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Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two

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

TUCSON – Division Two of the Arizona Court of Appeals, in conjunction with the Superior Court in Gila County, will be holding a student interaction event at two different schools. Judges will visit Globe High School and Miami High School on Thursday, February 9, 2017. Students will have face-to-face classroom contact with judges from the Arizona Court of Appeals, as well as from the Superior Court in Gila County.

“First, in what we are calling *Pathways to the Bench*, we will briefly discuss 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 to begin *Fundamentals of the Courts and Law*, which will involve interactive dialogue about how the courts work in Arizona, how the decision-making process works, the kinds of cases we tackle, the role of the judiciary, and so forth.”

On Thursday, February 9, 2017, the Court of Appeals and Superior Court Judges will split into two groups with judges from both courts visiting Globe and Miami High Schools from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

After the classroom visits, the judges will convene at the Gila County Courthouse in Globe for a meeting and luncheon with Superior Court judges and staff. Following the lunch, judges from the trial courts and appeals court will discuss challenges and opportunities related to recent rule changes, jurisdictional issues, juvenile courts, and other matters. 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*. This document outlines strategic initiatives for all of the courts in Arizona.

Division Two of the Arizona Court of Appeals hopes to replicate this format in all of the counties it serves, which include courts in Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Pima, 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 office, and support personnel who help schedule or prepare cases for court.

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

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