



Arizona Commission on Access to
Justice
Annual Report
2019

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From the Chief Justice



“The Arizona judiciary leads the nation in identifying and implementing best practices to transform the judicial branch from a system designed for judges and lawyers to a system open (and understandable) to all participants, regardless of their financial status, physical limitations or ability to obtain legal representation. While the judicial branch has made significant improvements in promoting access to our courts, more is needed to ensure equal access for all Arizonans.”

– Chief Justice Robert M. Brutinel

From the Arizona Commission on Access to Justice Chair



Judge Lawrence F. Winthrop

Promoting Access to Justice is the number one goal of the Arizona Supreme Court's 2019 – 2024 Strategic Agenda.

Our court system is designed to work best with people being represented by lawyers, but the cost and availability of legal help, particularly in our rural areas, is a challenge for many Arizonans, and a true barrier for the most vulnerable members of our community: those living in poverty, victims of domestic or elder abuse, those with physical and emotional disabilities, homeless veterans, and those with transportation issues, child care and employment obligations. We have civil legal aid lawyers, and volunteer lawyer programs associated with legal aid agencies and other non-profit organizations, but they simply can't meet the growing need. The incidence of self-represented litigants is a reality in all our courts, and that percentage is clearly increasing. In short, meaningful access to justice remains a challenge across the United States, including Arizona.

The Arizona Commission on Access to Justice (ACAJ) was created in 2014, in part, to identify potential innovations to assist self-represented litigants and to encourage collaboration throughout the state on access to justice issues. Some of those programs have been described in earlier reports, and we provide an update here, as well as a brief outline of current and future projects.

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, as citizens we commit ourselves to the goal of equal access to justice for all;
and

WHEREAS, promotion of meaningful access to justice for all Arizonans helps build confidence in the legal system; and

WHEREAS, most clients for indigent civil legal aid services are single heads of household with children and many among them are victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, it is important to secure to all persons, particularly those with limited financial resources, professional legal help, and meaningful access to the courts, thereby creating meaningful opportunities to preserve families, protect victims of crime, and uphold protection for all under the law; and

WHEREAS, many organizations and individuals – lawyers, legal professionals, judges, court staff, and volunteers – work valiantly to promote equal access to justice for all, and their efforts deserve our support and recognition; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate over 100 years of Arizona’s legal community and judiciary working to assure equal access to justice for all Arizonans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as

ACCESS TO JUSTICE MONTH



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twentieth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Third.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

Statewide Virtual Resource Centers



The AZCourtHelp.org website is a collaborative virtual legal resource center created and maintained by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Arizona Bar Foundation and the Coconino County Law Library. Recent hubs have been added to local law libraries or resource centers in Yuma, Mohave, Pima, and Yavapai Counties.

- Contains over 1,500 pages of information for self-represented litigants.
- Articles added in 2019 detail processes, statutes, frequently asked questions, and audio podcasts relating to familial and non-familial adoptions.
- The top three pages visited last year were: Electronic Court Records (31,450 views), ¿Qué significa “días calendario”? (29,966 views), and Forms (20,940 views).
- In January 2019 a traffic web portal was developed which contains both civil and criminal processes and has since been viewed over 18,586 times.
- For further ADA compatibility, 302 forms formatted into PDFs are now audio enabled to assist those with reading difficulties.
- Using the Legal Aid Resource page, over 4,369 visitors to AZCourtHelp.org have found information and videos describing various legal resources in Arizona since it was made public.

Legal Talks

Free Legal Talks are held at the Coconino County Law Library in the Legal Talks classroom. The talks are broadcast live so that anyone can attend from their home computer or mobile device. Libraries and community centers around the state host the live broadcasts for their customers. In addition, Legal Talks videos are available at the AZCourtHelp.org website.

