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Judge Mundell Receives High Honor

Barbara Rodriguez Mundell
Presiding Judge

Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell was selected by the State Bar of Arizona's Board of Governors as this year's recipient of the James A. Walsh Outstanding Jurist Award.

Judge Mundell was nominated for managing one of the largest judicial systems in the country in a dignified and graceful manner at a time when the judiciary has been under unprecedented attacks.

The award recognizes "that judge whose career exemplifies the highest standards of judicial conduct for integrity and independence; who is knowledgeable of the law and faithful to it; who is unswayed by partisan interests, public clamor or fear of criticism; who is patient, dignified and courteous to all who appear before the court; and who endeavors to improve the administration of justice and public understanding of, and respect for, the role of law in our society."

She will be presented with the award during the State Bar's Annual Luncheon on June 11, 2010.

Court Tower Milestones

Newly appointed Presiding Judge Norman Davis and Presiding Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell stand in front of the final beam of Criminal Court Tower.

Photo by Juan Castaneda

The Arizona flag flies on the final beam added to the court tower.

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News and Notes

Judge Steinle Honored for Helping Victims

Judge Roland Steinle was selected as the recipient of the 2010 Arizona Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding contributions to victims and his tireless efforts on behalf of victims' rights assistance.

Above: Judge Roland Steinle and Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard. The Award was presented during a Victims' Rights Week Event.

A Salute to Marcus

Court Administrator Marcus Reinkensmeyer was placed on the *Pillars of Honor - Salute* for receiving the Warren E. Burger Award for Excellence in Court Administration.

Above: Marcus Reinkensmeyer (Center right) stands proudly with County Officials and Judges next to the pillar bearing his name. His accomplishment, as well as the achievements of other County employees, was recognized during a ceremony at the Central Court Plaza. Left to Right: Newly-Appointed Presiding Judge Norman Davis, Supervisor Fulton Brock, Presiding Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell, Marcus Reinkensmeyer and County Manager David Smith.

Meet the New Criminal Presiding Judge

Left to Right - Larry Martinez, Judge Rayes, Mary Farmer and Cindy Lineburg

Judge Douglas Rayes has been a Superior Court Judge for 10 years. His assignments include: Family Court, Criminal, Civil, Special Assignment and Civil Associate Presiding Judge.

Mary Farmer, Judicial Assistant, 35 years with the Superior Court, 5 years with Judge Rayes.

Larry Martinez, Judicial Specialist/Bailiff, 12 years with the Superior Court, 8 years with Judge Rayes.

Cindy Lineburg, Court Reporter, 19 years with Superior Court, 4 years with Judge Rayes.

Not Pictured Hollice O'Shaunessy - Courtroom Clerk

Commissioners Swearing In

On March 30, four Superior Court Commissioners were sworn-in during investiture ceremonies.

The Commissioners: Alysson Abe, Cynthia Bailey, Brian Kaiser and Julia Lopez were appointed to the Bench by Superior Court Presiding Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell.

Below: Presiding Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell delivers the oath of office to the four commissioners.

Commissioner Alysson Abe

Commissioner Julia Lopez

Commissioner Brian Kaiser

Commissioner Cynthia Bailey

News and Notes

Law Librarian Receives Prestigious Honor

On April 1, the Board of Governors for the State Bar of Arizona announced Susan Armstrong as its recipient of the State Bar of Arizona's 2010 Award of Appreciation.

Armstrong was nominated for "graciously helping all patrons with equal interest and sincerity. Not only does she help *pro per litigants*, Armstrong provides valuable research assistance to attorneys."

"Susan has been with the Court for more than 25 years and it is with great pride that I ask you to join me in congratulating her on receipt of this auspicious award and her well-deserved recognition," Court Administrator Marcus Reinkensmeyer said.

The award is given to a non-member of the bar "in recognition of outstanding service toward the creation of a better public understanding of the legal profession and the administration of justice, the judiciary or the legislative process."

This award will be presented during the State Bar's Annual Luncheon to be held at noon on Friday, June 11, 2010 in conjunction with the Annual State Bar Convention at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa in Glendale, AZ.

Judge Richard Trujillo and his judicial assistant, Candace Werve, celebrate the Judge's retirement. Judge Trujillo was appointed to the Superior Court Bench in 2001.

Judicial Branch Finance is on the Move

By the end of April, the Superior Court Administrative Services Finance division will be completely relocated to Downtown. The locations are as following:

Procurement and Purchasing is in the West Court Building Lower Level.

Treatment Processing for Juvenile Probation is located in the Old Courthouse 3rd floor.

Accounts Receivables and Collections for Juvenile Probation is located in the Old Courthouse 4th floor.

Located in the Central Court Building 4th floor will be the Trust Accounting group for Adult Probation as well as the Budget and Finance groups for all three Judicial Branch Departments.

Ricardo Barcelo
Juvenile Probation Finance

Adult Probation Employee Awards

Pictured left to right: Probation Officer Rick Temby, Probation Supervisor Susan Savoy, Employee of the Year Alison Cook-Davis, Surveillance Officer David Silvas and Probation Chief Barbara Broderick.

On April 8, 2010, the Maricopa County Adult Probation Department celebrated its "Of the Year Awards" at the Black Canyon Building.

