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Judge David M. Haws Reappointed Presiding Judge for Yuma County

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court has reappointed the Honorable David M. Haws to the post of Presiding Judge for the Superior Court in Yuma County. Judge Haws was appointed to the Superior Court in Yuma County in 2012 and became presiding judge in 2017. His new three-year term is through June 30, 2022.

In announcing the reappointment, Chief Justice Scott Bales stated, “Judge Haws has done an outstanding job in leading the courts in Yuma County and supporting innovations to promote greater access to justice. I am pleased that he will continue to serve as the presiding judge.”

In accepting the appointment, Judge Haws said, “When I accepted the position of presiding judge in 2017 I pledged to work hard to make sure our court continues as a model of fairness and efficiency and that I would strive to assure access to justice to all of the residents of Yuma County. Through online dispute resolution, electronic filing, and our self-service center that leverages technology to reach beyond our borders, and other projects, we are exceeding those promises, with more improvements underway.”

Presiding Judges in Arizona serve as the chief executive officer of the county courts, having administrative authority over the courts, judicial officers, and court employees in their county. The Presiding Judge oversees case assignments, court calendars, financial management, and helps set the court’s strategic agenda. They also monitor the performance of the courts to ensure that cases are processed timely. Judge Haws will receive no additional compensation for his duties and responsibilities as Presiding Judge.

Before joining the Superior Court, Judge Haws worked as a criminal prosecutor for more than 20 years at the Yuma County Attorney's Office and handled civil and criminal litigation at the

Phoenix office of Fennemore Craig. Judge Haws graduated with honors from J. Reuben Clarke Law School and received his undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University.

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