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## **Judge Dan Slayton Appointed Presiding Judge for Coconino County**

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court has appointed [the Honorable Dan Slayton](#) to the post of Presiding Judge for the Superior Court in Coconino County, effective July 1, 2019 when the Honorable Mark Moran completes his term as Presiding Judge. Judge Slayton began his work in superior court in 2005, when then-Presiding Judge Fred Newton appointed him as a full-time judge *pro tem*. Judge Slayton was elected to the bench in 2010 and has presided over domestic relations, civil, and criminal cases. He currently presides over Coconino County’s probate cases. Judge Slayton’s three-year term as presiding judge is through June 30, 2022.

In announcing the appointment, Chief Justice Scott Bales stated, “Judge Slayton will be an outstanding leader as the next presiding judge for Coconino County. He has a long commitment to promoting access to justice and public understanding of our court system. His broad experience in civil and criminal justice – including working with juveniles, as an adult probation officer, as a deputy county attorney, and as a justice of the peace – will help him manage the courts and work with others in the justice system.”

In accepting the appointment, Judge Slayton said, “I’m honored to have been appointed to this position. I appreciate Judge Moran’s leadership as Presiding Judge and he is handing over a well-functioning court system. I am looking forward to continuing his good work and carrying out the strategic agenda of the Chief Justice and our county’s Justice 2025 initiatives.”

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 Slayton will receive no additional compensation for his duties and responsibilities as Presiding Judge.

Judge Slayton's extensive public service extends years before his appointment and election to the Superior Court. He was a juvenile corrections officer, an adult probation officer, and a deputy county attorney. Between 1999 and 2005, Judge Slayton served as a justice of the peace. In addition to his public service on the bench, Judge Slayton is active in the community. He has served on several school boards, is a regular speaker on legal topics, speaks at both DUI impact and domestic violence impact panels, and his past and present professional associations include the American Judicature Society, American Judges Association, Arizona Judges Association, and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. He is also chair of the Coconino County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Judge Slayton is a fourth-generation native of Flagstaff. He graduated from Northern Arizona University with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology, received a Master's degree in Justice Studies from Arizona State University, and received his law degree from the University of Puget Sound School of Law (now Seattle University Law School).

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