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## JUDICIAL NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments has recommended 13 candidates to Governor Doug Ducey for three openings on the Superior Court in Maricopa County.

Nominees for the openings created by the retirement of Judge Karen O'Connor and the resignation of Judges Erin O'Brien Otis and Jose S. Padilla are:

- **Julie Ashworth LaFave**, Democrat, of Tempe, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **Glenn A. Allen**, Republican, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **Monica N. Bellapralu Edelstein**, Democrat, of Scottsdale, Assistant United States Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office.
- **Stasy D. Click**, Republican, of Phoenix, Attorney and Sole Shareholder of the Law Office of Stasy Click.
- **Francisca J. Cota**, Republican, of Phoenix, Judge of the Phoenix Municipal Court.
- **Marvin L. Davis**, Democrat, of Chandler, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **Julie A. Mata**, Republican, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **David E. McDowell**, Independent, of Scottsdale, Partner and Director of the Litigation Department of the Rose Law Group, PC.
- **Suzanne M. Nicholls**, Republican, of Gilbert, Deputy Public Advocate for the Maricopa County Office of the Public Advocate.
- **Sigmund G. Popko**, Democrat, of Tempe, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **Michael Z. Rassas**, Republican, of Phoenix, Assistant Attorney General at the Arizona Attorney General's Office.
- **Andrew J. Russell**, Independent, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.
- **Aryeh D. Schwartz**, Democrat, of Scottsdale, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County.

Governor Ducey will make the appointments.