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"Committed to the Timely, Fair and Impartial Administration of Justice."



Barbara Rodriguez Mundell
Presiding Judge

The popularity of social networking sites like *Facebook* and *Twitter* have exploded in the last couple of years.

As *Facebook* and *Twitter* become a more integral part of our culture, some people think that the positives outweigh the negatives, while others believe the risks overshadow the rewards.

I'm one of those who believe that social networking sites are an extremely powerful tool, especially when it comes to communicating our Court's message.

Facebook alone has more than 400 million active users worldwide. With hundreds of millions of people visiting these sites each month, the Court's Media Relations and Community Outreach staff has an increasing need to use, create and access alternative/social media sites to expand the Court's ongoing dialogue with its stakeholders as an official voice of the Court.

But, with any new technology, problems could arise. We hear about stories in the media how some employees use these sites irresponsibly in the workplace or others who use them for criminal activity.

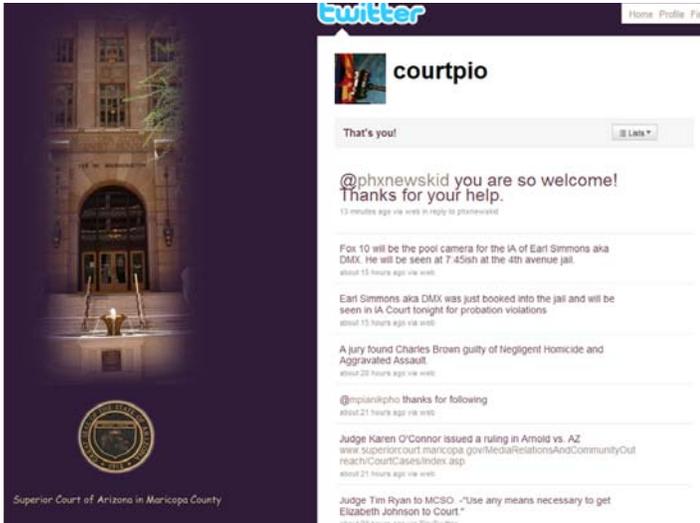
So to safeguard the Court against potential pitfalls, Superior Court did thorough research before it joined *Facebook* and *Twitter* and developed a court-wide policy that was approved by the Judicial Executive Committee. The policy is in line with public record retention laws, the Court's Electronic Communications Policy (C-111-B) and abides by the Judicial Code of Ethics for Court Employees.

So please, if you haven't yet had the opportunity, become a "fan" of the Superior Court on *Facebook* or "follow" us on *Twitter*.



News and Notes

Fan us on Facebook; Follow Us On Twitter



Social Networking, Social Media and Social Marketing are new communication tools used by many agencies and most recently some court systems. The Media Relations and Community outreach department recently launched the Court's Twitter and Facebook pages. After months of planning, research and policy revisions the pages are up and running.

Social Marketing, Social Media and Social Networking are different aspects of online communication. Social Networking is the interaction and exchange of information with others while Social Marketing is the strategic process of getting messages out to your audiences and Social Media is the tools used to get those messages out.

Millions of people use Facebook everyday to keep up with friends, upload an unlimited number of photos, share links and videos, and learn more about the people they meet. As a Court system we can use that tool to build a relationship with the community we serve. We can post announcements, workshops, forums and important information like parking and where to report for jury service. The possibilities are endless.

Twitter is a short precise communication tool that alerts followers with timely bits of information. Although limited to 140 characters of information it has already proven extremely useful to both the media and the community.

For instance, if a Judge sentences a high profile defendant or a jury has reached a verdict in an important case, a "tweet" can be sent out to all of the court followers. Court PIOs have the ability to "tweet" from anywhere at anytime of the day or night.

As we continue to develop these new communication tools we encourage court departments to submit news items that would be of interest to the media and to the community.

If you have a twitter account you can follow us @courtpio and if you have a Facebook account you can become a "fan" of the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County.



