



Presiding Judge Norman Davis Announces NACo Winners

By Presiding Judge Norman Davis



*Norman Davis
Presiding Judge*

I am quickly finding that one of the highlights of this job is the privilege to announce receipt of awards for which our Court and staff are recognized for their dedication and good work. I am honored to announce that the Court has been awarded a total of nine National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards. The NACo Achievement Award Program, which began in 1970, is a non-competitive awards program that recognizes effective and innovative programs which contribute to and enhance county government in the United States.

The following programs have been recognized as NACo 2010 Achievement Award Winners:

Commissioner Judicial Performance Review Program - A.R.S. §12-119.04 (enacted in 2009), and Supreme Court Rule 97, Superior Court Commissioners mandated processes for performance standards and performance reviews for Court Commissioners. Prior to 2009, there was no mandated process to assure that commissioners went through the same rigorous information gathering as merit selected judges. Commissioner Rick Nothwehr, Diana Hegyi, Phil Knox and Andy Cicchillo carefully implemented the process that includes public survey, self-evaluation and also a peer review component and a method for data collection. Special recognition also to the Commissioners who served on the Committee and staff from the Research and Planning Department and Court Technology Services.

Maricopa County Photo Enforcement Program - The Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) began placing photo radar systems across the state of Arizona as part of Arizona House Bill 2210 that became effective September 26, 2008. DPS contracted with a vendor to place these systems. The photo radar system resulted in a significant increase in Photo Enforcement Program Maricopa County State of Arizona traffic filings. Court Technology Services developed a Photo Enforcement Application system that interfaces with the involved entities to efficiently process the substantial additional workload created by photo enforcement.

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Judicial News and Notes

Judge Mundell's Final Days as Presiding Judge



Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell at her retirement luncheon, hosted by the Superior Court Executive Management Team.



Judge Gary Donahoe presents Judge Mundell with a gift from the Criminal Department, a shadow box containing the first Arizona flag flown over the new Downtown Criminal Court Tower. The flag was raised above the tower along with the tower's final steel beam.



Judge Mundell at work during one of her last days as Presiding Judge.



Presiding Judge Norman Davis presents Judge Mundell with a framed copy of the U.S. Constitution signed by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. The framed Constitution was a gift from the Court Executive Management Team.



The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors recognizes Judge Mundell for all of her accomplishments as Presiding Judge. Supervisors left to right: Mary Rose Wilcox, Fulton Brock, Judge Mundell, Andrew Kunasek and Chairman Donald Stapley.

News and Notes

Meet the New Superior Court Judges

Daniel J. Kiley and Thomas L. LeClaire are the latest judges to join the Superior Court Bench.

Judge Kiley is presiding over a family court calendar in Downtown Phoenix, while, Judge LeClaire will assume his family court assignment in July.

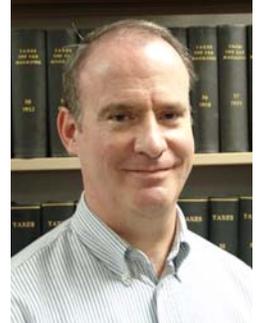
Judge Kiley worked as an attorney with the law firm Sherman & Howard, LLC, where he practiced in the areas of commercial litigation, corporate, municipal and criminal defense law. He also worked for the firm Mohr, Hackett, Pederson, Blakley and Randolph from 1997 to 2009 and served as an Assistant Attorney General from 1988 to 1997.

Judge Kiley graduated from the Arizona State University College of Law in 1988 and received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University in 1985.

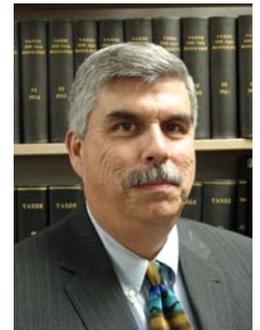
Judge LeClaire worked an attorney with the LeClaire Law Firm. He began practicing law in Colorado in 1981 and spent several years with the United States Navy and the Department of Justice.

He has been admitted to practice law in Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Washington, the District of Columbia, as well as numerous tribal courts. He is a recognized expert in Indian law and taught criminal law and procedure at American University.

Judge LeClaire graduated from Cornell Law School in 1981 and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut in 1978.



Daniel Kiley



Thomas L. LeClaire

New Superior Court Commissioner Appointed to Bench

Presiding Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell appointed Cynthia Gialketsis as a Superior Court Commissioner.

Commissioner Gialketsis has been assigned to a Probate calendar in the Old Courthouse.

