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## **JUDGE TIMOTHY WRIGHT APPOINTED PRESIDING JUDGE FOR GILA COUNTY**

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court today appointed the Honorable Timothy M. Wright to a three-year term as Presiding Judge of Gila County. The Arizona Supreme Court has the responsibility of selecting each county’s presiding judge.

Judge Wright was appointed to the Superior Court bench in Gila County in January. Since 1996, Judge Wright has served the people of Arizona, first as Deputy County Attorney in Gila County, then as Senior Assistant City Prosecutor for the City of Peoria, AZ, and as Payson Town Attorney from 2002 until his appointment to the Superior Court.

“Judge Wright has devoted his entire legal career to public service. His experience as a county and city prosecutor gives him perspective on public safety. When he was Town Attorney, the Town Council, its boards, and staff relied on him for legal guidance. This background provides a solid foundation for the role of Presiding Judge,” Chief Justice Scott Bales explained.

Presiding Judge Peter Cahill’s retirement created the vacancy that Judge Wright will fill. His term is effective July 1, 2015, and will end June 30, 2018, unless extended by the Supreme Court.

Presiding Judges in Arizona take on extra duties and serve as the chief executive officer of the courts in the county, overseeing all aspects of court business, including financial management. The Presiding Judge oversees case assignments, and helps set the court calendar. They also monitor the performance of the courts to ensure that cases are processed in a timely manner.

Judge Wright earned his undergraduate degree in Marketing from the Arizona State University College of Business. He is a 1995 graduate of Arizona State University’s Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law.

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