Legal Talks Subjects

Adoption
Adult Guardianship and Conservatorship
Bankruptcy
Changing Custody Orders
Child Support Services
Court Basics for Friends and Relatives Raising Children

Estate and Probate Planning
Family Court 101
Getting Parental Control of Someone Else's Child
How to Represent Yourself in Court
Landlord/Tenant Q&A Clinic
Planning for Health Emergencies

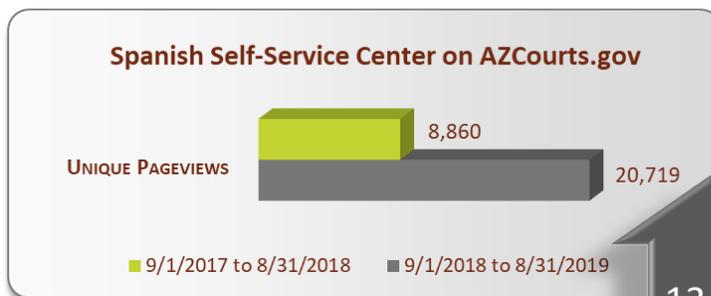
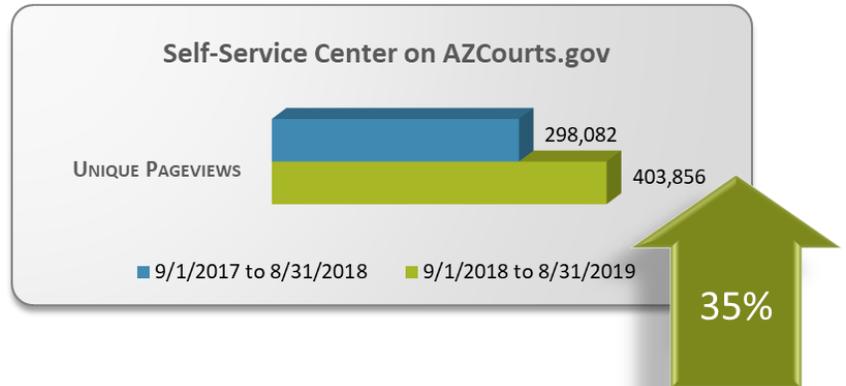
In addition, the Arizona Bar Foundation supports a number of specialty websites providing useful information about Arizona law and our legal system.



Self-Service Center and Legal Info Hub

The Arizona Supreme Court continues to enhance and expand the content of its online Self-Service Center and Legal Info Hub, making it easier for litigants to navigate and find information. The online information is now available in both English and Spanish.

English Pageviews – an increase of 35 percent between September 2018 – August 2019.



Spanish Pageviews – an increase of 134 percent between September 2018 – August 2019.

Legal Info Hub



Fee Waiver & Deferral tiles were added on all forms' webpages for easier access.

Pages were developed for Types of Legal Representation and Air Conditioning Issues. New pages are in development for Life Care Planning, Language Assistance, and Warrants. As new content is developed, it will be available in both English and Spanish.

Legal Info Sheets

The Legal Info Sheets were converted from printable documents to searchable webpages, making them easier to access online. Additionally, a new "Legal Process Sheet" format was created, providing a visual for the step-by-step process of a specific case type. New Legal Process Sheets were added for eviction actions and juvenile adjudication set-aside procedures.

eAccess

In a continuing effort to promote access to justice, the Arizona Supreme Court launched a web-based portal called eAccess. It provides convenient 24/7 online access to case information and documents that are available to the public, attorneys, government users, the media, and *pro se* litigants.

Case documents are available for a fee. For more information go to azcourts.gov/eaccess/



Online Dispute Resolution

At the recommendation of the ACAJ, the Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts in 2019 developed and launched pilot projects for several courts using an Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) platform and will continue to evaluate these programs through March 2020.

In the pilot courts, ODR is a free option that allows court customers to participate in their court case over the internet without requiring the participants to take time off from work or travel to a courthouse. The portal is available 24/7 and can be accessed at the customer's convenience via a computer or mobile device.

Family Court Results

Pilot courts and court users in Yuma and Pinal counties have been using the platform as a method for mediating both pre-decree and post-decree family matters.

Although there has been an early trend in the family court pilots for one of the parties to “opt out” of this process, mediators have found the program helpful in the negotiation process, particularly when there is a history of domestic abuse allegations.

