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Arizona Court of Appeals Visiting Cochise County for Student Events at Two High Schools

TUCSON – Division Two of the Arizona Court of Appeals, in conjunction with the Superior Court in Cochise County, will be holding a student interaction event at two different schools. Judges will visit Tombstone and Benson High Schools on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Students will have face-to-face contact with judges from the Arizona Court of Appeals, as well as from the Superior Court in Cochise County.

“We will start with what we call *Pathways to the Bench*, discussing our diverse backgrounds and how we came to be on the Court,” Division Two Court of Appeals Chief Judge Peter Eckerstrom explained. “Then we are going engage the students in *Fundamentals of the Courts and Law*, which involves interactive dialogue about how the courts work in Arizona, how the decision-making process works, the kinds of cases we tackle, and the role of the judiciary.”

The Court of Appeals and two judges from the Superior Court will split into two groups with judges from both courts visiting Tombstone and Benson High Schools from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

After the classroom visits, the judges will enjoy a lunch prepared by students from the Tombstone High School Culinary Arts Program with local judges and court personnel. Both efforts aim to improve court and community participation, one of the goals outlined in the Arizona Supreme Court’s Strategic Agenda called *Advancing Justice Together: Courts & Communities*.

Division Two of the Arizona Court of Appeals held events of a similar format in Gila, Pinal, and Santa Cruz counties. Six judges serve on Division Two of the Arizona Court of Appeals. There are also five staff attorneys, a Clerk of the Court of Appeals, and support personnel.

For more information about the court system, please go to www.azcourts.gov.

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