News and Notes

High Schools Compete in Mock Trial Tournament

By Stacy Farmer, Matt Fertig and Grayce Mayhew



On Saturday March 6th the Central Court Building was busy with activity. Twenty-six teams of students from high schools across Maricopa County arrived to determine which of them could argue a case the most effectively. The winning teams would earn the right to compete in a statewide competition held at the federal courthouse.

The high school teams would each be involved in four rounds of trials throughout the day. Each team would be representing the prosecution twice and the defense twice. Judicial officers volunteered their time to hold these trials on Saturday, making rulings on evidence, objections, and judging each team on multiple factors relating to how well they presented their side and cross-examined their opposition.

After each round, the team's scores were recorded and new pairing lists were created for the next round. At the end of the day, the top four teams were chosen for a final round to determine who would be sent to the state competition.

As the grueling fourteen-hour day came to a close, the sponsors were very pleased with the outcome of the event and grateful for the use of the court facilities.

This annual event has been a tradition in our Court for many years and gives local students first-hand exposure to real courtrooms. This event is a great example of amazing collaboration between many departments in the court and shows the value of community involvement.

New Family Court Commissioner

Presiding Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell appointed J. Justin McGuire as a Superior Court Commissioner.

McGuire, who has been in private practice since 1992, will oversee a Family Court calendar.

Prior to his appointment, McGuire was a sole practitioner at the Law Office of J. Justin McGuire, L.L.C. for eight years. As a sole practitioner, McGuire handled numerous trials and hearings as well as all aspects of the business. Before that, he was a partner in a two-person firm, Cunanan & McGuire, L.L.C, for seven years.



J. Justin McGuire

McGuire earned his Juris Doctor from Arizona State University College of Law and his Bachelor of Arts from Boise State University.

March Employee Anniversaries

5 Years

Lane Harris - Judicial Clerk
Yvette De La Cruz Martinez -
 Judicial Clerk Associate
Robin Hall-Hill - Judicial
 Clerk Associate
 Genevieve Hernandez - Judicial
 Clerk Associate
Talia Lair - Judicial Clerk Associate
Michelle Zuech - Judicial
 Clerk Associate
Armida Hernandez - Judicial
 Clerk Senior
Mark White - Surveillance Officer
Michael Bertone - Juvenile
 Detention Officer
Angela Torres - Juvenile
 Detention Officer
Elizabeth Eells - Research and
 Planning Manager
Bryan Hageman - Juvenile
 Detention Officer
Luz Cabada - Probate Examiner

10 Years

Paul Mark Berkshire -
 Conference Officer
Raquel Murillo - Judicial
 Assistant-Classified
Leroy Lerchen - Surveillance
 Officer
Patricia Maurer - Judicial
 Clerk Associate

15 Years

Boyd Frick - Adult
 Probation Officer
Sergio Mosqueda - Adult
 Probation Officer
Rodney Rego - Adult Probation
 Officer Supervisor
Anna King - Adult Probation
 Officer Supervisor

20 Years

Bernice Johnson - Juvenile
 Probation Officer
Linda Heimer - Office
 Assistant Specialized
Linda Childers - Judicial
 Clerk Senior
Angela Hollie - Adult
 Probation Officer
Anthony Primak - Adult
 Probation Officer
Shari Barrett - Juvenile
 Probation Officer Supervisor
Deborah Morton-Estime
 Surveillance Officer

25 Years

Beatrice Eisenecher -
 Administrative Supervisor
Melody O'Donnell -
 Court Reporter
Tara Kramer - Court Reporter

30+ Years

Sharlie Sanders -
 Judicial Assistant
Cindy Butler - Court Investigator
Arlene Lamp - Judicial Assistant
Sue McLaughlin - Juvenile
 Probation Officer

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Attention: Military Members (Retired, Guard or Reserve)



We are looking for anyone interested in becoming part of our Maricopa County Color Guard team. Duties will include posting and retrieving the colors (U.S. flag and any accompanied flags) before and after County events.