Surveys have been sent to litigants to help identify any barriers there may be in resolving family matters in this way. Results and outcomes of over 100 cases have shown that some case types might be better suited for this type of medium.

Scottsdale City Court

Scottsdale City Court has been providing this service for misdemeanor cases but is also now able to offer an online solution for eligible parking violation hearings, providing these litigants the opportunity to submit their testimony or statements online via their phones, tablets, or computers. The case is then reviewed and decided by a judge without the need for litigants to appear at the court.

Pilot projects are also underway in Maricopa County for family law and credit card debt cases. To date, these courts have processed over 100 registrations for participation.

Law Library Resource Center

In partnership with AmeriCorps, the Maricopa County Law Library Resource Center operates and manages a court navigator program, formally known as Providing Access to Court Services (PACS).

The court trains and supervises qualified undergraduate students who serve court customers in the Customer Service and Protective Order areas and at the Information Desks. They provide navigational and court escort assistance, forms assistance, and serve as scribes for customers when needed. Many of these individuals speak other languages, which extends the court's efforts to provide meaningful access to justice. Additionally, some of the PACS staff also teach life skills courses for Drug Court.

These students can earn college credit and a monetary stipend for their service and, to date, a significant percentage go on to attend law school or to work in court systems in Arizona and other states.



Left to right: PACS members at a Diamondbacks game honoring AmeriCorps members; PACS members assisting with a Law Day clinic at Arizona State University; PACS members assisting with Adoption Day at Maricopa County Superior Court



