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10 Nominees Announced for Opening on Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals

PHOENIX - The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments has recommended 10 nominees to Gov. Katie Hobbs for an opening on Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

The nominees for the opening created by the retirement of Hon. Paul J. McMurdie are:

- **Molly P. Brizgys**, Independent, attorney at Mitchell Stein Carey Chapman, PC
- **Sheena S. Chiang**, Democrat, owner of the Law Office of Sheena Chiang, PLLC
- **D. Andrew Gaona**, Democrat, partner with Coppersmith Brockelman, PLC
- **Grace M. Guisewite**, Independent, public defender at the Maricopa County Office of the Legal Advocate
- **Karen L. Johnson Stillwell**, Independent, assistant chief counsel with the City of Phoenix
- **Alice M. Jones**, Democrat, deputy solicitor general at the Arizona Attorney General's Office
- **Alexander W. Samuels**, Democrat, Principal Deputy Solicitor General at the Arizona Attorney General's Office
- **Mikel P. Steinfeld**, Democrat, attorney supervisor at the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office
- **Barry G. Stratford**, Independent, partner with Perkins Coie, LLP
- **Erik Thorson**, Democrat, Superior Court Judge in Maricopa County

The nominees' applications can be viewed on the Commission's website, azcourts.gov/inc.

Gov. Katie Hobbs will make the appointment.