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## Judge of the Year

Maricopa County Superior Court Criminal Presiding Judge Douglas Rayes (left) has been named 2011 Judge of the Year by the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). ABOTA member Patrick McGroder (right) presented the award.

The award recognizes Judge Rayes’ integrity, dedication and professionalism.

Judge Rayes was appointed to the Bench in 2000. During his tenure, Judge Rayes has presided over criminal, civil, complex civil, family and special assignment calendars.

ABOTA’s mission includes promoting the efficient administration of justice and constant improvement of the law.

## From the Presiding Judge



*Norman Davis*

**Happy Holidays!**

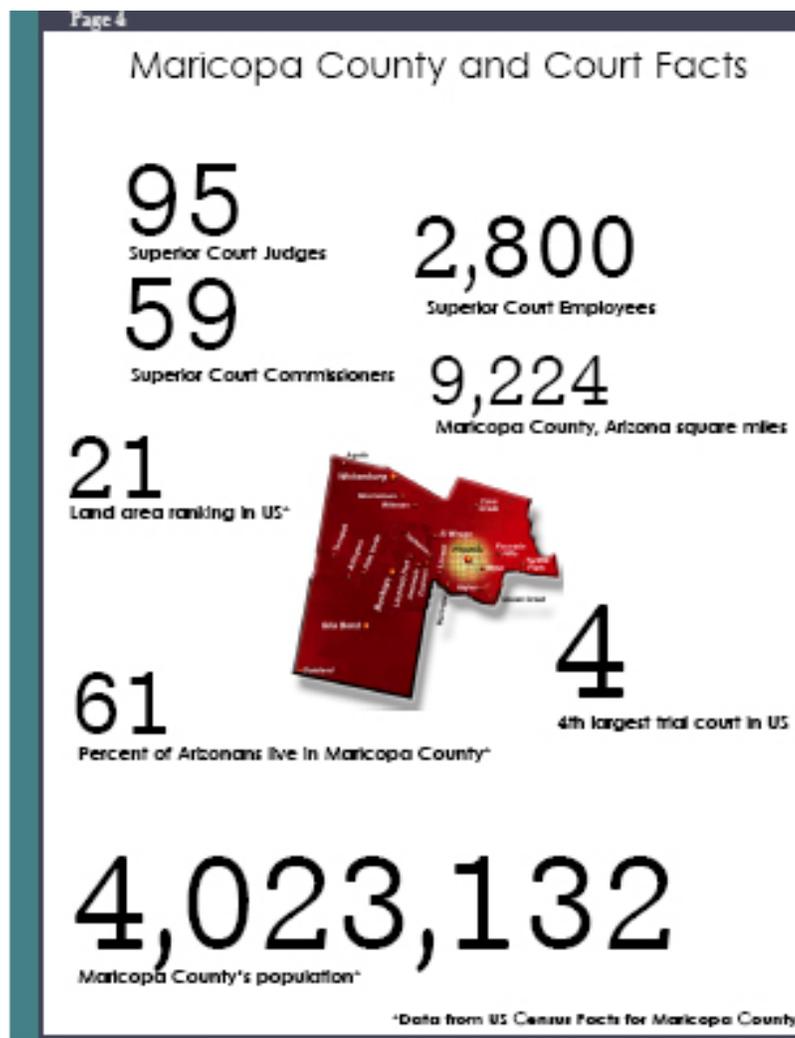
**In this issue, you will read about some of the Court's many accomplishments during the past year and positive momentum established as we approach 2012.**

**I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your contributions and to share with you the hope that I have that 2012 will continue the tradition of excellence!**

**Good wishes to you and your families,**

**Norman Davis  
Presiding Judge**

## FY2011 Annual Report Now Online



The Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County has posted its Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Report online:

[www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/MediaRelationsDepartment/docs/annualrep/FY2011AnnualRpt.pdf](http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/MediaRelationsDepartment/docs/annualrep/FY2011AnnualRpt.pdf)

The report, designed by the Research and Planning Department, includes: court facts, statistics, court programs and descriptions and highlights.

"I want to thank all of the court departments and staff for their contributions. I would also like to give a special thanks to Mary Byrnes for the innovative report design," said Director of Research and Planning Diana Hegyi.

*Left: A sample page from the report that contains interesting facts about Superior Court*

# Commissioners

## Five Commissioners Are Sworn In

On November 22, Superior Court celebrated the appointments of five Court Commissioners, Jay R. Adleman, Rodrick J. Coffey, Lori Horn Bustamante, Wendy S. Morton and Patricia A. Starr, with a swearing-in ceremony in the Board of Supervisors Auditorium in Phoenix.



# December Employee Anniversaries

## 5 Years

**Sylvia Andrade** Comm Sys Optr  
**Kathleen Rosa** Adult Probation Officer  
**Billie Berry** Human Resources Associate  
**Robert Anderson** Juvenile Detention Officer  
**Ralph Mendez** Juvenile Detention Officer  
**Patricia Novak** Office Assistant Specialized  
**Timothy Gill** Adult Probation Officer  
**Todd Bodin** Adult Probation Officer Supv  
**Sandy Velasquez** Office Assistant Specialized  
**Martin Brown** Security Officer II  
**Edward Butera** Security Officer II  
**Miklos Csaky** Security Officer II  
**Mary Haskins** Security Officer II

## 20 Years

**Gail Cody** Judicial Assistant  
**Christine Andrews** Judicial Clerk Supv  
**Gloria Braskett** Judicial Clerk Supervisor  
**Derrick Platt** Juvenile Probation Ofcr Supv