391,741 Customers Assisted



5,718 Customers Escorted



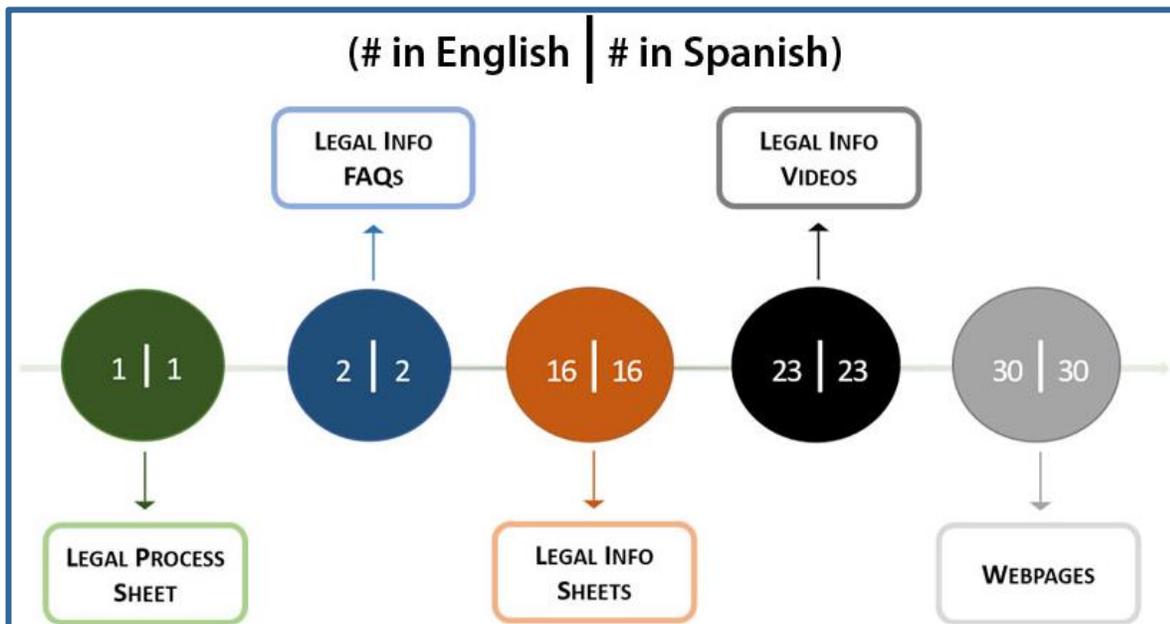
75,031 Hours Served



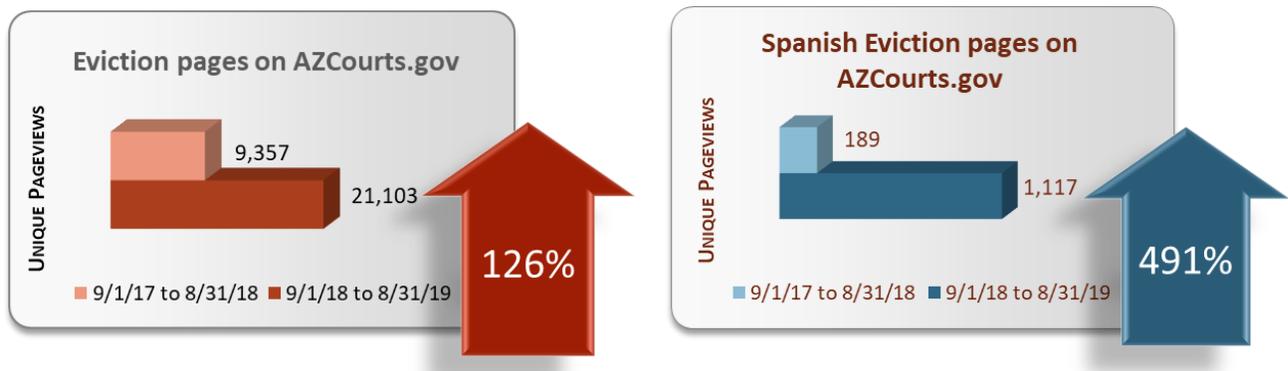
Access to Justice Commission Workgroup Reports

Self-Represented Litigants in Limited Jurisdiction Courts (SRL-LJC)

After over two years of collaborative work, the Self-Represented Litigants in Limited Jurisdiction Courts Workgroup (SRL-LJC), created and released online videos, info sheets, FAQs, and glossaries for self-represented litigants in landlord-tenant matters. These resources can be found on the azcourts.gov and AZCourtHelp.org websites in English at www.azcourts.gov/eviction and in Spanish at www.azcourts.gov/desalojo. With the assistance of the Public Messaging and Information Workgroup (PIM), members briefed media outlets about these new resources and made a number of presentations to social service agencies and community groups that deal with landlord-tenant issues.



The marketing push resulted in increased web traffic to www.azcourts.gov websites.



After considering a number of other topics that impact self-represented litigants in the limited jurisdiction courts, the workgroup will be working on consumer debt issues in 2020, looking to educate the public concerning their legal rights, and developing FAQs, Legal Info Sheets, forms, webinars and “how to” videos to assist self-represented litigants facing these issues.

Inter-Governmental Collaboration Workgroup (IGCW)

Government works best when the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches collaborate in resolving common problems. Simply stated, this is “good government.”

The concept of inter-governmental collaboration is not new in Arizona. Twenty years ago, the executive branch, the judiciary and the legal community joined forces to create the Domestic Violence Legal Assistance Project, a collaborative effort that trains lay legal advocates, coordinates with legal aid agencies and volunteer lawyers, and provides legal services to DV victims and 13 domestic violence shelters across the state. This project, administered by the Arizona Bar Foundation, has to date provided civil legal assistance to over 125,000 victims of domestic violence.

Justice in Government

Through the ACAJ, Arizona is currently part of a multi-state pilot project, “Justice in Government,” designed to demonstrate how adding legal aid to the constituent services provided by certain government agencies – particularly those who serve the poverty and other vulnerable populations – actually advances the publicly identified policy goals and initiatives of those agencies. And, existing federal funding already allocated to Arizona can be utilized to cover the cost of such legal services. The project is modeled after the successful Department of Justice Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable (LAIR) and is facilitated by Karen Lash of American University.

Governor Ducey has created several multi-agency task forces to investigate and make recommendations to assist those Arizonans reintegrating into society following their release from prison, to assist victims of the opioid crisis, and to assist our homeless population.

