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Justice Andrew Gould Takes Oath, Accepts Gavel & Robe at Friday Investiture in Yuma

YUMA – Justice Andrew W. Gould was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court in 2016 for a term that began in January 2017. Although he started his judicial duties in January, he and his Judicial Assistant, Donna Lewandowski, wanted to have his formal investiture in his adopted hometown of Yuma where he began his career as a public servant as a prosecutor and then a judge.

The ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Phil Townsend, followed by an invocation by Pastor Phillip Krueger. Governor Ducey's Chief Counsel Mike Liburdi offered some brief remarks about the selection process and Justice Gould's qualifications. With five of his Supreme Court colleagues seated on the dais, Justice Gould stood with his wife, Connie, to be sworn in by Chief Justice Scott Bales. Then Justice Gould accepted a gavel presented by Brian Furuya of the State Bar of Arizona. Gould's wife, Connie and his children George and Anna, helped him put on his judicial robe.

The Justice's brother, Clifford Gould, offered some poignant remarks about his brother's faith and told two stories about how both of them had been humbled by certain experiences. Clifford Gould wove the theme of humility throughout his remarks,

reminding his brother and the hundreds assembled for the investiture of the importance of humility, regardless of how lofty or important one's position might be.

Justice Gould then took the podium and, with equal doses of humor and stories about starting his public service career in Yuma, he talked about life lessons, sacrifices and the role of people who inspired him to pursue his life's work.

Gould was appointed by Governor Doug Ducey, after the Arizona legislature voted and Ducey signed a bill expanding the court from five members to seven. Gould most recently served five years on Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeals, Justice Gould spent 11 years as a Judge of the Superior Court in Yuma County, where he served as both Associate Presiding Judge and Presiding Judge.

He began his legal career in Phoenix, Arizona, practicing in the field of civil litigation. In 1994, he became a Deputy County Attorney, prosecuting major criminal cases for Yuma and Maricopa Counties. He served as Chief Civil Deputy for the Yuma County Attorney's Office from 1999-2001.

Justice Gould received his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law in 1990 and his B.A., Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Montana in 1986.

A video feed of Justice Gould's investiture is posted at <http://www.azcourts.gov/AZ-Supreme-Court/Live-Archived-Video>. His complete biography is at <http://www.azcourts.gov/meetthejustices/Justice-Andrew-Gould>.