For the past 15 years, she served as a Deputy County Attorney in the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. She worked in the Vehicular Crimes and Training Bureau. She spent most of her career training new prosecutors in the Preliminary Hearing Bureau, serving as its Bureau Chief since 2005.

Commissioner Gialketsis is a graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law. She earned her undergraduate degree from Florida State University.



Cynthia Gialketsis

News and Notes

CASA's Website Wins Award

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program has been awarded the National Association for Court Management (NACM) 2010 Justice Achievement Award for the CASA Volunteer-centric Website Design.

In collaboration with Court Technology Services (CTS), the CASA program developed a website through which volunteers and staff would be able to perform all their required duties. By utilizing an Internet-based application, the program has been able to reduce program costs significantly, to assist volunteers in performing better advocacy for children, to provide staff with the ability to work outside the office and within the community itself while remaining connected to the office and each other, and has provided different methods of reducing time and money costs for many community stakeholders. The Maricopa County CASA Program is the first in the nation to use this level of technology and programming sophistication.

The NACM Justice Achievement Award was established in 1988 to recognize outstanding achievement and meritorious projects that enhance the administration of justice. This prestigious award will be presented at the NACM Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Friday, July 23, 2010.

Kudos to Robert Hahn, CASA Program Director and Andy Cicchillo, CTS, Applications Development Manager for their innovations and

Bailiff Receives National Honor

Superior Court bailiff Mark Leeper recently received the 2010 Outstanding Young Leader Award. Mark was one of 100 recipients who were honored by FosterClub, the national network for youth in foster care, for their leadership, accomplishments, educational achievement, and community service.

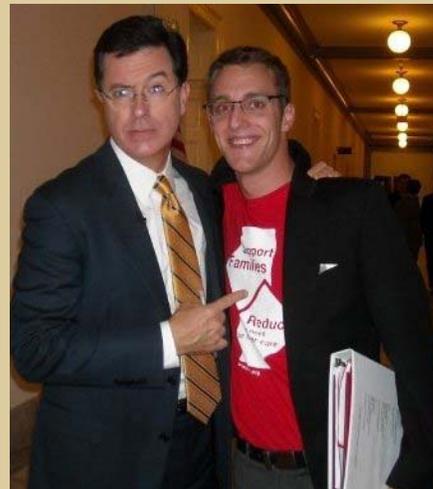
Mark entered the Foster Care system at the age of 11, growing up in group homes. He lived in 5 different homes with an average of 12 boys in each home. Mark was never placed for adoption.

"Better parenting skills, anger management, and substance abuse counseling could have kept me out of the foster care system, but since those were never provided to my family in advance of entering care, I spent the rest of my juvenile life with the State."

Mark rose above his adverse circumstances, graduating from Arizona State University with a degree in Political Science, which less than 2 percent of youth in the foster care system achieve.

He is currently working for the Maricopa County Superior Court in the Juvenile Court rotation and has been nominated for service in the Peace Corps. When he returns from his service, he anticipates attending law school.

Mark has presented at conferences nationwide and is one of the Communications Directors in Arizona for Foster Care Alumni of America.



Mark Leeper (right) ran into comedian Stephen Colbert in Washington D.C. while doing advocacy work.

outstanding execution of this technology and programming. Special recognition also goes to David Stevens, Chris Holly, Ric Napoli, Martin Dominguez and Jerry Gunawan with CTS and Justine Grabowsky, the Program Development Specialist with the CASA for all their efforts in making this program a success.

News and Notes

Probation Violators Apprehended and Brought to Court

Last summer, the Adult Probation Department received an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant to save five jobs and combat criminal narcotics activity stemming from the Southern Border. Five surveillance officers were added to the Fugitive Apprehension Unit to locate and arrest individuals with a probation violation warrant for a drug or drug-related offense. Previously, many of the probation violation warrants for drug offenses were not being served because of an emphasis on apprehending probation violators with person or property offenses.

Since October 2009, the five grant-funded surveillance officers have arrested 429 probationers with a probation violation warrant for a drug or drug-related offense and brought them back into the justice system. In addition, the officers assisted in clearing another 210 probation violation warrants on individuals with drug or drug-related offenses by providing information to local law enforcement agencies. In the course of their apprehension work, the officers conducted 32 probation searches that took illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, and weapons off the streets, including 25 firearms. The officers have formed working relationships with numerous local law enforcement agencies.



Firearms seized by the Maricopa County Adult Probation Fugitive Apprehension Unit.

Wes Shipley, Adult Probation Division Director for the Fugitive Apprehension Unit, stated that the project is demonstrating positive results and doing its part to interrupt criminal narcotics activity. "For public safety, we want to get them picked up and brought back before the Court," Shipley said, "The Court will determine if the individual would benefit from another opportunity on probation and what sanctions are appropriate."

