



## News and Notes

### Judge Robert Budoff Retires

Northeast Presiding Superior Court Judge Robert Budoff has announced he will retire on February 25.

Judge Budoff, who served 20 years on the Bench, has served with distinction in every department of the court as a commissioner and judge.

"I am happy for Bob that he will be able to turn to other pursuits of his choice after 20 years of exemplary service to the bench, but I will miss him as an outstanding judicial officer on our court," said Presiding Judge Norman Davis.

"I have known Bob for some years before I was appointed to the Bench 15 years ago, and have always admired the way that he treated me and all others that appeared in front of him."

Before his appointment to the Superior Court Bench, Judge Budoff was in private practice for 7 years, and he served 12 years as a Juvenile Court Commissioner before rejoining the Bench in 1991.

Judge Budoff is a graduate of the University of Nebraska School of Law and a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Hiram Scott College, Nebraska.



*Robert Budoff*

### Judge Thompson's Investiture



Arizona Supreme Court Vice Chief Justice Andrew D. Hurwitz (left) delivers the oath of office to Superior Court Judge Peter Thompson during his investiture ceremony at Board of Supervisors Auditorium in Phoenix.

### New Commissioner Appointed



*John Doody*

Presiding Judge Norman Davis appointed John R. "Jack" Doody as a Superior Court Commissioner. His first assignment will be on Civil/Probate at the Northeast Regional Court Center.

Commissioner Doody is admitted to practice law in all courts in California and in Arizona. He practiced civil litigation for 26 years, including 9 years in his own firm. He also served two terms on the Ethics Committee

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### Judge Edward Burke Retires

Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Edward Burke will retire on February 28 after serving more than 11 years on the Bench.

Since his appointment in 1999, Judge Burke presided over civil, family and criminal court calendars, including an appointment as civil presiding judge.

"Over the years Judge Burke has handled heavy calendars and still volunteered extensively to hear additional cases and trials not assigned to him," said Presiding Judge Norman Davis. "We will miss Judge Burke's enthusiastic work ethic, sound judicial demeanor, and light-hearted outlook."

Before his judicial appointment, Judge Burke had a 30-year career in private practice. He was a Partner at Bennett, Burke, Carmichael & Kennedy and was a founding partner of Norton, Burke, Berry & French. He was also an attorney at Attorney, Rawlins, Ellis, Burrus & Kiewit.

Judge Burke earned his Bachelor's Degree from Harpur College, now Binghamton University; his Masters in Business Administration from Arizona State University and his Juris Doctorate from Syracuse University School of Law.



*Edward Burke*

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### Judge Michael McVey to Preside at Northeast

Judge Michael McVey will serve as Northeast Presiding Judge effective upon the retirement of Judge Robert Budoff.

“Thanks to Judge Budoff for his enthusiastic and able leadership at Northeast. We will miss his sage wisdom and advice at JEC, and wish him the best in retirement,” said Presiding Judge Norman Davis.



*Michael McVey*

### Where's President Lincoln and Why?

During construction of the escalator project in the Central Court Lobby, the bust of President Abraham Lincoln has been temporarily placed outside the jury room during construction.

The placement was selected so jurors can see Lincoln the Lawyer when they appear for jury service. The bust serves dually as a piece of art that extols the virtues of Lincoln and a landmark to help court customers navigate the Courthouse.

### *Commissioner Doody Continued...*

of the State Bar of Arizona and as a member of the American Arbitration Association's Commercial and Construction panels in Phoenix.

Commissioner Doody was born and raised in the Chicago area. He is the eldest of 11 children. He served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, working in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in Japan and in the United States. After leaving the service, he attended Eastern Illinois University, earning a degree in Economics with high honors. He later graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1982.

## Pro Tems Learn the Nuances of Tax Court

A forum entitled “Conducting Settlement Conferences in Tax Cases” was held in the Downtown Justice Court Training Center on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by the Superior Court's Tax Department, pro tem judges assembled for a Continuing Legal Education-approved training concentrating on the diverse types of tax matters that characteristically are disputed within the Alternative Dispute Resolution format.

Former Superior Court Judges Kenneth L. Fields and Mark W. Armstrong, along with a host of subject matter experts, led the video recorded presentation. Targeted agenda topics were designed to enhance the cadre of tax judge pro tems familiarity with the unique nuances relating to tax dispute cases.

During the last two years, Superior Court has experienced a 160 percent increase in tax case filings.

Judge Dean Fink, the state's only at-large tax judge, envisions that participants of this unique training event were provided valuable information aimed at enhancing all aspects of the tax dispute process within the ADR format.

**Submitted by: Mitch Michkowski,  
Tax Court Administrator**

# Courthouse Experience

## Record Number of Students Visit Superior Court

On Wednesday, February 2, 2011, 218 students from Willis Junior High School in Chandler, AZ participated in the Courthouse Experience Program.

