



**The Honorable Eileen Bond**  
*Chief Justice's Outstanding Contribution  
to the Arizona Courts Award*

Judge Eileen Bond (ret.), has been an invaluable resource to judges, attorneys and, most importantly, to the children and families involved in child welfare matters.

Judge Bond was in the second entering class at the ASU College of Law and graduated in 1971. She has worked in juvenile dependency matters for forty-five years, first representing the State Department of Economic Security (CPS) at the Attorney General's Office, and then representing parents and children as a contract attorney in Yavapai County.

She was appointed as a Yavapai County Judge Pro Tem in 2005 where she covered juvenile delinquency matters. Judge Bond was part of the team that started Family Drug Court in Arizona and then presided over that court for several years. She has been a member of the State Bar, Juvenile Law Section since 1997 and received the Terry Chandler Award for excellence in the field of juvenile law in 2004.

Judge Bond has worked with the AOC Dependent Children's Services Division's Court Improvement Project since its inception. In 2000, she was one of the creators of the AOC Dependency Attorney Training, and stayed on as a facilitator for many years, which included traveling to each county of the state on a bi-annual basis, and which is affectionately known as the "Dependency Roadshow." She shared her knowledge and experience with literally thousands of training participants through the years.

Another source of great pride is her volunteer service as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) since 2000 – first in Yavapai County and now in Pima County.

Judge Bond still works with the AOC Court Improvement Project and is currently leading a project to develop a new training for attorneys who represent parents in dependency matters titled "Guide to More Effective Communication and Representation."



## 2021 Distinguished Service Awards

June 24, 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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## **Donald W. Powell**

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



Donald Powell volunteers monthly with the Volunteer Lawyers Program Financial Distress Clinic and has regularly accepted pro bono cases. He has practiced bankruptcy law for 48 years in Phoenix.

Donald sits on the Volunteer Lawyers Program Advisory Committee and has been designated twice by the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services as a Top 50 Pro Bono Attorney in Arizona. He has served as a member of the State Bar of Arizona Board of Legal Specialization and as president of the Maricopa County Bar Association Foundation. He is a mentor in the University of Arizona Wildcat Mentor Society and has been named twice as co-mentor of the year.

Donald has helped no fewer than 129 families over his nearly 25 years of volunteering with Community Legal Services and the Volunteer Lawyers Program.

## **The Honorable Virlynn Tinnell**

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



Virlynn Tinnell is the recently retired Clerk of Mohave County Superior Court. She served as the Clerk of Superior Court from 1999 - 2021.

During her tenure as Clerk, Virlynn spearheaded or piloted many court-related advancements for Mohave County Superior Court, including Zoom Jury Selection, Debit Card restitution payments, E-Filing, E- Appeals, E-Warrants, and E-Evidence.

Virlynn started her career as a courtroom clerk. Over the next 20 years, she held multiple positions, including Judicial Assistant, Supreme Court Defensive Driving Monitor, Justice of the Peace Pro Tem, and Kingman Assistant City Clerk before becoming Clerk of the Superior Court and a Justice of the Peace.

Virlynn is a 2010 graduate of the Michigan State University Judicial Administration Program.

## **The Honorable Samuel A. Thumma**

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



Judge Sam Thumma is a judge on the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One. He served as the court's Chief Judge from 2017 to 2019.

Before being appointed to the Court of Appeals, Judge Thumma served as a Judge on the Superior Court in Maricopa County. During his five years on the bench he served on criminal and juvenile rotations and was an elected member of the Judicial Executive Committee.

Before joining the bench, Judge Thumma was a partner at Perkins Coie LLP in Phoenix (previously Brown & Bain, P.A.) and an associate at Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C.

He served as a law clerk for Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Stanley G. Feldman and Judge David R. Hansen, then on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa.

Judge Thumma received a Master of Laws from Duke University School of Law in 2020; graduated Order of the Coif from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1988, where he was a Note & Comment Editor on the Iowa Law Review; and graduated from Iowa State University in 1984, where he was a Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholar and a member of the Cardinal Key honor society.

In his community, Judge Thumma is active in the Phoenix Rotary 100 Club and has served in leadership positions in the American Red Cross, including as a member of the National Leadership Council, vice chair of the National Resolutions Committee and chair of the Grand Canyon Chapter.

Judge Thumma is a prolific writer and editor of legal journals and periodicals. He has presented at nearly 400 seminars internationally, nationally, and within Arizona and has chaired or co-chaired numerous committees for the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Arizona, and the Arizona Supreme Court.