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2022 CONFERENCE

Our 2022 annual conference is IN THE BOOKS!! We had a great time seeing everyone and welcoming you all back in person!

The 2022 conference offered 23 sessions with 28 presenters. 104 participants were able to take advantage of the classes offered and earn their COJET credit in a fun environment, while networking with other courts throughout the state. We were also fortunate enough to have 10 vendors join us! It is our sincere hope that you enjoyed your time in Prescott. Thank you to all who participated!



FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello Members! A few weeks ago at the end of April, we successfully returned to our annual in-person training conference in Prescott Arizona. Thank you to those who were able to attend and for those who could not, well then, we'll see you next year!

Danny Arreola
Arizona Courts Association
2022 President

BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

Since our last Post, we have welcomed another member to our Board. We are very excited to welcome Christa Beavers, who is a Judicial Officer Supervisor from the Western Pinal Justice Court. We do still have openings on our board, so if you are interested, please email our President, Danny Arreola, at Danny.Arreola@JBAZMC.Maricopa.Gov.

COURTS NEWS:

Governor Doug Ducey recently proclaimed May 4th as Arizona State Employee Recognition Day, thanking all state staff for their dedication to serving the citizens of Arizona. It was noted that the state has grown by about three million people since 1998. Approximately 15,000 employees are now working remotely, saving the state an estimated \$7,000,000. Read the Governor's Proclamation here: [state employee recognition day 2022.pdf \(azgovernor.gov\)](#)

A study was recently conducted on the use of a weighted caseload model during the pandemic to estimate the staffing needs of judicial officers, court staff, and probation officers. The National Center for State Courts developed recommendations based on information obtained through a survey sent to all U.S. states and territories. Read the results here: [Microsoft Word - Recommendations for WCL in Pandemic.docx \(nsc.org\)](#)

"The only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work." ~Steve Jobs

Yavapai County Courthouse



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is just over 8100 square miles and is roughly the size of the state of Massachusetts. The elevation ranges from 1900 feet to about 8000 feet at the mountain peaks. Much of the land in Yavapai County is not privately owned, with 38% belonging to the U.S. Forest Service, 27% to the State of Arizona, 9% to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and a small percentage being held in trust as Indian reservations.

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA TOO?

For updated conference information and other exciting news, follow us on Facebook and visit our website at: www.arizonacourtsassociation.org

MEMBERSHIP:

Our 2022 membership is still open! Please visit our website at: [The Arizona Courts Association \(ACA\) Membership - The Arizona Courts Association \(ACA\)](https://www.arizonacourtsassociation.org/membership) to fill out your form and submit your payment through nCourt or by mail. Membership gives you exclusive access to the ACA Post, as well as discounts on registration for our conference.

FEATURED COURT: YAVAPAI COUNTY

Yavapai County, known as the “Mother of Counties,” is one of the four original counties in Arizona. It was formed in September of 1864, just one year after Arizona became a territory. The County seat is Prescott, which was also the original location of the state capital. As of the 2020 census, Yavapai County had a population of approximately 236,000. The county is named after the Yavapai Tribe, whose name means “People of the sun”. The area of the county

“A dream doesn’t become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination, and hard work.” —Colin Powell

MEETING DATES:

Our meetings are held monthly, except for July and August, on the 3rd Friday of each month. Our next meeting is May 20, 2022, at the Phoenix Municipal Court. Our meetings are open to the public, and we highly encourage attendance from our members. Meeting dates and locations can be found on our website, or you can contact a board member for further information if you wish to attend.

OUR NEWSLETTER:

Our newsletter is intended to supplement the information that we provide to members. We are always looking for good things happening in Arizona Courts! If you would like to contribute information or celebrate an achievement with us, please contact Kristie Wooley at krwooley@courts.az.gov. We would love to highlight different courts and honor staff throughout the state!



ARTICLES ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARIZONA:

Several orders have been in place modifying court operations during the pandemic to ensure that justice was provided in Arizona safely. On April 1, 2022, Chief Justice Robert Brutinel signed Administrative Order 2022-34, entitled "Resumption of Normal Operations." This effectively put an end to several orders related to the public health emergency and detailed the expectations for the courts in their transition from the modified processes. [2022-34.pdf \(azcourts.gov\)](#)

The Mesa Municipal Court is creating a domestic violence court to assist survivors and to hold abusers accountable by focusing on the most serious domestic violence cases the city sees. It will have similar goals to other specialty courts being utilized in that court, and seeks to address an increase in domestic violence related incidents. Read the full article here: [Mesa prepares novel domestic violence court | News | eastvalleytribune.com](#)

Making sure that the juveniles being held in their juvenile detention center can focus on literature and reading, Pima County has a library within their center that is part of the Pima County library branch. It functions like any other library, with books being checked out and returned. In addition, upon their departure from the facility, the juvenile has the option to take home one of six books to keep as their own. [Full library available at Pima County Juvenile Detention Center \(kgun9.com\)](#) However, Juvenile Detention is not the only place where Pima County is emphasizing reading. They are also promoting bonding through literacy for parents and children who are in state care. [Pima County court program connects families through reading | Local news | tucson.com](#)

In April, Yavapai's CASA for Kid Foundation's Family Visitation Center in Prescott Valley was officially renamed to the Barbara Polk Family Visitation Center in honor of a woman who dedicated her life and worked extensively with many children's organizations. She was one of the first Court Appointed Special Advocates in the state and fought fiercely to better the lives of disadvantaged youth. Her family was on hand for the dedication, proudly representing Barbara Polk. [Yavapai CASA for Kids Foundation Honors Founder Barbara Polk with Building Dedication | Prescott eNews](#)

See attached news release on how Arizona celebrates Access to Justice Month and Law Day: [042922LawDay.pdf \(azcourts.gov\)](#)