For example, in furtherance of the work of the task force concerning reentry, the Governor recently created multiple “Second Chance Centers” to assist those leaving prison to reintegrate into society. Members of the IGCW workgroup met with task force representatives from the Corrections, Economic Security, Housing and Health Services Departments to identify legal barriers facing these individuals and to demonstrate how providing civil legal aid services can eliminate or reduce those barriers, can advance each agency’s policy goals, and thus achieve the collective goal of “good government.” Existing federal funding sources to pay for those legal services were also identified.

Similarly, as it relates to the opioid crisis task force, the workgroup anticipates meeting with representatives of that task force in 2020 to identify how civil legal aid services can assist children, kinship providers and other victims of the opioid crisis. There is existing federal and state funding available to cover the anticipated cost of those legal services.

IGCW Accomplishment — Funding Awarded for Developing Technology to Assist Arizona Crime Victims

In late 2018, the Arizona Bar Foundation was awarded a cooperative agreement grant (2018-V3-GX-K010) from the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office for Victims of Crime to develop and implement technology to expand and enhance access to civil legal information and resources for Arizona victims of crime.

The Bar Foundation has partnered with the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence and Arizona’s three civil legal aid providers: Community Legal Services, DNA People’s Legal Services, and Southern Arizona Legal Aid to lead a statewide network of stakeholders in the development of technology aimed at expanding and enhancing crime victim access to civil legal information and resources.

Throughout 2019, the Bar Foundation and its partners have focused on developing tools to better understand the civil legal needs of Arizona’s crime victims, an online portal to support a virtual crime victim civil legal help center, and civil legal content to inform Arizona crime victims of their rights and protections under the law. This new online resource is expected to launch in the fall of 2020.

Public Information and Messaging Workgroup (PIM)

Members of this workgroup continue to make presentations in the community and post valuable information on social media to educate the public about the work of the Commission and legal resource options. In that regard, thousands of postcards, business cards and posters have been distributed to all general and limited jurisdiction courts, to public libraries, to court self-help centers, to community organizations and to state agencies to encourage Arizonans to access legal information resources available through the Arizona Supreme Court, the State Bar and AZCourtHelp.org.



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DELIVERED**

**2018 - 8,050
2019 - 6,630**

**2018 - 92
2019 - 147**

AZCourtHelp.org
Virtual Legal Resource Center

**Real Help in
Real Time**

FREE Resources

- Court forms
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- Court location information
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- And More!

**2018 - 69
2019 - 96**

AZCourtHelp.org
Centro Virtual de Recursos Legales

**Ayuda Real
En Tiempo Real**

Recursos GRATUITOS

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- Cómo llegar a los tribunales
- Respuestas a preguntas frecuentes
- Y más!

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- Live Chat
- Court Locations
- Legal Glossary

Eviction?

Need help?

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Desalojo?

¿Necesitas ayuda?

azcourts.gov/desalojo

14,330



AzCourtHelp.org
Arizona Courts Helping You

**2018 - 11,325
2019 - 5,698**

**AZCOURTHELP.ORG
BUSINESS CARDS**



ALL NUMBERS CURRENT AS OF 11/07/19

PIM Education and Promotion — AZPOINT Portal

AZPOINT will be the statewide portal for starting the process of getting a protective order, effective in January 2020.

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission is taking the lead on public outreach and education, however, the Commission on Access to Justice and the PIM workgroup are working with the judicial branch to provide public education, explanatory materials and forms, and training for judicial officers and court staff.



“How To” videos, prepared with assistance from volunteer law librarians and other court staff, will be posted on YouTube and various court and legal resource sites. These videos will identify circumstances where a protective order may be needed, will explain and demonstrate the protective order process, and will assist Arizonans in accessing the appropriate court to seek such an order.

Judicial and Attorney Engagement Workgroup

The Judicial and Attorney Engagement Workgroup is working with the Arizona Attorney General’s Office and the United States Attorney’s Office to create a “menu” of *pro bono* opportunities for their attorneys.

The workgroup created and distributed a survey to private law firms regarding their *pro bono* activities. The workgroup will use the survey to engage and inform the firms of additional *pro bono* opportunities. Additionally, the group anticipates creating web portals for judicial officers and public agency lawyers, where allowable *pro bono* community service opportunities will be identified.