Tami Franks, the teacher responsible for bringing the students, said the “students thought the visit was incredible!” Franks’ second group of 200 students visited Court on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. To date, the Courthouse Experience Program has had 1,572 students visit the Court during the 2010 -2011 school year.





## Court News

# New Tools in Superior Court Education

*The first in a series of tools and concepts regarding training.*

Why do you have to fill out an evaluation after every training class you attend or video you watch?

There are two reasons: First: an evaluation is required for COJET compliance - evaluations are mandatory after every educational session that is accredited for COJET credit. Second, it allows the education group to determine whether a class is relevant to you and the work of the court. What may seem like a good idea for a class may actually need revisions based on the audience and delivery.

We have revised the old evaluation and started asking questions that can enable us to change what and how we deliver training. It will get us more focused on what you really need and whether or not your needs are being met. It is hard to have you tell us what it is you need to learn when "you don't know what you don't know". This may be the tool to begin that conversation.

**Submitted by Cindy Reid**  
**Education and Training Director**

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## State Bar Publications Available Courtwide Online

Chances are you fit into one of two categories: (a) you don't know the State Bar of Arizona has legal publications, or (b) you use these publications in print only. So you could be surprised to know that many of the State Bar publications are available in an online searchable format. The Superior Court Law Library offers this online access to State Bar publications through Loislaw, one of our many electronic resources, and in print.

The State Bar publications can be an extremely helpful legal research tool. The topics vary widely, but here are some example titles:

**Arizona Appellate Handbook**  
**Arizona Attorney**  
**Arizona Civil Remedies**  
**Arizona Employment Law Handbook**  
**Arizona Probate Code Practice Manual**

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**Submitted by Jennifer Murray**  
**Law Library**

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## Arizona StandDown

# Judicial Officers Volunteer for Arizona StandDown



*Commissioner Michael Hintze presides over a court matter.*



*Deputy Criminal Court Administrator Paula Collins helps judicial officers at StandDown.*

Superior and Justice Court Judicial Officers spent Super Bowl weekend volunteering to help homeless and at-risk veterans at the annual Arizona StandDown event at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Arizona State Fairgrounds.

Arizona StandDown was a three-day event that connected the Valley's homeless and at-risk military veterans with services such as: healthcare, mental health services, clothing, meals, emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, ID/ drivers' licenses, court services and legal aid, showers and haircuts. This was the first time that both Superior and Justice Courts participated in the event.

Presiding Criminal Court Judge Douglas Rayes said, "Many of these men and women have experienced traumatic events serving our country in the military that significantly impacted their lives. Now they find themselves on the street. Some have pending court matters that, for a variety of reasons, they have been unable to face or resolve. The volunteer judges, lawyers and staff gave these heroes the opportunity to face their legal matters, and in most cases, resolve them on the spot. Our volunteers were proud to help our veterans find some peace of mind and deliver justice."

Superior Court staffed two courts throughout the event to assist veterans who had court matters that needed to be resolved. Additionally, Justices of the Peace C. Steven McMurry, Gerald Williams and Rachel Carrillo handled cases on behalf of the 25 Justice Courts in Maricopa County. Superior and Justice Court Judges and Commissioners handled probation violations, warrants, changes of plea and sentencings as well as civil and criminal traffic cases and other types of misdemeanor offenses. Court staff assisted the volunteer judicial officers throughout the event.

While its primary goal was to provide homeless veterans with resources to regain their highest level of independence, its secondary goal was to bring the community and service providers together to benefit homeless veterans.

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# Employee Anniversaries

## 5 Years

**Deborah Coleman** Adult Probation Officer  
**Perla Florez** Adult Probation Officer  
**Raymond Delgado** Judicial Clerk Associate  
**Rodney Burton** Judicial Clerk Associate  
**Nicole Garcia** Judicial Clerk Lead  
**Richard Varela** Office Assistant  
**Martha Hidalgo** Security Officer II  
**Jessica Funkhouser** Special Court Counsel  
**Lauren Jones** Juvenile Detention Officer  
**Dusti Quinn** Judicial Clerk Associate  
**Jocely Myers** Adult Probation Officer  
**Gregory Medeiros** Judicial Assistant-Classified  
**Veronica Hatter** Juvenile Detention Officer  
**Peter Marturana** Human Resources Associate  
**Naara Herrera** Presentence Screener

