



The Site of the Criminal Tower: Madison and First Avenue

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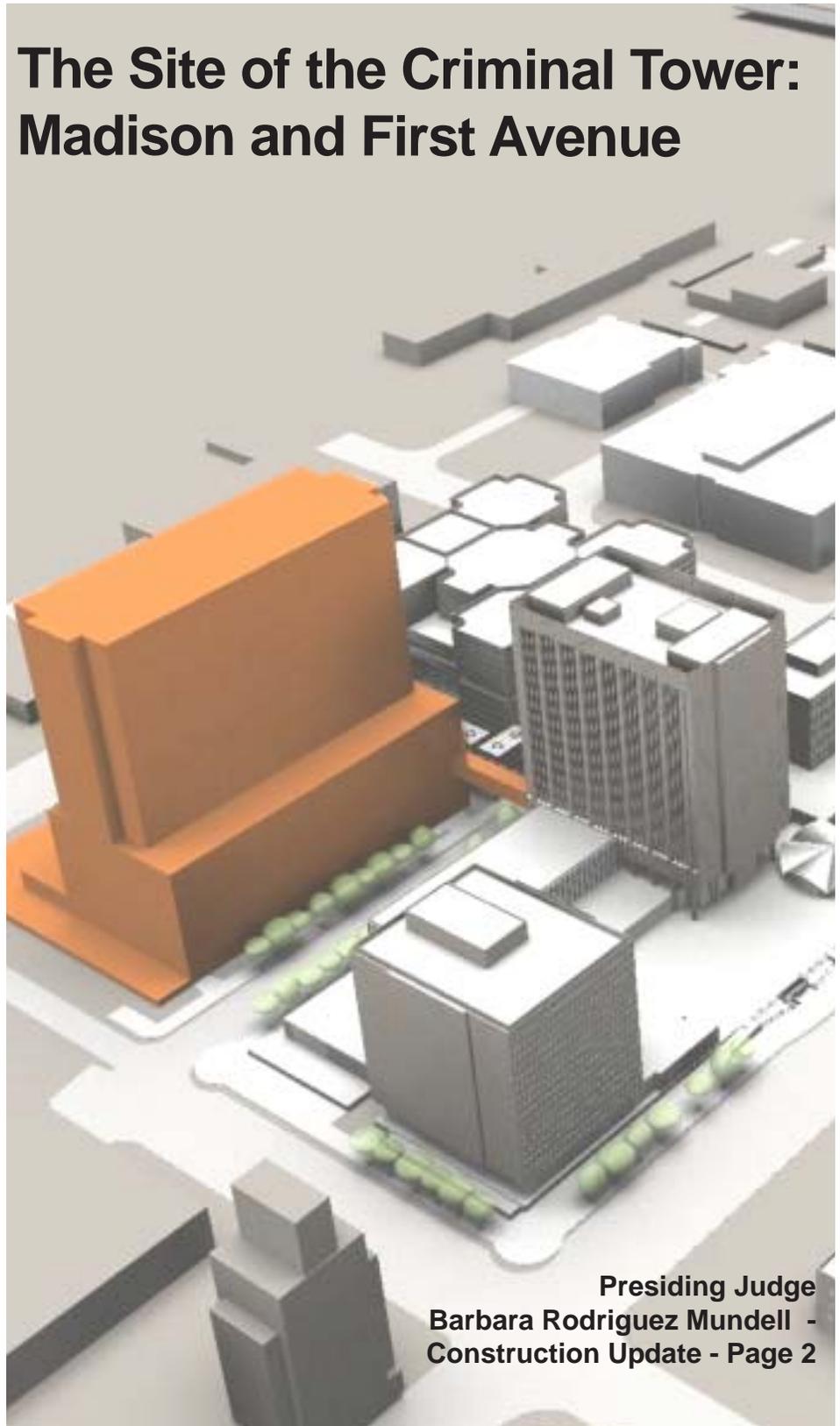
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Message From the Presiding Judge



Barbara Rodriguez Mundell
Presiding Judge

Courthouse Funding One Step Closer

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors has unanimously approved \$359 million in capital funding for the planned downtown criminal courthouse. The new courthouse is targeted for completion in 2011, following one year of architectural design and two years of construction. This is another major step in realization of the

Court Master Space Plan, serving a projected population of 4.8 million residents by the year 2015. The plan calls for a full service downtown court complex, as well as six regional court centers located across the valley.

