Monica Stauffer, Presiding Judge, Greenlee County  
The Honorable Jessica Quickle, Presiding Judge, La Paz County  
The Honorable Joseph Welty, Presiding Judge, Maricopa County  
The Honorable Charles Gurtler, Presiding Judge, Mohave County  
The Honorable Robert Higgins, Presiding Judge, Navajo Count  
The Honorable Kyle Bryson, Presiding Judge, Pima County  
The Honorable Stephen McCarville, Presiding Judge, Pinal County  
The Honorable Tom Fink, Presiding Judge, Santa Cruz County  
The Honorable David Mackey, Presiding Judge, Yavapai County  
The Honorable David Haws, Presiding Judge, Yuma County



## 2020 Distinguished Service Awards

June 23, 2021

Camelback Inn

Pro Bono Award

presented by Chief Justice Robert Brutinel

Administration of Justice Award

presented by David K. Byers

Judge of the Year Award

presented by Vice Chief Justice Ann A. Scott Timmer

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## **Nancy Tribbensee**

### ***Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award***

Nancy Tribbensee has been a member of the Volunteer Lawyers Program Children's Law Center since 1998. Her pro bono service has helped more than 70 children get care and protection through guardianships while providing vital support for grandparents and others caring for children at risk. She has also helped the Volunteer Lawyers programs recruit and train 150 volunteer attorneys, while providing the volunteers with support and mentorship.

With Nancy's assistance, the Children's Law Center began offering minor guardianship group clinics to help more grandparents become guardians for their grandchildren. The clinics help guide pro per petitioners as they prepare their petitions. Nancy has also developed special expertise in handling guardianships that assist families who are refugees.

## **Karl Heckart**

### ***Administration of Justice Award***



Karl Heckart has been the Chief Information Officer for the Arizona Judicial Branch for over 25 years.

In that capacity, he has directed many statewide projects, including the implementation of statewide case management systems for general and limited jurisdiction courts, the development and implementation of probation management systems, and the deployment of digital court

initiatives such as electronic filing, records access, virtual hearings, and digital evidence.

Karl directs a staff of over 140 professionals who service 10,000 end-users in the courts and probation in Arizona.

## **The Honorable Diane Johnsen**

### ***Judge of the Year Award***



Judge Diane Johnsen (ret.), grew up in Arizona's Copper Basin. She graduated with a degree in journalism from the University of Arizona, then spent five years as a reporter and editor at the Arizona Daily Star.

After graduating from Stanford Law School, she clerked for Judge Ben Duniway on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

She practiced with Munger Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles before returning to Arizona in 1985 to join the firm now known as Osborn Maledon, where her practice included media law, contract and tort matters and environmental litigation.

Governor Napolitano appointed her to Division One of the Court of Appeals in 2006. She served as that court's Chief Judge, chaired the Phoenix Judicial Selection Advisory Board and was a member of the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct. She earned a Master's of Judicial Studies from Duke University and is a member of the American Law Institute.

She stepped down from the bench in February 2020 and now works part-time as Division One's Special Projects Attorney.

She was awarded the James A. Walsh Outstanding Jurist Award in 2020, and recently completed training to become a Court Appointed Special Advocate in Maricopa County.

