

JUDICIAL CONFERENCE



2022 AWARDS  
*and the winners are...*

JUDICIAL CONFERENCE  
2022 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

JUNE 22, 2022  
JW MARRIOTT TUCSON STARR PASS RESORT & SPA

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AWARD

Presented by David K. Byers

PRO BONO AWARD

Presented by Chief Justice Robert Brutinel

JUDGE OF THE YEAR

Presented by Vice Chief Justice Ann A. Scott Timmer

CHIEF JUSTICE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO ARIZONA COURTS AWARD

Presented by Chief Justice Robert Brutinel

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*Awards*  
AGENDA





# Administration of JUSTICE AWARD

Mr. Joshua Halversen began serving in the Graham County Judiciary at age 28 and spent the last 17 years working in many different roles for the courts. Mr. Halversen began with the Graham County Clerk of Court as a finance specialist, where he helped establish FARE collections and other collections efforts in Graham County.

Since 2007, Mr. Halversen has served as the court administrator for the superior court, learning many aspects of the judiciary. As a small court administrator, Mr. Halversen has directly taken on multiple roles like security supervisor, dependency court coordinator, guardianship investigator, and back up “IT tech.” Mr. Halversen led the creation of the court’s security program and is involved hands-on in the daily functions of the courts.

Mr. Halversen took on the additional role of chief probation officer of Graham County Adult and Juvenile Probation in 2012. In the last decade, Mr. Halversen has immensely enjoyed leading adult and juvenile probation in many moments of growth with a treatment-focused approach. Following the lead of the presiding judges, Mr. Halversen has assisted in the creation of the county’s Adult Drug Court and Community Wellness programs. He guided the department through the closure of the local juvenile detention facility and the development of youth-specific programming. In his multiple roles, Mr. Halversen continues to strive in helping the individual gain access to justice and find paths to personal success.

**Joshua Halversen**  
Superior Court in Graham County

*Pro Bono*  
**SERVICE**  
AWARD



Phillip (Jay) McCarthy has been providing pro bono legal services for Arizona clients since moving from Alaska to Arizona in 1991. The majority of his pro bono work involves children's issues and representing victims of domestic violence, as well as a variety of family law and juvenile cases.

In one of Mr. McCarthy's pro bono cases, he has represented a victim of domestic violence for 11 years (2011 – 2022). In that case, there have been numerous family law hearings, the father's parental rights were eventually terminated, as well as numerous orders of protection hearings. Currently in that case, there is an upcoming criminal trial against the client's former spouse due to his ongoing stalking, harassment and charges of identity theft.

In another pro bono case, Mr. McCarthy represented a child and obtained Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for the child which allowed the child to remain in the United States. After several years of litigation, the child will soon be adopted by her grandmother.

**Phillip (Jay) McCarthy, Jr.**  
McCarthyWeston, PLLC

# Judge OF THE YEAR<sup>AWARD</sup>



Monica L. Stauffer was born and raised in Hereford, Texas along with her five brothers. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas with a major in psychology in May, 1978. In May, 1979, Ms. Stauffer received her Master's Degree in psychology from Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado. Thereafter, she worked in the counseling profession until 1983, when she enrolled in law school at California Western School of Law in San Diego, California. Ms. Stauffer received the Jurisprudence Award for trial practice, was a member of the Honors Board, and was the student commencement speaker at graduation.

Ms. Stauffer was a solo practitioner in her law office primarily practicing in Graham and Greenlee counties of Arizona from 1990 until November 1998, when Ms. Stauffer was elected Judge of the Superior Court in Greenlee County. As the only Superior Court Judge in Greenlee County, she also serves as Presiding Judge in all areas of the court. She was the Dean of the Judicial College of Arizona, elected as president for the Arizona Judges Association, and was the co-chair of the General Jurisdiction New Judge Orientation.

Other committees which Judge Stauffer has enjoyed serving on include the Arizona Judicial Council, Committee on Juvenile Court, Committee on Superior Court, Committee on Judicial Education and Training and the Court Leadership Institute of Arizona.

Judge Stauffer has presented programs at the State Bar Convention and the Arizona Judicial Conference on various topics.

After serving as a Judge for 24 years, Ms. Stauffer will be retiring at the end of this year. She and her husband Chris own and operate a custom fed beef business and actively participate in numerous community, civic and charitable organizations.

*Judge*  
**Monica Stauffer**  
Superior Court in Coconino County

*Outstanding*  
CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO THE COURT  
AWARD



Pam has served as the Presiding Civil Judge, the Associate Criminal Presiding Judge, and the Associate Presiding Judge (Downtown) for Family Court. She chairs Arizona's Task Force on Jury Data Collection, Policies, and Procedures and the Statewide Jury Selection Workgroup. She also co-chaired the Superior Court's committee tasked with improving access to justice and reforming the Court's resource center.

Her committee work also includes the Advisory Committee on the Rules of Evidence, the Steering Committee on Arizona Case Processing Standards, the Task Force on the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Committee on Superior Court, the Committee on Time Periods for Electronic Display of Superior Court Case Records, Data Quality Standards Committee, Our Courts Arizona, Arizona Task Force to Supplement Keeping of the Record by Electronic Means,

National State Court Remote Jury Pilot Group, the Superior Court Records Retention Schedule Revision Committee, and the Civil Practice and Procedure Committee. Pam also serves on the Jury Committee and chairs the Court's Data Integrity Committee.

Prior to becoming a judge, Pam worked as a partner at Bryan Cave LLP.

*Judge*  
**Pamela Gates**  
Superior Court in Maricopa County

# CONGRATULATIONS

*Winners!*



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