Program plans for the criminal courthouse were developed through an intensive series of meetings and work sessions including judicial officers, justice system stakeholders, victim advocates, the media, the Court's American with Disabilities Act committee, County Management and Gould Evans - DMJM. The new facility will house 32 courtrooms (22 completed and 10 in "shelled" space), a new jury assembly room, the Clerk of Court's office, criminal court administration, adult probation department, court interpreters offices and work areas for attorneys, attorney-client interview rooms, victim/witness areas, restorative justice program services and secure holding cells. Plans call for a 16 story facility, providing 722,930 sq. ft. of new court space.

The facility will leverage state-of-the-art technologies for e-court litigation support, video conferencing, security screening, prisoner transportation and media coverage.

As envisioned, the new criminal tower serves as the anchor facility for the downtown court complex. Enclosed walkways will interconnect the new building with the East and Central court buildings. The criminal courthouse design provides separate circulation patterns for the public, judicial personnel, prisoners, jurors, etc. Under the master space plan, the downtown campus can ultimately be reconfigured as follows:

- **Criminal and Mental Health Courts** – New Criminal Courthouse and Central Court Building
- **Civil and Tax Courts** – Central Court Building and Old Courthouse
- **Family Courts** – East Court Building
- **Probate** – Old Courthouse

The new courthouse is to be located on the southwest corner of Madison and First Avenue, requiring demolition of the Madison Street parking garage.

During the building construction, the County is arranging for alternative staff parking in county facilities (e.g., the parking ramp at 7th Avenue and Jackson) and a possible shuttle service. Secure parking will be provided for all judicial officers at the 4th Ave/Jefferson county parking ramp, which is connected to the county administration building and the court complex via enclosed bridges that cross over 3rd and 4th Avenues.

The new courthouse plan includes secure underground parking for all downtown judges and commissioners.

Moving into the architectural design phase of the project, we will be asking for further input from judges, commissioners, court personnel, lawyers and other stakeholders.

Our sincere thanks go to the Board of Supervisors and County Management for their support in meeting the critical space needs of the Court.

Gearing Up For Construction

A team of Judicial Branch Administrators are preparing for an intensive period of court construction.

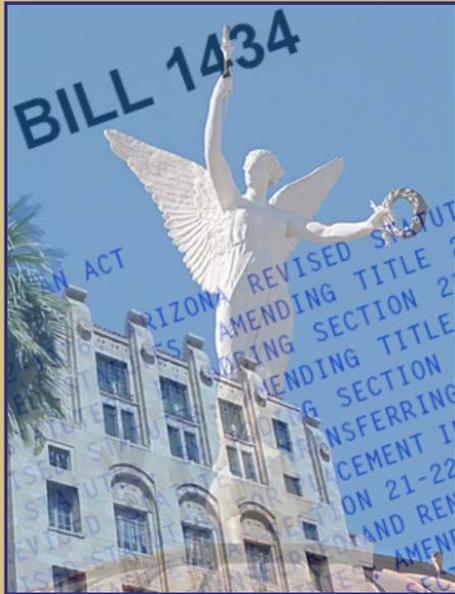
Administrators are holding weekly meetings to discuss construction projects that provide more efficient and effective services to the public and address Maricopa County's rapidly growing population.

The projects include: expansion of the Southeast Regional Center; new Downtown Regional Court Center and Early Disposition Court courtrooms in the basement of the Central Court Building; a re-location of Criminal Court Administration to the second floor of the CCB in the space vacated by the Clerk of the Superior Court and plans for a new Southwest Justice Center and Downtown Criminal Court Tower.

Also, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors approved more than \$359 million for a new criminal tower, which includes construction of a Durango 911 Center and Crime Lab and a Sheriff/ Court Remodel project to make space for the court tower.

Judicial Branch Newsmakers

Bill Reduces Jurors' Commute to Court



On May 8, Governor Janet Napolitano signed Senate Bill 1434, allowing Maricopa County Superior Court to take into account a juror's travel time when summoning residents for jury service. The new bill will become effective January 1, 2008.

SB1434 allows counties with multiple superior court locations to provide alternative procedures for summoning jurors. An implementation plan must be approved by the Arizona Supreme Court or the presiding judge of the county in which the court is located. The alternative procedures may be designed to minimize the distance prospective jurors must travel to avoid unnecessary transportation expenses.