## 10 Years

**Amy Fuller** Court Reporter  
**Luetta Hinkle** Judicial Clerk Associate  
**Lorraine Guier** Collector  
**Monica Schroeder** Judicial Clerk Lead  
**Luz Franco** Court Reporter  
**Robert Asay** Adult Probation Officer  
**Lynne Carpenter** Adult Probation Officer  
**Michael Moreno** Adult Probation Officer  
**Darrick Payne** Adult Probation Officer  
**Patrica Swafford** Adult Probation Officer  
**Jennifer Putnam Ooms** Judicial Assistant  
**Paul Christie** Juvenile Detention Officer  
**Maria Maurin** Security Officer II

## 15 Years

**Patricia Maryland** Juvenile Probation Officer  
**John Johnson** Judicial Assistant  
**Debra Watson** Juvenile Detention Officer  
**Jan Lara** Judicial Clerk Associate  
**Lara Meier** Juvenile Probation Ofcr Supv  
**Shannon Hendrix** Juvenile Probation Officer  
**Julie Ramirez** Judicial Assistant  
**Carlos Perez** Juvenile Probation Officer

## 20 Years

**Tania Green** Judicial Clerk Supervisor  
**James Kaminsky** Juvenile Probation Ofcr Supv  
**William King** Juvenile Probation Ofcr Supv  
**Rita Shepherd** Juvenile Probation Ofcr Supv  
**Jeanne Davis** Court Investigator  
**Mark Moreno** Judicial Assistant

## 25 Years

**Debra Adamson** Adult Probation Officer  
**Tami Knott** Adult Probation Officer  
**Patricia McDonagh-Konecki** Adult Prob Offic  
**Kit Russell** Adult Probation Officer  
**James Marshburn** Surveillance Officer  
**Michele Bodenmiller** Presentence Screener  
**Joan Batchelor** Adult Probation Officer  
**Richard Breed** Adult Probation Officer Supv

## Black History Month Celebration

The African American Knowledge Network, a Maricopa County affinity group, will celebrate Black History Month with its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum on February 24 at the Board of Supervisors Auditorium from 11:30 a.m. - 1p.m.

Among those honored will be retiring Adult Probation Officer Gloria Washington. Last year, Washington, a 32-year senior adult probation officer, was awarded the Living the Dream "Arizona Black Law Enforcement Employee Officer of the Year" Award at the Martin Luther King luncheon at the Phoenix Convention Center.

The theme of this year's event will be "Taking Responsibility for Developing Tomorrow's Leaders." For more information about AAKN, please contact Donna McHenry at 602-372-2471 or through Outlook.



# Courtside

## Court Tower Photo Update

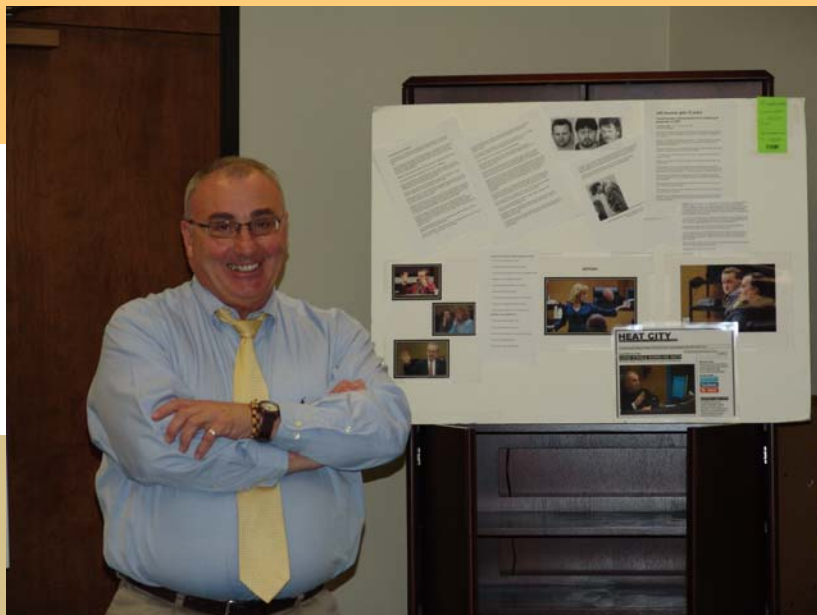


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Court Tower Construction Update*

## In Memory



*Presiding Judge Norman Davis (Left) with former Justice of the Peace Armando Gandarilla (Right) Judge Gandarilla passed away at his home in Phoenix, Arizona on January 24. He was a Justice of the Peace for the Downtown Justice Court since 2008.*



*Judge Roland Steinle III celebrates his 10th-year on the Superior Court Bench. Since his appointment in 2001, Judge Steinle presided over civil, family and criminal court calendars. Prior to becoming a Judge, he was a public defender for 15 years.*



*National and local media watch the Faleh Hassan Almaleki trial in the media room in Central Court Building 402. CBS 48 Hours and Fox National News have been present throughout the trial.*