Submitted by Cathy Wyse, Adult Probation

Legal Research....There's an app for that!?

Smartphones, iPads, cell phones, iPods, thumb drives....information today is extremely portable. Its no wonder legal vendors have wasted little time in developing smartphone applications to keep up with this technological information explosion. Some apps worth mentioning include:

Fastcase – Free to download and use; case law for all federal and all state courts; 43 state codes; US Code; keyword, Boolean or by citation searching; no printing and no direct emailing. If you access Fastcase through the State Bar, you will still need to register to use the iPhone App. The registration process requires you to create a new username and password. www.fastcase.com/iphone

LexisNexis' Get Cases and Shepardize – Free to download but you must have an account and login with the vendor. Contains all federal and state statutes and case law; however you must enter a citation as this app has no searching capabilities. <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/lexisnexis-get-cases-shepardize/id336328468?mt=8>

U.S. Code – Developed by an attorney, this app allows you to download the entire text to the United States Code and search by keyword or the "find by citation" function.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/u-s-code/id351184749?mt=8>

Black's Law Dictionary – Developed by West, this app features 43,000-plus definitions, nearly 3,000 quotations, and hyperlinked cross-references. <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/blacks-law-dictionary-8th/id312542731?mt=8>

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Special recognition to David Stevens, Ken Troxel, Steve Scales, Lee Ervin, Charles Vinton, Hiram Grijalva, Vio Vrancea, Charlie Barrett and the Court Technology Services employees as well as Terry Stewart, John Reynolds, and Justice Court employees (Steve Gonzales, Maria Santiago and Mark Liem) for their outstanding work on this project.

Protective Orders Application - The Protective Orders Application, developed by Court Technology Services, is a web-based computer application. It has the "look and feel" of the Internet, but its information is secured from unauthorized access. The Protective Orders Application leads litigants through a simple interview process that automatically generates necessary Order of Protection forms that are ready for filing with the Clerk of the Superior Court and review by a judicial officer. The application facilitates judicial officers in making rulings by providing litigant inputted petition information into appropriate court orders. Ultimately, the application sends information gathered on served protective orders to the FBI's National Crime Information Center system through the Arizona Supreme Court. Special recognition to David Stevens, Andy Cicchillo, Chris Holly, Jerry Gunawan, Martin Dominguez, Darrel Troxel, Ric Napoli and the CTS employees as well Judicial Officers from the Superior Court who worked on the planning and design of the solution for their excellent work on this project.

Juvenile Court Statistical Reports: Improving Operation and Management - As a means to improve case management in Juvenile Court, the Research and Planning Department created three reports that improve justice for children and families, and saves tax payer money by resolving juvenile petitions more efficiently. In FY 2009, Juvenile Court increased the number of petitions it closed from 18,592 to 20,920, a 12.5 percent increase from FY 2008. Juvenile Pending Case Summary helps Juvenile Court judicial officers identify the type of petitions on their calendar. Age of Active Pending Dependency Juveniles and Age of Active Pending Juvenile Delinquency Petitions reports provide listings of petitions assigned to the judicial officers by case days. All three of these reports act as tools that help judicial officers manage their caseload. By having these reports at their fingertips, the judicial officers know case information, case types, and case aging details without having to spend additional time researching. The development of these reports was a collaborative effort of the Research and Planning Department, Juvenile Court and Court Technology Services and each department is recognized for their innovation and outstanding work on this project.

Distance Learning/Live Streaming Education - With over 4,000 employees working in 20 locations across 9,200 square miles, Maricopa County Superior Court and Justice Courts employees had to travel to central Phoenix to participate in classroom training. This traditional classroom training model consumed reams of paper through registration paperwork and course materials each month. The Distance Learning / Live Streaming Education project was developed to eliminate the need to travel for training, paperwork, and to give more time back to court staff to meet the needs of its customers. By using the court intranet, one training room now broadcasts a live program out to every court employee computer. Students can interact with the speaker by emailing questions to a training account used during the broadcasts. Course registrations and follow-up evaluations are all done electronically through the network. Live programs are recorded, stored on a video server, and cataloged so anyone that missed the live program or would like to review it can access the program through video on demand. Special recognition to Matt Fertig in the Education and Training Department, and Andy Cicchillo, Rick Napoli, Martin Dominguez and Craig Gildersleeve in Court Technology Services for their innovation and outstanding work.