"2009 Employee of the Year" Alison Cook-Davis: Alison, a third year member of the Department, is the backbone driving the processes that collect the data used to report APD's activities and outcomes to the State, the County, grants and research. She is also responsible for assembling the data from caseload stats to support our budgets and prove that evidence-based practices make a big difference in protecting our communities. In 2009, she spearheaded the hand count and lead the research into finding better ways to meet the needs of opted-in victims, just to name a few of her many projects.

"2009 Supervisor of the Year" Susan Savoy - Susan oversees the Legacy/85041 Project. This project is located in an area considered to have one of the highest recidivism rates of probationers released from prison in Arizona. Susan has devoted endless hours to the Legacy/85041 project and the department's vision of improving the quality of community life by offering hope to neighborhoods, victims and offenders.

"2009 Probation Officer of the Year" Rick Temby: Rick consistently maintains the highest standard in the performance of job duties & special projects. In addition to supervising a high risk and labor intensive caseload, Rick always takes the initiative to involve himself in projects and new challenges. In 2009, Rick was instrumental in the process of selecting an electronic monitoring vendor for the Pretrial Division & Juvenile Probation.

"2009 Surveillance Officer of the Year" David Silvas: He is responsible for assisting officers in monitoring and enforcing the conditions of probation and surveillance. This is accomplished by monitoring probationer activities, enforcing mandated curfews, making telephone contacts, visiting work sites, making jail contacts, visiting homes and maintaining detailed reports and files on probationers. He also inputs entries into the Adult Probation Enterprise Tracking System, administers urinalysis and breathalyzer tests, assists in arrests, conducts searches and seizures and testifies in Court when required.

Shari Anderson-Head
Adult Probation

April Employee Anniversaries

5 Years

Martin Hernandez - Court Interpreter
Mitch Michkowski - Special Deputy Court Administrator
Rosa Nigoa - Judicial Clerk Associate
Sandra Mishkin - Judicial Clerk Supervisor
Betty Bay - Juvenile Detention Officer
Catherine Colomaro - Juvenile Detention Officer
Kendra Hobson-Weathers - Juvenile Detention Officer
Alonzo Richardson - Juvenile Detention Officer
Reyna Roa - Juvenile Detention Officer
Janice Holland - Office Assistant Specialized
Twila Rogers - Judicial Clerk Senior
Roxanne Champion - Juvenile Detention Officer

10 Years

Raquel Gloden - Adult Probation Officer Supervisor
Mary Anne Hamilton - Judicial Clerk Associate
Anthony Lewis - Court Conciliator
Debra Shinabarger - Judicial Assistant
Michelle Baldwin - Judicial Assistant
Grace Gutierrez - Judicial Clerk Associate
Elena Hernandez - Juvenile Probation Officer
Stacy Noble - Juvenile Probation Officer

15 Years

Laurie Yazwa - Court Reporter
Francisca Altamirano - Judicial Clerk Associate
Kathy Beal - Judicial Administrator IV
Robert Brouse - Adult Probation Officer
Cheryl Dybas - Judicial Specialist

20 Years

Deneen Bertucci - APD Supervisor
Paul Guadagnino - APD Supervisor
Seteara Haddock - APD Supervisor
Dena Covey - Adult Probation Officer
Yvonne West - Adult Probation Officer
Gabriella Lindsey - Court Interpreter
Heriberto Perez - Juvenile Detention Officer
Vicky Thompson - Judicial Clerk
Agnes Winans - Judicial Clerk Lead
Eula Webb - Judicial Clerk Associate
Thomas Riley - Juvenile Probation Officer

30+ Years

John McGuire - Juvenile Probation Officer

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Court Tower Construction Photos

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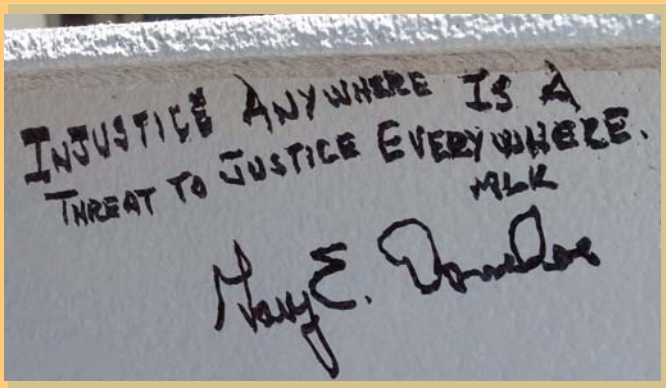
Courtside

Photo Highlights

Judges and court administrators tour the Tower



Judge Gary Donahoe signed the Court Tower's final beam with a quote from Martin Luther King.

Judge Mundell and Judge Davis sign the beam. Judges and court staff were given the opportunity to sign the beam before it was hoisted.

Maricopa County Officials share a moment after the topping out ceremony. Left to right: Supervisor Max Wilson, Presiding Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell, Supervisor Fulton Brock, Supervisor Andrew Kunasek, Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox, Chairman Donald Stapley, Maricopa County Attorney Rick Romley and Clerk of Court Michael Jeanes.