

# THE POST

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## WHAT'S NEXT?

The ACA Board is dark for the months of July and August, but we are back at it in September, when we will be meeting at the Judicial Education Center in Phoenix.

In October, we will host our annual business meeting at the Central Pinal Justice Court in Coolidge. We will be electing new officers at that meeting and would love to have our members attend. Please check our website for meeting dates and times.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings ACA Members! Break time is over, so it is back to work we go. Summertime is typically quiet for the Board, but September is the kickoff to our planning season. As we get closer to the end of the year, just know that your ACA Board has already begun gathering ideas for next year's conference. Thank you all again- we rely on your dedication and participation to help us move toward another successful year and conference.

Danny Arreola  
Arizona Courts Association  
2022 President

## BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

We do still have openings on our board, and with elections coming up soon, we would love to have them filled. If you are interested, please email our President, Danny Arreola, at [Danny.Arreola@JBAZMC.Maricopa.Gov](mailto:Danny.Arreola@JBAZMC.Maricopa.Gov).

## COURTS NEWS:

Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision week was celebrated July 17-July 23, 2022. Each year, the week celebrates the valuable efforts of nearly 100,000 community corrections professionals throughout the country. The occasion was noted by Chief Justice Robert Brutinel in a letter recognizing the more than 2,000 officers and staff who manage an adult population of nearly 80,000 probationers throughout Arizona, as well as the 1,600 staff working with the youth involved in our juvenile system. Chief Justice Brutinel expressed his thanks for the commitment to the state of Arizona.

Newly built and renovated federal courthouses are striving to convey civic pride and symbols of justice within the buildings. They are getting an aesthetic touch, making it possible to display museum-quality artwork to inspire those who arrive with only court business in mind. Recent examples of these public art projects include courthouses in Nashville, Tennessee, San Antonio, Texas, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Greenville, South Carolina. The hope is to incorporate local flavor or history, to allow visitors some pause to enjoy and reflect.

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*“You do your best work if you do a job that makes you happy.” ~Bob Ross*

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## 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](http://www.arizonacourtsassociation.org)

## MEMBERSHIP:

Our 2022 membership is still open and 2023 membership will be available soon! Please visit our website at: [The Arizona Courts Association \(ACA\) Membership - The Arizona Courts Association \(ACA\)](http://The Arizona Courts Association (ACA) Membership - The Arizona Courts Association (ACA)) 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.

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outdoor opportunities and is typically 15-20 degrees cooler than the Valley of the Sun. Gila County is the origin of the historic 1967 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, *in re: Gault*. This ruling stated that juveniles have the same rights as adults when arrested, for example the right to be notified of the charges against, them and the right to an attorney, among other things. Gila County has a rich history of mining copper and Payson is the home to the “World’s Oldest Continuous Rodeo.” There is so much to discover and learn in Gila County!

## FEATURED COURT: GILA COUNTY

According to the 2020 census, Gila County is home to 53,272 people with a county seat in Globe, Arizona. The county was formed in 1881 from portions of Maricopa and Pinal Counties and covers approximately 4,795 square miles of land and water. Gila County also contains parts of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation and the San Carlos Indian Reservation. The area offers bountiful

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*“Work ethic is important because, unlike intelligence, athleticism, charisma, or any other natural attribute, it’s a choice.” —Mike Rowe*

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## MEETING DATES:

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](mailto:krwooley@courts.az.gov). We would love to highlight different courts and honor staff throughout the state!



## ARTICLES ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARIZONA:

Eviction filings within Maricopa County have hit their highest number since October of 2008, when the number hit 6,975. Data released in early August indicated that filings in July totaled 6,405, which is an increase from pre-pandemic numbers in 2019. Numbers provided by the Arizona Republic indicate that 65,000 Arizona renters believe they will be evicted in the next two months. [Metro Phoenix eviction filings climb to 13-year high. Here's why \(msn.com\)](#)

Coconino County has developed a new approach in their handling of the youth population by choosing a new, evidence-based approach. It has had a drastic impact on the number of youths being held in the local detention center, which is an average of 2.5 per day in 2021, down from an average of 16-20 per day previously. The Hope Receiving Center is housed within and staffed by Coconino County Juvenile Court and provides resources through classes, training, and groups to families and youth within the community. The focus is on understanding and addressing the root causes of juvenile offenses and providing services in a nonthreatening environment. ['Detention is not good for kids': How Coconino County is doing things differently for Flagstaff youth | Local | azdailysun.com](#)

The 2022 primary election process did not go smoothly for many voters in Pinal County. Concerns began in the weeks leading up to the election on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, when it was discovered that nearly 63,000 ballots were sent out without the candidates for local/municipal elections. The issue was addressed, but the problems continued election day when one precinct opened nearly four hours late and a quarter of the county's polling stations ran out of ballots. It is unknown how many people were unable to cast their vote as a result. County officials have addressed the situation in hopes of restoring confidence in the process prior to the November elections. [Pinal County elections director fired over ballot shortage \(azcentral.com\)](#)

Arizona farmers will be the hardest hit by the Federal Government's decision to cut 21% of the state's Colorado River water use. The ongoing drought has caused federal officials to consider options in the wake of the latest Colorado River Basin study that predicts Lake Mead will be at its lowest elevation ever in January of 2023. Local officials dispute the decision, recognizing how significantly agriculture will be impacted. [Arizona must cut 21% of its Colorado River water use, feds say \(msn.com\)](#)



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***It is that time of year again when our kids return to school- Please be diligent and watch out for those little ones! Pay attention to school zones and school busses and keep our Arizona children safe!***