Court Security Redesign and Enhancement - Staffing reductions and increased security demand required the Court Security department to systematically review its operations and make improvements to facilities, equipment, training, communication through electronic notification and security networks, and evacuation procedures. As a result, Court Security was redesigned and enhanced by 1) redesigning and remodeling court entrances including eliminating any extra entrances; 2) redesigning and enhancing court evacuation procedures; 3) improving court security training and communications; 4) upgrading security equipment; and 5) establishing an interagency security network. These improvements 1) fill gaps in the availability of existing services; 2) improve the administration and cost effectiveness of court security by approximately \$750,000; 3) upgrade the working conditions and level of training for employees; and, 4) promote intergovernmental cooperation and coordination in addressing shared problems. Special recognition to Karen Westover, John Filipowicz, and Wayne Spinks, Court Security Department, and Janet Palacino and Miya Linsenmeyer with the County Facilities Management Department their outstanding accomplishment in this endeavor.

JOII Road Show - The inherent barriers that exist in intergovernmental communication are often exacerbated by misinformation, lack of training and general misunderstanding of process and procedure. Simple but unusual steps were created and implemented by the Maricopa County Juvenile Offense Information Intake (JOII) Unit to address issues of

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process and protocol as well as to foster richer communications among juvenile justice stakeholders. JOII worked with all major stakeholders to develop a new paradigm for information sharing. An informational training program was implemented and JOII worked closely with representatives from Juvenile Probation, the Maricopa County Attorneys' Office and with the citation sources to develop a standardized protocol for stakeholders to send information to the JOII unit. The creation of this program ultimately enhanced and improved intergovernmental cooperation and coordination in identifying, addressing and solving shared problems. Special recognition to Sheila Tickle, Juvenile Court Administrator, Jackie Traher, Deputy Juvenile Court Administrator, Brenda Escudero, JOII Supervisor, and JOII staff for their innovative approach to problem-solving and enhancing court processes.

Children's Coalition of Maricopa County - With hundreds of community stakeholders, multiple court programs, and one of the largest urban populations accessing juvenile justice and child welfare systems in the United States, the Juvenile Court of Maricopa County has developed a multi-systemic approach to address the needs of children, youth and families. This approach centers on a multi disciplinary collaborative with a mission to coordinate and facilitate the effective and timely delivery of available community resources to support the children and families of Maricopa County engaged formally and informally with the Juvenile Court System. This collaborative is comprised of policy and decision makers from the Department of Economic Security, the regional behavior health authority – Magellan Behavioral Services, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections, Family Resource Center, Arizona Department of Behavioral Health, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation, and Maricopa County Juvenile Court. A number of other organizations serving children and their families participate in the Maricopa Collaborative. The goal of the collaborative is to eliminate barriers and accomplish service delivery through the principles of integrity, responsibility, excellence, partnership, communication, and compassion. The Collaboration is chaired by the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge and promotes communication, coordination, and cooperation within an integrated Juvenile Court system. Special recognition to Sheila Tickle, Juvenile Court Administrator and Karin Philips, Collaborations Director, for their innovative measures in developing this worthwhile program.

Master Calendaring of Felony Cases - The Criminal Department of the Court receives between 35,000 and 40,000 new felony filings each year, which is almost a 60% increase over the previous decade. To address that explosive growth of cases using a similar number of judges assigned required Court leadership to re-engineer the Criminal Department. After researching other courts throughout the United States and speaking with national court experts, Court leadership decided on a methodology for handling cases known as Master Calendaring. Piloted in December of 2008 and then implemented for most felony cases in the second half of 2009, Master Calendaring has increased the efficiency of the Court by reducing the time it takes for cases to terminate, improving the predictability of trial starts for victims, lawyers, witnesses, and the Court, and by requiring fewer jurors to report to Court. Special recognition to former Criminal Presiding Judge Ana Baca and her JA, Nita Billingsley, former Criminal Presiding Judge Gary Donahoe, former Associate Criminal Presiding Judge Timothy Ryan and his staff, Carlos Rivera and Veronica Browner, and Bob James, Criminal Court Administrator, Chris Bleuenstein, Deputy Criminal Court Administrator, Carlos Rivera, Tamara Ogden, and others in Criminal Court Administration, as well as David Stevens, Director of Court Technology Services, and his team in Court Technology Services, and Carol Westwood, Court Interpretation and Translation Services for their outstanding work.

