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Governor Ducey Appoints Judge James Beene as Supreme Court Justice

PHOENIX – Governor Doug Ducey appointed [Arizona Court of Appeals Judge James P. Beene](#) as Arizona’s newest Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Judge Beene fills the vacancy created by former Justice John Pelander’s retirement in March.

Judge Beene was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 2016. Prior to joining the Court of Appeals, Judge Beene spent 7 years with the Maricopa County Superior Court where he presided over juvenile, family, and criminal court cases.

Judge Beene received his J.D. from the University of Arizona and his B.A., from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Governor Ducey’s announcement is available at <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2019/04/governor-ducey-appoints-james-p-beene-supreme-court-arizona>.

Supreme Court justices appear on the statewide election ballot for retention two years after their initial appointment and every six years thereafter.

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