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## **Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant Advances Judicial Education**

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court received a \$42,530 grant from the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety that will be used to enhance training for judges on traffic laws, case management and DUI. The grant also makes it possible to send judicial trainers to expand their skills and knowledge about traffic matters by attending a national judicial education conference.

The judicial training will reach justice court and city court judges who collectively adjudicate more than one million traffic charges annually – including about 59,000 DUI charges. More than 100 hearing officers and judges will receive instruction in areas of DUI trial flow, distracted driving, civil and criminal traffic issues, criminal disposition reporting, forensic evidence in DUI cases, time standards and calendar management, evidence and objections, and commercial driver licenses.

Goal four of the Arizona judicial branch strategic agenda *Justice for the Future: Planning for Excellence – Enhancing Professionalism Within Arizona Courts* states "...we must continue refining our efforts to maintain a high level of service and professionalism throughout the court system." To develop and maintain a strong core of judicial officers, the Arizona judicial branch ensures that judges who are newer to the bench receive ongoing training and development opportunities. More experienced judges share their knowledge, courtroom experience, and best practices to provide new judges with the information and tools they need to effectively manage court cases. Grant-funded educational sessions will yield additional ongoing benefits as staff and judges in Arizona courts process DUI and traffic cases fairly, efficiently, and effectively.

Arizona is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest state in the U.S. by geographical size with over 29,000 miles of roadways. Many of Arizona's roads reach rural and distant areas of the state, which fall into the jurisdiction of Arizona's local courts. Funding from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety allows many judges from rural courts or those outside the Phoenix area to attend this valuable training.

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