Presiding Judge Barbara Rodriguez Mundell plans to submit a proposal to use proximity weighted summoning to the Arizona Supreme Court for approval.

Three Judges Join Superior Court

Governor Janet Napolitano has appointed three Maricopa County Superior Court Judges to the bench.

Judge Joseph Welty, who replaces recently retired Judge Pamela Franks, worked in the Arizona Attorney General's Office and then in the office of the United States Attorney for the District of Arizona. He currently serves as the Chief of the National Security Section at the United States Attorney's Office. He received his Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law School and his Bachelor of Arts from Loyola Marymount University. He will be assigned to Family Court in Downtown Phoenix, starting on June 18.



Judge Samuel Thumma is a former director at the law firm of Perkins Coie Brown and Bain in Phoenix. He was a judge Pro Tempore at Maricopa County Superior Court and has taught as an adjunct professor at Arizona State University's College of Law. Judge Thumma earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa College of law and his Bachelor of Science from Iowa State University. He will be assigned at Juvenile Court at Durango, starting on May 29.



Judge William Brotherton served two terms in the Arizona Senate and also the House of Representatives, and has been an attorney in private practice for the past 19 years. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Arizona College of Law and his Bachelor of Arts from Grand Canyon College. He started at Family Court at Northwest Regional Court on May 14.

Judges Honored by State Bar

At its April meeting, the Arizona State Bar Board of Governors announced **Judge Gary Donahoe** as the recipient of the Award of Special Merit. Deceased Maricopa County Superior Court **Presiding Judge Kimball Rose** was posthumous awarded the James A. Walsh Outstanding Jurist Award.



Judge Donahoe

Former Judge to be Honored in California

The American Bar Association will honor former Maricopa County Superior Court **Judge B. Michael Dann** with its inaugural Jury System Impact Award at an award ceremony on August 10 in San Francisco.

"This award acknowledges Mike's tremendous efforts to implement the Principles for Juries and Jury Trials on both state and national levels, leading to an increase in confidence in our system of justice and an improvement in the roles of jurors across the country," Superior Court Judge Christopher Whitten said.

Court Briefs

News from around the Court

Juvenile:

Grant Awarded to Help Families

Governor Janet Napolitano and Maricopa County's Community Service Unit are reaching out to families before it's too late.

Recently, the Governor's office for Children, Youth and Families awarded the Community Service Unit (CSU), comprised of representatives of Maricopa County Superior Court Juvenile Division, Maricopa County Juvenile Court Administration, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department, Arizona Department of Economic Security Child Protective Services and ValueOptions, a 15-month grant to help at-risk children and families from becoming formally involved in Maricopa County's juvenile justice system.

The \$114,440 grant will be used to help enhance the services provided by the CSU. Two new facilitators will be added to the unit and trained to implement the *Parent Project*, part of a nationally renowned program designed to help parents change their child's destructive behavior. The project aims to decrease delinquent activity, improve school attendance, decrease school expulsions and improve family management and bonding among troubled youth and families.

CSU was created to provide prevention and crisis intervention services to youth and families not formally identified to "belong" to any one of CSU's partnering agencies. Families are accepted on a referral or walk-in basis. The unit offers assessment and triage. As needed, at-risk families will be provided immediate screening, mediation and service referrals. The unit focuses on closing the gap between service referral and service delivery.

Submitted by Robin Hoskins, Judicial Branch Grant Writer

Save the Date

Juvenile Court cordially invites you to

"Olga Trujillo: A Survivor's Story"

The Effects of Domestic
Violence & Child Maltreatment
on Children and Families

June 15, 2007

1:00 PM – 4:00 p.m.

Downtown Justice Center

Room 2038 Training 1 & 2

620 W. Jackson Street

Human Resources

Ricardo Barceló was appointed to the position of Manager of Finance and Procurement for Trial Courts Administrative Services. Barceló brings extensive experience in budget analysis, financial reporting, forecasting, audit control, and management to the job. Prior to accepting his new position with the Trial Courts, he was with the Maricopa County Clerk of the Court as Finance Business Coordinator.

Barceló holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona, and a Master's degree from Northern Arizona University. In addition to his time with the CoC, Ricardo has several years working with public sector entities including the City of Mesa Budget and Research, Pima County Juvenile Court, University of Arizona-Tucson, and Pima County Budget and Research. He joined the Administrative Services Division under Pete Anderson on May 7th.