Workgroup members are also collaborating with the Arizona Bar Foundation to provide an educational opportunity for high school students regarding all aspects of the judicial process. The workgroup is currently recruiting judges and attorneys to offer assistance to students preparing for mock trials based on a model case.

Arizona Tax Credit and Funding Support

For the last five years, the Commission has promoted the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit as a way for the legal community and the general public to support qualifying agencies that provide legal assistance to the indigent.

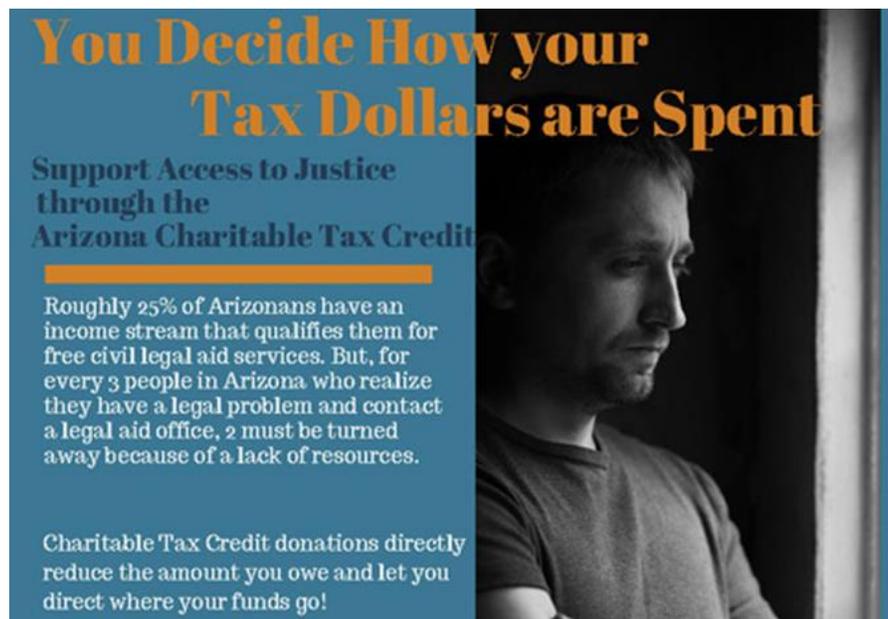
Recently, the law was changed to not only expand the allowable credit, but to extend the contribution date to the deadline for filing tax returns.

For the 2018 tax year, Arizonans used this tax credit to donate over \$225,000, resulting in increased civil legal assistance to the indigent.

Single tax filers can receive up to a \$400 dollar-for-dollar tax credit against any state taxes owed; those taxpayers who file jointly can receive up to an \$800 dollar-for-dollar credit against any state taxes owed.

Donations can be made directly to the agencies or through a “one-stop” page on the Arizona Bar Foundation’s website: www.azflse.org/legalaid. The site allows the user to allocate the donation among a number of qualifying legal aid providers.

2018 – 2019
Participating Civil Legal
Aid Partners Approved
by the
Arizona Department of
Revenue:



**You Decide How your
Tax Dollars are Spent**

**Support Access to Justice
through the
Arizona Charitable Tax Credit**

Roughly 25% of Arizonans have an income stream that qualifies them for free civil legal aid services. But, for every 3 people in Arizona who realize they have a legal problem and contact a legal aid office, 2 must be turned away because of a lack of resources.

Charitable Tax Credit donations directly reduce the amount you owe and let you direct where your funds go!

Arizona Justice Project
Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services
Christian Legal Aid of Arizona
Community Legal Services, Inc.
Defenders of Children
DNA People’s Legal Services

Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Project
Institute for Justice
Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc.
Step Up to Justice
Tucson Family Advocacy Program (SALA)
William E. Morris Institute for Justice

Encouraging *Pro Bono* Participation

ARIZONA *PRO BONO* PORTAL: The Arizona Bar Foundation's *Pro Bono* Portal (probono.azbf.org) identifies *pro bono* opportunities for lawyers around the state. By 2020, the Bar Foundation plans to launch a new database, which will make registration and follow-up that much easier for attorneys wanting to volunteer.

