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## **US Supreme Court Chief Justice Names Chief Justice Scott Bales to Judicial Conference Committee**

PHOENIX – United States Chief Justice John Roberts, Jr. has appointed Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Scott Bales as a member of the Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction of the Judicial Conference of the United States. This 14-member committee is comprised of U.S. circuit judges, district judges, a bankruptcy judge, a magistrate judge, and four state supreme court chief justices, all of whom are appointed by the Chief Justice of the United States.

The Committee considers issues related to the structure and jurisdiction of the federal courts and the allocation of jurisdiction between state and federal courts, and it makes recommendations to the Judicial Conference, the policy making body for the federal judiciary. The Committee also serves as a conduit for communications on matters of mutual concern between the federal judiciary and state courts.

“Class actions and mass torts, immigration reform, diversity jurisdiction, and habeas corpus procedures are a few of the cross-jurisdictional issues the Committee has considered. I look forward to contributing to vigorous discussions about state and federal issues that arise in our courts,” Chief Justice Bales said. “It is an honor to be appointed by our nation’s Chief Justice.”

Chief Justice Bales was appointed for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2015 through October 1, 2018.

For more information about the Judicial Conference of the United States, please see <http://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/governance-judicial-conference/about-judicial-conference>.