Submitted by Phillip Hanley, Human Resources Director

Administration

Vickie Fugate was promoted to Admin Coordinator IV in the Family Court Department. Vickie will be taking on new tasks such as heading up a new operational review project that we will be starting in the next few weeks. Fugate will still be available in her current capacities as Judicial Clerk Lead.

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CASA

2007 Arizona Children's Justice Task Force Awards for Excellence:



Maricopa County Award Winners

Bev Ogden Award for Overall Excellence

Beth Rosenberg

Children's Action Alliance,
Maricopa County
Child Protective Services
Professional
Office

Child Abuse Medical Professional Award

Dr. Kathy Coffman

St. Joseph's Hospital, Maricopa
County

Volunteer Advocate Award

Jackie Flowers (Above - Left)

CASA, Maricopa County

Story submitted by Justine Grabowsky
CASA Community Outreach Specialist

Law Library

Research Tip of the Month: Library Research Guide Series

The Law Library's Research Guide Series can be just the thing that a confused customer needs to get back on track. Our research guides take important legal issues and identify the most helpful Arizona laws, selected library materials, online resources and referral resources. We have a wide assortment of guides and always welcome suggestions for other topics. Our current guides include:

- Consumer Credit and Debt
- Domestic Violence
- Elder Law
- Family Law
- Homeowners' Association
- Landlord and Tenant
- Tax Lien Sales
- Taxes
- Working with and Using a Lawyer
- Probate and Wills
- Landlord and Tenant

These guides are available in print from the Law Library and online from the library's website at: www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/lawlibrary/

For more information on the research guides or any other library services, please contact the Law Library at X63461, or services@sccl.maricopa.gov.

Story submitted by Jennifer Murray
Law Library Assistant Director

CTS

CTS Welcomes Three New Trainers

Court Technology Services has three new trainers on board ready to share their knowledge of computers with court staff.

Bob Hersberger comes to Court Technology Services from ITT Technical Institute where he was a full-time teacher. During his career, Hersberger has worked in the IT field as a Network Administrator and at a number of schools, including Arizona State University, as an academic and career counselor. He has a master's degree in education from Northern Arizona University.

Rob Vinciguerra previously worked as a training specialist and instructional designer for Money Management International and Consumer Credit Counseling Services Southwest for the past two years before joining CTS.

Randy Stinnett, a native of Phoenix, has been teaching and training for most of his adult life. He has spent 15 years teaching in the transportation/logistics industry and eight years teaching college courses in classrooms and online. He has a bachelors degree in business administration and a masters degree in organizational management.

Story submitted by David Stevens
Chief Technology Officer

Court WebSite is Under Redesign

The Maricopa County Superior Courts award winning Internet site is undergoing a total facelift, complete with new colors and navigation.

The Web Development Team has been meeting with top court administrators and came up with a new design that has both easy to navigate layout and user-friendly tools with a modern look and feel.

The new main page showcases a new dynamic feature that will spotlight the most heavily visited sections, and will update as the statistics change! Another exciting new feature is a much demanded, "How-Do-I" section that gives users simple step-by-step walkthroughs for various topics and links to outside resources.

The customization of our new design is unparalleled. It will employ a portal concept that will allow the front page to be changed and refitted specifically for the unique needs of



Adult Probation, Justice Courts, Juvenile Probation and Trial Courts. Information relevant to all areas will display in static columns.

A special thanks to all who have assisted on this project and who continue to contribute your hard work and effort!

Story submitted by Andy Cicchillo
Court Technology Services

Juvenile: Durango Court Undergoes Makeover

If you haven't been inside the Juvenile Probation Department's main building at 3125 W. Durango in a while, you may get lost. While structurally the building looks the same, the entire interior has been renovated as part of the Court Improvement Projects and the Capital Facilities Master Plan for the Durango Campus.

Originally built in the late 1970s, the building was beginning to show its age. In August of 2006 after nearly a year of construction, the Court Technology Services (CTS) Durango computer server room was completely remodeled. The server room was expanded from its original

size and includes major upgrades to electrical and telecommunications systems that bring the equipment up from its overburdened 1970s specifications to today's standards. The new equipment now also serves as the back-up and disaster recovery server for the court.