Minimum requirements include: uniform must be in serviceable condition and must fit properly, dress and appearance must be professional. Retirees need not meet military standards, but must present a very professional appearance.

If interested please contact either Ed Guerrero at 602-372-0379 or Gary Bridget at 506-8568.

Submitted by Edward Guerrero
Adult Probation

Reinkensmeyer Receives ICM Certification

Court Administrator Marcus Reinkensmeyer has joined the Institute for Court Management's adjunct faculty.

Last month, Reinkensmeyer earned certification from the ICM's Faculty Development Training program. The four-day course certifies court professionals to teach courses to court supervisors and managers in Arizona and other states.

"I'm excited about this opportunity because I will be involved in helping create the next generation of court managers," Reinkensmeyer said.

Reinkensmeyer completed the Essential Component course, which covers areas such as jury management, court security, records, the verbatim record and case initiation.

According to Reinkensmeyer, there has been a shift in the traditional ICM training model. Arizona has joined a consortium of states that allows students the opportunity to train closer to home to reduce travel costs. In the past, students would have to travel across the country to complete certain programs.

Reinkensmeyer becomes the second court administrator at Superior Court in Maricopa County to receive his ICM teaching certification. Last year, General Jurisdiction Court Administrator Phil Knox completed the Caseflow Management program.

Westlaw Tips from the Law Library

Need to find something and find it fast without having to put a check mark in the appropriate box? An easy way is to use the "**Search for a database**" feature located in the left-hand frame of the Westlaw screen. Simply enter the Westlaw database identifier or database name in the box and you're on your way! Westlaw keeps track of the last 20 databases you've accessed so by clicking on the down arrow next to **Recent Databases**, you can quickly see where you've been. Better yet, save it to **Favorite Databases**. Select **Add to Favorites** under **Favorite Databases**. Enter the Westlaw database identifier in the **Entry Name** text box. To help you easily identify the database, type a name in the **Database(s)** text box. You can rename and delete any entry by clicking on **Organize Favorites** under **Favorite Databases**.

Submitted by Susan Armstrong
Law Library

Probation

Maricopa County Celebrates Diversity

On January 26, Maricopa County held the 6th Annual Unity Day that celebrated our employees' various ethnicities, cultures, and backgrounds. George Garcia, Maricopa County Diversity Manager, emceed the event that featured guest speaker, County Manager David Smith, a fashion show, Chilean dancers, and music by the Los County Boys. Awards were given to various County diversity groups for their remarkable accomplishments.



Three of our own, Luzviminda Vacca, Merci Hernandez and Ed Guerrero, helped the county learn more about different cultures by participating in the fashion show. Also Juvenile Probation administrative assistant, Tom Collins, proudly donned his Air Force uniform as part of the ceremonial color guard.

George Garcia, a naval veteran, proudly announced to the audience that this was the very first time an all-Maricopa County employee color guard was ever assembled. The color guard who posted and retrieved the Colors during this event were Tom Collins, Ed Guerrero, Gary Bridget (Judicial Branch Human Resources, and Jorge Palomino (Assessor's Office.)

The recently-formed Maricopa County Asian Network hosted a fashion show that consisted of models representing traditional dress from China, Guam, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Philippines, and Vietnam.

Minda Vacca, from the Phillipines, wore a "Traje de Mestiza" which originated from the local baro at saya (blouse and skirt). The mestiza dress is an elegant formal outfit for women that symbolizes the virtues and nobility of Philipino women. Mestiza dresses are made of expensive fabric and lace, and are adorned with embroidery.

During the Spanish Era in the 1890s, the Mestiza became very popular. The Hollywood era of the 1900's inspired the transformation of the Mestiza: "acquiring bell shaped sleeves and a slimmer skirt with a tail."

In modern days, the Mestiza is typically worn to theater art performances that feature the rich cultural heritage of the Philipinos; and has become one of the traditional formal wear used for social and political gatherings

Ed Guerrero, from Guamanian descent, introduced himself with a spear-thrusting warrior dance and wore the simple dress of the Ancient Island Warrior. Ed wore the traditional "**SAH DEE**" or loin cloth, traditionally woven from either pandanus or coconut fibre. Warriors would first oil their bodies with coconut oil as protection from the harsh effects of the sun and salt water.

