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JUDICIAL NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments has recommended 20 candidates to Governor Doug Ducey for six openings on the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Nominees for the openings created by the departures of Judges Mark Aceto, A. Craig Blakey, Norman Davis, Bethany Hicks, Thomas LeClaire, and Gerald Porter are: **Alison Bachus**, 37, Independent, of Phoenix, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Senior Counsel with the U.S. Department of Justice; **Gregory Como**, 51, Democrat, of Scottsdale, a Partner at Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith LLP; **Kristin Culbertson**, 40, Republican, of Phoenix, a Shareholder at Littler Mendelson, P.C.; **Kimberly Demarchi**, 39, Democrat, of Phoenix, a Partner at Lewis, Roca, Rothgerber, LLP; **Mark House**, 42, Republican, of Phoenix, a Partner at Becker & House, PLLC; **Michelle Johnson**, 42, Democrat, of Phoenix, Sole Practitioner at the Law Offices of Michelle Johnson, PLC; **Todd Lang**, 49, Independent, of Phoenix, Assistant U.S. Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona; **Kerstin G. LeMaire**, 46, Independent, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Maricopa County Superior Court; **Steven Lynch**, 51, Democrat, of Chandler, Commissioner with the Maricopa County Superior Court; **Sharon Ng**, 34, Independent, of Chandler, a Partner at Stinson, Leonard, Street, LLP; **Erin O'Brien Otis**, 39, Democrat, of Chandler, Commissioner with the Maricopa County Superior Court; **Joshua Rogers**, 38, Republican, of Mesa, a Shareholder at Kunz, Plitt, Hyland & Demlong, P.C.; **Aryeh Schwartz**, 44, Democrat, of Scottsdale, Sole Practitioner in the firm of Schwartz Law Firm, P.L.L.C.; **Louis Seletos**, 60, Republican, of Glendale, Staff Counsel for Farmers Insurance Exchange; **Shellie Smith**, 52, Democrat, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Maricopa County Superior Court; **Ronee K. Steiner**, 46, Democrat, of Paradise Valley, a Partner at Korbin Steiner & Marquis; **Howard Sukenic**, 53, Republican, of Phoenix, Assistant U.S. Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona; **Annielaurie Van Wie**, 44, Independent, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Maricopa County Superior Court; **Lisa VandenBerg**, 42, Democrat, of Tolleson, Commissioner with the Maricopa County Superior Court; and **Roy Whitehead**, 54, Democrat, of Phoenix, Sole Practitioner at the Law Offices of R.C. Whitehead, PLLC.

Governor Ducey will make the appointments.