"Having access to a lawyer is often the critical difference in someone being able to keep a job, obtain and keep housing, deal with domestic relations and parenting time issues, obtain covered medical care, obtain insurance, disability and other benefits, ensure educational opportunities for children, and be protected against unscrupulous business practices."

Arizona Foundation for
**LEGAL SERVICES
& EDUCATION**
THE ARIZONA BAR FOUNDATION

In the first seven months of 2019, 865 individuals have used the portal website – a 5% increase over 2018.

The Bar Foundation and the State Bar of Arizona continue to offer and administer the following collaborative projects, making it easy for Arizona lawyers to volunteer their services to those in need:

FIND A LAWYER

<https://azbar.legalserviceslink.com/>

MODEST MEANS PROJECT

<https://www.azflse.org/modestmeans/>

WILLS FOR HEROES

<https://willsforheroesaz.org/>

William E. Morris *Pro Bono* Services Awardee



Sesaly Stamps was recognized as the William E. Morris *Pro Bono* Services Awardee.

Sesaly has donated time to legal clinics at Southern Arizona Legal Aid and offered direct representation.

Recognizing *Pro Bono* Service and Access to Justice

In October 2018, the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) held its national meeting in Phoenix. Signaling the business community's growing understanding of the value of *pro bono* legal services, a panel presentation focused on encouraging corporate legal departments to volunteer and provided a template for creating and growing a *pro bono* program in-house. In that regard, the Arizona Chapter of ACC in 2017 created a program and menu of *pro bono* opportunities that has become a model for other corporate counsel groups across the country.

Congratulating the 2019 Top *Pro Bono* Attorneys

During the Arizona Bar Foundation's annual Awards luncheon in conjunction with the State Bar of Arizona's convention, 50 *pro bono* attorneys from around the state were recognized for dedicated service to those in need. Attorneys recognized volunteered with Community Legal Services, DNA People's Legal Services, the Bar Foundation, the Florence Project, Southern Arizona Legal Aid and Step Up to Justice.

Caitlin Andrade
Kayla Bernays
Cynthia Bowkley
Paul Bowron
Jeff Brooke
Tabitha Cabrera
Anne Carl
Kristy Clairmont
Bernita Clark
Tyler Cobb
Steven Cox
Helen Davis
Veronika Fabian
Alan Bayless Feldman
Sandy Forbes
Kristine Gallardo
Arturo Gonzalez

Christopher Hitchcock
John N. Lurino
Larry Kasten
Arianne Kerr
Leticia "Tish" Liggett
Norris Livoni
Samantha McAlpin
Philip Jay McCarthy Jr.
Angela Moore
Richard Murphy
Joe Napoli
Ben Nucci
Carrie Rednour
Crystal Rios Ramos
Gary Robbins
Wesley Robinson
Daniel Rodriguez Ronald

Ryan
Jeffrey Sklar
Benjamin Smith
Joe Smith
Shirley Spira
Leslie Spira-Pinder
Dan Strausbaugh
Rosetta Thompson
Lisa Thompson
Hannah Torres
Merle Joy Turchik
E. Tanner Warnick
Tawnia Wienke
Vaughan S. Winborne
Alicia Wolfson
Ronald Zack



Selected Presentations

Arizona Commission on Access to Justice Presentations and Meetings 2019

The Chair and Commission members regularly took part in presentations, meetings, and events on access to justice initiatives across Arizona, as selectively listed below:

January 2019

Utah Committee on Self-Represented Litigant Resources
University of Arizona Innovation for Justice class, Tucson, AZ
Phoenix Combined Inns of Court at the Phoenix Federal Courthouse

February 2019

Mohave County Bar Association, Kingman, AZ

March 2019

Veterans Legal Services Summit, Phoenix, AZ

April 2019

Met with Arizona Congressional leaders Senator Sinema, Representatives O'Halleran, Grijalva and Lesko regarding access to justice issues and Legal Service Corporation funding, Washington, DC

