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American Judges Association Honors Arizona Chief Justice Award of Merit

PHOENIX – The American Judges Association presented Arizona Chief Justice Scott Bales with its 2018 Chief Justice Richard W. Holmes Award of Merit, at its recent annual conference.

The Award is named in honor of one of the Association’s founding members who also served as Chief Justice of Kansas and is given “*to a judge for outstanding contributions to the judiciary.*”

In a letter sent to Justice Bales, the award committee noted it was impressed and inspired by his accomplishments with promoting access to justice, protecting children, families, and communities, and improving court processes.

Past winners from Arizona include U.S. Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, awarded in 1981, and former Arizona Chief Justice Thomas Zlaket, awarded in 2000.

Earlier this month, Justice Bales was also notified that he was selected by the Justice Management Institute as the recipient of its [2018 Ernest C. Friesen Award of Excellence](#), recognizing his leadership and achievements in enhancing and improving the administration of justice.

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