The second phase of improvement projects - remodeling the remainder of the building - was completed earlier this year. Spaces for staff training and programs for juveniles and their families were re-designed. The new design provides a secure work environment for employees, as well as public space for meeting with clients. Private

interview rooms are now available, which provide greater confidentiality and security for clients and staff. The new design also provided an opportunity for the entire Juvenile Probation Executive Team to be located in one area, while at the same time keeping them accessible to staff.

Additionally, the new building has been designed for Dispatch Services for both Juvenile and Adult Probation. The increased space will help to meet future demand for additional dispatchers. The dispatch staff is expected to transition into this space later this year.

Story submitted by Debra Olsen
Juvenile Probation Deputy Chief

Drug Court Celebrates 15 Years

“Offering a Hand in Sobriety”



Judge Carey Hyatt of Superior Court with Judge Susan Bolton, U.S. District Court, Phoenix at the Drug Court Celebration. Judge Bolton, a former Superior Court Judge, was presented an award for initiating the Drug Court program in Maricopa County Superior Court.

For the past 15 years, Drug Court in Maricopa County has provided thousands of substance abusers with the tools to turn their lives around and lead successful, sober lives.

On Friday, May 11, Superior Court celebrated its Drug Court with graduation ceremonies and a reunion of former alumni and others. The event was held in the Board of Supervisors Auditorium in Phoenix.

As part of the program, Carolyn Hardin, director of the National Drug Court Association and U.S. District Court Judge Susan Bolton joined Maricopa County Drug Court graduates, judges, commissioners, probation officers, lawyers and counselors to celebrate Maricopa County’s milestone. The event was also being held in recognition of National and Arizona Drug Court Month.

Judge Bolton, who previously served on the Superior Court bench, where she initiated its Drug Court, talked about the past, present and future of drug courts in state and federal jurisdictions. Others shared their personal experiences as drug users who have reclaimed their lives as valuable members of the community.

The program also highlighted graduations of the most recent Drug Court clients to succeed.

Drug Court participants cover a spectrum of people of all ages who are married, divorced, single, employed and unemployed, with children and not – all with one thing in common: Each is a nonviolent offender charged with drug or alcohol-related criminal acts. Their intensive eight-month rehabilitation program includes counseling, treatment, random drug tests, regular court appearances and sanctions, when needed. Juvenile Court also provides Drug Court for offenders under the age of 18.

Maricopa County Superior Court became the third trial court in the country to create a Drug Court program, patterning itself after the original court created in Miami Florida in 1989.



Sandra Walters, a drug court graduate, shares her story with the audience.

Courtside

Photo Highlights

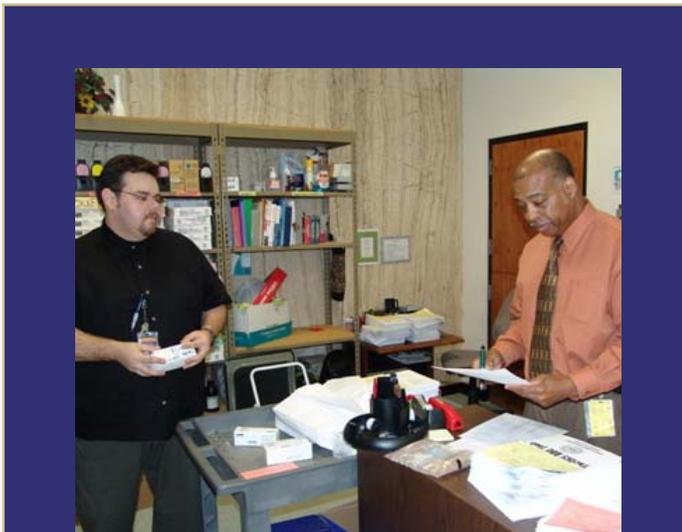
In the News



Left - Judge Robert Gottsfield is conducting a settlement conference to help Superior Court resolve a case.

Bottom Middle Right - Newly hired Program Manager Christopher Bleuenstein (left) and Deputy Court Administrator Brian Karth (right) discuss court expansion with a court construction team made up of Judicial Branch administrators.

Bottom Right - Presiding Juvenile Judge Eileen Willett speaks to a large audience at Maricopa County's Law Day celebration held at Arizona State University's Downtown Phoenix campus.



Management Analyst Rene Baker reviews a project with Richard Varela of the copy center. More than three million copies are made each year in the Central Court and East Court Building Copy Centers.

