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JUDICIAL NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments has recommended eight candidates to Governor Doug Ducey for two openings on the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Nominees for the openings created by the vacated seats of Judges Benjamin Norris and Emmet Ronan are: **Gregory Como**, 51, Democrat, of Scottsdale, a Partner at Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith LLP; **Dewain Fox**, 48, Republican, of Phoenix, a Partner at Sherman & Howard, LLC; **Stephen Hopkins**, 54, Republican, of Phoenix, Sole Practitioner in the firm of Hopkins Law Offices, P.L.C.; **Edith Lucero**, 45, Democrat, of Phoenix, an Administrative Law Judge for the Arizona Department of Transportation; **Steven Lynch**, 50, Democrat, of Chandler, Commissioner with the Maricopa County Superior Court; **Jeffrey Rueter**, 46, Republican, of Chandler, Commissioner with the Maricopa County Superior Court; **James Smith**, 44, Republican, of Phoenix, a Partner at Bryan Cave, LLP; and **Shellie Smith**, 51, Democrat, of Phoenix, a Commissioner with the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Governor Ducey will make the appointments.