The traditional "TOK-CHA" that Ed carried was a sharp spearhead made from bone tips carved and sharpened before they were attached to 8 foot spears. Warriors used animal bones that could be lethal when aimed at their target. Ed closed his presentation with another warrior spear dance.

Merci Hernandez was very instrumental in preparing Ed's traditional dress and very interesting script for the presentation.

**Submitted by Ed Guerrero
Adult Probation**

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Washington Receives “Living the Dream” Award

Gloria Washington, a 31 year senior adult probation officer for Maricopa County, was awarded the Living the Dream “Arizona Black Law Enforcement Employee Officer of the Year” Award at the Martin Luther King luncheon held January 15th at the Phoenix Convention Center.

“Gloria Washington has been such a great asset to our community for so long,” said District 5 Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox. “To me, the Living the Dream Award, given in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., is the highest honor a citizen can receive in our state and city. That a Maricopa County employee should be so honored for her work and commitment to a better world reflects so well on the people who work for our county. It is a Lifetime Achievement Award. I couldn’t be prouder.”

In the 1970’s, she helped form “Just Us,” a group that provided unity and support for black law enforcement officers. Washington currently participates in the Adult and Juvenile Probation Diversity Council, Arizona Probation Officer’s Association and the Maricopa County African-American Knowledge Network. She also served on the Foster Care Review Board for more than 25 years.

Always committed to advocating the best outcomes for individuals in difficult situations, she has been recognized for her dedication and willingness to go the extra mile.



Pictured: (left to right) La Shawn Jenkins, Human Resources Committee Chairman, award winner Gloria Washington, and Andréa Weeks Hardin, Chairperson of the Martin Luther King Committee.

Submitted by By Terri Mullholland

Juvenile Probation Chief to Serve on Committees

Arizona Supreme Court Justice Rebecca White Berch has appointed Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Vincent Iaria to be a member of the Committees on Probation and Juvenile Courts.

Iaria is appointed to the committees by virtue of his position as Maricopa County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and will serve as long as he holds this position.

He was appointed as Maricopa County Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in February. Prior to his appointment, Iaria served as Acting Bureau Chief for Los Angeles County Probation Department.

During his career, he served as the Director of Probation for Suffolk County Probation Department in Yaphank, New York. He also worked in San Diego as the Chief Probation Officer for San Diego County Probation Department.

Courtside

Photo Highlights



A group of about 30 prosecutors from Mexico, hosted by the Conference of Western Attorneys General visited Superior Court to observe a murder trial and then met with Judge Gary Donahoe. (Above) Judge Donahoe speaks to the group about the Master Calendar case flow management system that the Criminal Department implemented in July 2009.



On Sunday, February 7th, 2010, the Juvenile Court held a special session off site at the Phoenix Children's Hospital to finalize an adoption for a young boy and his soon-to-be forever family. Commissioner Thomas Kaipio and his Judicial Assistant Natalie Garcia were joined by courtroom clerk Robert Jordan and court reporter Monica Hill-Morrisette to volunteer their time and services to make this dream come true.

By statute, children must be present at their final adoption proceeding. Circumstances precluded the adoption from being held at the courthouse. Accordingly, with the consent of all the parties, the Juvenile Court was more than happy to accommodate this unique request. In this instance, Zachary was celebrating another very important event in his young life that particular day, his 2nd birthday! Congratulations Zachary and family!



Judge Warren Granville stands with newly sworn-in probation officers. Judge Granville delivered the probation officer oath at their graduation ceremony.

From Left to Right: Chad Beeman, Dawn McCullar; Jacquelyn Novak, Brian Thompson; David Gonzales; Achi Yapo; Perla Florez; Sierra Florez; Beth Cervantes; Judge Warren Granville.