The Evidence Based Practices (EBP) Quality Assurance Project. To advance its primary goal of crime reduction, the Maricopa County Adult Probation Department committed to an Evidence Based Practice (EBP) Initiative. Recognizing the overarching principle of quality assurance, along with the ongoing need to promote a positive learning environment, three Quality Assistance (QA) supervisor positions were created in August 2007. The QA supervisors have played a significant role in the training and coaching of staff, as well as the dissemination of information geared to improve staff's understanding and use of the techniques that work. Evaluation has demonstrated advances in staff's EBP skill level. Special recognition to the QA Supervisors: Tricia O'Connor, Julie George-Klein, and (recently retired) Mary Anne Boyden.

Please join me in congratulating everyone who worked on or has in any way been involved in these innovative programs; their efforts are a testament to innovation and dedication and they should be commended for their efforts.

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June Employee Anniversaries

5 Years

Allen Larkin - Juvenile Detention Ofcr Supervisor
Jodie Fenn - Juvenile Detention Officer
Jessica McNary - Judicial Clerk Associate
Adriana Rodriguez - Adult Probation Officer
Joel Thurston - Adult Probation Officer
Francis LaVoie III - Security Officer II
Dennis Lehmeier - Security Officer II
Christi Seger - Surveillance Officer
Nada Skrbic - General Laborer
Tabitha Nuedecker-Kaehler - Juvenile Detention Officer
Linda Gutierrez - Judicial Clerk Senior
Margaret Henderson - Adult Probation Officer
Jasmine Herrera - Adult Probation Officer

10 Years

Kristi Johnson - Judicial Assistant
Sean Steill - Surveillance Officer
Joyce Gill - Case Administrator
Ashley Holmes - Adult Probation Officer
Patrick Daily - Surveillance Officer
Casey Boyd - Juvenile Probation Ofcr Supv

15 Years

Angie Chavez - Payroll Representative
Ruth Manner - Judicial Clerk Associate
Gloria Cravens - Juvenile Probation Ofcr Supv
Barbara Poole - Judicial Specialist
Monica Hill-Morrisette - Court Reporter
Kristine Stoll - Juvenile Probation Officer
Patricia Schuler - Judicial Assistant
Gloria Serino - Collections Supervisor
John Stair - Juvenile Probation Officer
Dorothy Thompson - Juvenile Probation Officer

20 Years

William Lawlor - Computer Operator
Maria Santiago - Management Analyst
Patty Barnfield - Case Administrator
Channing Williams - Juvenile Probation Officer Supervisor
Larry Dixon - Computer Operator
Carol Tucker - Juvenile Probation Officer

25 Years

Kim LeDuc - Juvenile Probation Officer

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iPhone J.D. – A site developed by a lawyer for lawyers using iPhones. <http://www.iphonejd.com/>

SpeakWrite – With SpeakWrite you can record, to store on your phone or send as an email, any length audio. You can submit the audio to be transcribed and delivered back to you within a few hours. Check <http://www.speak-write.com/WEB/iphone/welcome.aspx> for additional services and fees.

There are plenty of fee-based apps that range in price from as little as 99 cents per title (U.S. Code and CFR) to as much as \$8.99 per title (U.S. Code, state codes and regulations and some court rules). There's even an app developed by a Dallas attorney for couples contemplating divorce. The Divorce Cost & Prep application helps couples calculate how much a divorce costs right down to the expense of maintaining 2 homes. Whatever your legal research needs, with today's technology, you'll find them right at your fingertips!

Submitted by Susan Armstrong, Law library

Courtside

Photo Highlights



The Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Steve L. Beshear commissioned Judge Roland Steinle as a Kentucky Colonel. Judge Steinle was awarded this honor for speaking at their state-wide Victim Compensation Fund conference. The Kentucky Colonels are a charitable organization that provides financial support to Kentucky charitable and educational institutions and organizations. Over the years, many celebrities have held the title Kentucky Colonel. Famous Kentucky Colonels include Muhammad Ali, Elvis Presley, Bob Hope and Wayne Newton.



General Jurisdiction Administrator Phil Knox (right) with extern Brad Carmack. Brad is one of many law students working at Superior Court for the Summer.

Supreme Court Ceremony Honors ACM/ICM Graduates

Superior Court employees were honored during a ceremony at the Arizona Supreme Court for completing the Arizona Court Manager program as well as Institute for Court Management classes and the AZ Plus curriculum.



Left to right: Patricia Seguin and Chief Justice Rebecca White Berch



Left to right: Johnny Tse and Chief Justice Rebecca White Berch



Beverly Dupree, Elizabeth Evans and Shannon Branham with Chief Justice Rebecca White Berch and Superior Court Administrators following their graduation ceremony. Left to right: Jessica Funkhouser, Marcus Reinkensmeyer, Beverly Dupree, Chief Justice Rebecca White Berch, Elizabeth Evans, Phil Knox and Shannon Branham.