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Chief Justice Presents Annual Strategic Agenda Awards

PHOENIX – Each year, the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court presents awards to individuals, teams, or projects that support each of the five main goals outlined in the Strategic Agenda for Arizona’s Courts entitled *Advancing Justice Together: Courts & Communities*. A subcommittee of volunteers from the Arizona Judicial Council opens a nomination period, reviews nominations and selects the winner(s) for the five goals.

The awards were presented on Tuesday, October 20 to:

- Mental Health Court in Yuma County Superior Court for supporting Goal 1: *Promoting Access to Justice*.
- Evidence Based Pretrial Services efforts undertaken by Kathy Waters of the Administrative Office of the Courts for supporting Goal 2: *Protecting Children, Families, and Communities*.
- Office of the Court Interpreter Software Project at the Superior Court in Pima County for supporting Goal 3: *Improving Court Processes to Better Serve the Public*.
- Maricopa County Justice Courts’ Best Practices for Ensuring Access to Justice for Self-Represented Litigants for supporting Goal 4: *Enhancing Professionalism within Arizona’s Courts*. This award was presented to the three authors of the Best Practice, Presiding Justice of the Peace C. Steven McMurry, Justice of the Peace Gerald Williams, and Judicial Education Officer Charles Adornetto.
- Community Advisory Board for Juvenile Court in Pinal County for the Baby Care Bag Project supporting Goal 5: *Improving Communications and Community Participation*.

Detailed information about the winners and their projects is contained in the awards program at <http://www.azcourts.gov/Portals/86/AwardBrochure/2015StrategicAgendaAwards.pdf> or by using this shortened URL <http://goo.gl/n7PZZC>.

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