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Arizona Judges to Get New Training on Traffic Cases Thanks to Grant from Governor's Office of Highway Safety

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court has received a \$155,000 grant from the Arizona Governor’s Office of Highway Safety to bolster training for justice and city court judges who oversee traffic and DUI cases across the state. This initiative aims to improve the adjudication of nearly one million traffic charges annually, including approximately 51,000 DUI cases.

The grant will fund enhanced instruction in traffic law, case management, and DUI adjudication for more than 300 justices of the peace and magistrates serving in Arizona’s 170 city and justice courts. Training topics include jury trial management, victim impact, civil traffic procedures, updates to case law and legislation, and judicial ethics.

“This funding allows us to strengthen the professionalism and preparedness of Arizona’s judiciary,” said Joannie Collins, Education Services Division Director of the Arizona Supreme Court’s Administrative Office of the Courts. “It ensures that judges - especially those newer to the bench - receive the ongoing education needed to serve their communities fairly and effectively.”

The grant’s funding will allow judicial trainers to attend a national judicial education conference and bring back best practices and innovative approaches to traffic case adjudication. This aligns with the Arizona judicial branch’s “... *and Justice for All*” strategic agenda, which emphasizes the importance of a well-trained and responsive judicial workforce.

Given Arizona’s vast geography—ranking sixth in the nation with over 29,000 miles of roadways—the funding is especially impactful for judges in rural and remote areas. It ensures equitable access to training opportunities for courts outside the Phoenix metro area, helping maintain consistent standards of justice statewide.

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