May 2019

Presentation on Arizona's Justice in Government collaborative project, American Bar Association National Conference of Access to Justice Chairs, Louisville, KY
Community and Legislative Partners in Aging, Phoenix, AZ

June 2019

Avondale Neighborhood and Family Services Department
Panel discussion of "Collateral Legal Resources for Indigent Clients," Arizona Public Defender's Association, Phoenix, AZ
Arizona Bar Foundation Awards Luncheon, Chandler, AZ
Maricopa County Community Services Action Program
DNA-Peoples Legal Services Free Legal Talks, Coconino County, AZ
Maricopa County Human Services Department

July 2019

Arizona Constable Association, Flagstaff, AZ
Chicanos por la Causa, Phoenix, AZ
Published article on "Collateral Civil Resources to Rely On," *For the Defense*, Vol. 29, No. 3 (July 2019).

August 2019

Conference with University of Arizona and law firm representatives about potential collaborative ATJ projects, Phoenix, AZ
Met with Joel England, CEO of the State Bar of Arizona re collaborative projects with the State Bar to advance access to civil justice, Phoenix, AZ
DNA Peoples Legal Services Free Legal Talks, Coconino County, AZ

September 2019

Presentation on Arizona ATJ issues as part of Snell & Wilmer Community Conversation on Income and Wealth Inequality, Phoenix, AZ
Presentation to Vitalyst Health Foundation re ACAJ and ATJ issues, Phoenix, AZ

October 2019

Presentation on ATJ issues and Corporate Counsel *Pro Bono* Opportunities, Association of Corporate Counsel National Meeting, Phoenix, AZ

Awards



The Honorable Anna Huberman 2019 Justice of the Peace of the Year

Judge Huberman was first elected to the bench in 2012 and is the first Justice of the Peace for a newly created precinct, the Country Meadows Justice Court. Judge Huberman also serves as the Presiding Judge for the Southwest Regional Court Center.

Judge Huberman has chaired the Self-Represented Litigants in Limited Jurisdiction Courts Workgroup for over two years. During that time, the workgroup has studied and analyzed rule change petitions for eviction actions and has made multiple recommendations to educate the public and improve the eviction process. In that regard, the workgroup just completed a series of educational videos, along with info sheets, FAQs, process sheets, a glossary of terms, and applicable forms, all of which are available in both English and Spanish. These materials are accessible through the Arizona Supreme Court's webpages and the AZCourtHelp.org website. The videos are also accessible via YouTube.

Judge Huberman is also a presenter or co-presenter for conferences at both the local and state levels, teaching court staff and judicial officers on subjects such as eviction actions, language access, Spanish for court staff and interpreting challenges.



The Honorable Lawrence F. Winthrop Arizona Bar Foundation Walter E. Craig Distinguished Service Award

Named in honor of federal district court judge Walter E. Craig, this award is given to the attorney who has “manifested adherence to the highest principles and tradition of the legal profession and service to the public in the community where he/she lives.”

Judge Winthrop, formerly a partner at Snell & Wilmer and Doyle ♦ Winthrop, was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 2002, and served as its Chief Judge for two terms. In 2012, the Arizona Supreme Court honored Judge Winthrop as its Judge of the year. Three years later, the State Bar of Arizona presented him with the James A. Walsh Outstanding Jurist Award. Judge Winthrop has chaired the ACAJ since its inception in 2014, and also chairs the Supreme Court's Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee.

Commission on Access to Justice Membership

Honorable Lawrence F. Winthrop
Chair
Arizona Court of Appeals - Division I

Mr. Kip Anderson
Superior Court in Mohave County

Mr. Mike Baumstark
Administrative Office of the Courts

Honorable Thomas Berning
Tucson City Court

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Arizona Court of Appeals - Division I

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State Bar of Arizona

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Office of the Governor

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Association of Corporate Counsel - Pro
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Maricopa County Justice Courts

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Los Abogados Hispanic Bar Association

Honorable Joseph C. Kreamer
Superior Court in Maricopa County

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Corrections

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