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Arizona Foundation for Women Presents Founder's Award to Justice Berch

PHOENIX – Justice Rebecca White Berch today became the 14th Arizona woman to receive the [Arizona Foundation for Women](#)'s Founder's Award. The organization selected Justice Berch for “offering a model for ethical and human leadership, keeping priorities and values in order and serving as a role model for Arizona's women and children,” Foundation CEO Sara Presler said.

The Founder's Award was created in honor of Dr. Marilyn Seymann, a nationally recognized business and community leader who founded the non-profit in 1995. Justice Berch's nomination for the award was supported unanimously by the Foundation's 21-member Board of Directors.

The Arizona Foundation for Women honors Arizonans who have turned a vision for improving the lives of others into reality. The Foundation also supports numerous programs aimed at inspiring young women; increasing financial literacy; ending sexual assault, domestic violence and sex trafficking; and funding non-profits working toward related goals.

“It was an honor to be recognized with the Founder's Award on the Foundation's 20th anniversary,” said Justice Berch. “I was honored along with Cindy McCain, who earned the Foundation's Sandra Day O'Connor Lifetime Achievement Award primarily for her work to prevent sex-trafficking. I hope the acknowledgement of our work by the Arizona Foundation for Women inspires others to pursue excellence and achieve audacious goals.”

Justice Berch was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court in 2002 after serving as a Judge on the Arizona State Court of Appeals for Division 1. She became Chief Justice and served in that role from 1999 to 2014.

Chief Justice Berch serves on the United States Conference of Chief Justices, the Board of Trustees of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, as Vice-Chair of the ABA Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, and in several other public positions. She speaks regularly on law-related topics to students, civic groups, and legal organizations.

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