## 30 Years

**Cindy Ingles** Judicial Assistant

## 10 Years

**Bob Wolff** Finance/Business Analyst  
**Xochitl Calderon** Juvenile Detention Officer  
**Diana Lewis** Business/Systems Analyst  
**Jory Plotts** Judicial Assistant-Classified

## 31 Years

**Juli Deyoung** Judicial Clerk Supervisor

## 15 Years

**Leslie Blakley** CASA Coordinator  
**Isidoro Contreras** Judicial Assistant  
**Cathleen Greenberg** Judicial Clerk Supervisor  
**John Herold** Surveillance Officer  
**Michael Cini** Surveillance Officer

*Seasons  
Greetings!*

# News and Notes

## Annual Garfield Turkey Feast

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Garfield Probation Center Turkey Feast was held on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The feast is a celebration of the partnership between the probation department, local law enforcement, and the surrounding Garfield community members. All residents living in the area were invited to come enjoy good food and a visit from Santa Claus. There were also several outside agencies such as City of Phoenix, Magic Smiles Dental Care, Community Kitchen, Chicanos Por La Causa, and Community Housing Partnership that set up information booths to provide valuable information/resources to the community members.

The feast consisted of a complete turkey dinner and delicious desserts. Almost five hundred meals were served! A gift basket that included gift cards for "a night at the Arizona Center" was raffled off and awarded to one of the local residents. One of the many volunteers who helped us out also won a gift basket. Music was provided and enjoyed by everyone. Santa Claus handed out lots of toys and candy and put smiles on all the children's faces throughout the day!

This event was made possible as a result of collaboration between many people. Many probation staff, their family members, and probationers living in the Garfield residential program assisted in set up, serving food, crowd control, clean-up, and as Santa's helpers. Supportive partners in this event included AZPOA, City of Phoenix, Mission Community Church, Safeway, Community Kitchen, and individual probation staff throughout the department. Thank you to all probation staff for your generosity in donating toys for the children. You made the day very special for them. Pulling off this event was a team effort and it was much appreciated by everyone who attended!

A special thanks to all the Garfield staff who were involved in the planning and coordinating for this very special event! Well done! Happy Holidays!

*Submitted by By Janet Kasha*

## Court Security's Graduating Class



*Court security welcomed its newest class with a graduation ceremony in the Old Courthouse.*

## Old Courthouse Renovation



*The Old Courthouse is getting an updated look. The majority of the renovation centers around new windows.*

# News and Notes

## Team Broken Hearts Club



*Left to Right: Lou Vergne, Commissioner Richard Albrecht and Commissioner Stephen Kupiszewski.*

Commissioners Richard Albrecht and Stephen Kupiszewski and Lou Vergne, a third member of their team, completed a half Iron Man triathlon on October 22 on the heels of open heart surgery.

Both commissioners had surgery within the past year, and Vergne was operated on about two-and-a-half years ago.

All three men had some notable finishes. Commissioner Kupiszewski completed a 1.2 mile swim, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> out of 85 people in the 45-49 age group. Vergne placed 1<sup>st</sup> of 38 in the 50-54 age group in the 56 mile bike ride and Commissioner Albrecht placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 26 in the 55-59 age group in the 13.1 mile run.

“When we were compared to all relay teams, even those much younger, we still placed 36<sup>th</sup> out of 69 teams,” Commissioner Kupiszewski said.

## Judge LeClaire Appointed to Serve On Committee

Judge Thomas L. LeClaire was appointed by Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Rebecca White Berch to serve as a member of the City of Scottsdale Judicial Advisory Board. Judge LeClaire began serving a three-year term on December 6.



*Thomas L. LeClaire*

## Judge Raymond Lee Retires

Judge Raymond P. Lee submitted his letter of resignation to the governor to be effective January 31, 2012.

“I have enjoyed Ray’s upbeat personality. It has been a pleasure to work with him the last 13 years. We will miss him,” Presiding Judge Norman Davis said.

Judge Lee is serving in a juvenile assignment at the Southeast Regional Center. In the last eight years, he has served ably in the family, criminal and juvenile departments.

After a distinguished career as an attorney working both in the private and public sectors, Judge Lee began his judicial career with the Court as a Commissioner in 1999 and completed criminal and family rotations before being appointed a Judge in 2003.

## Applications Accepted for Judge Pro Tempore

Superior Court will begin recruiting qualified applicants for Judges *Pro Tempore* for the upcoming appointment term, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. Applications will be accepted from January 3, 2012 – February 11, 2012. Interested applicants or those with questions should contact Michelle Anderson at 602-506-0023 or Nicole Garcia at 602-372-2559 for more information.

*Submitted by By Nicole Garcia*

# Courtside

## Photo Highlights

### Korean Judge Delegation Visits Superior Court



A Korean delegation visits with Presiding Judge Norman Davis and Court Administrator Marcus Reinkensmeyer.



Criminal Presiding Judge Douglas Rayes speaks to the delegation about jury trials.

A Korean Judge delegation of eight members visited Superior Court in late November. The group met with Presiding Judge Norman Davis and Court Administrator Marcus Reinkensmeyer. They also observed a criminal trial and met with Criminal Presiding Judge Douglas Rayes.

### Court Employees Receive ICM Certificates



Left to right - Elizabeth Evans, Danna Quinn, Rob Hahn, Carol Westwood and Beverly Dupree received their Certified Court Manager certificates from the Institute for Court Management at a graduation ceremony held at the Arizona Supreme Court.

