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2024 CONFERENCE

Planning for the 2024 conference is in full swing! We are super excited about this year and look forward to seeing all of you April 24-26 in Prescott!

Be on the lookout for conference information and registration notifications, along with hotel information- we will be sending them soon!

With the new year comes new board members in different positions. We have defined the roles for our Director at Large positions, which we are hoping will enhance our conference planning and make for an even more successful year.



FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello ACA Members,

As we approach the end of 2023, I would like to thank you all for being supportive to our wonderful Arizona Courts Association. The world has had some changes as well as our country. Whether it be good or bad news, our members have been resilient with any changes handed or dropped on us.

The ACA Board of Directors would like to wish you all the best during the holidays, and a safe 2024 new year. Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and A Happy Kwanza.

All the best my friends,

Rodney "Warm Hugs" Cooper
Arizona Courts Association
2023 President

SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

The swearing in of our new officers will be held on Friday, January 19, 2024, at the Central Pinal Justice Court in Coolidge at 10:00 a.m. Please join us in recognizing our newly elected officers, including our new President, Raquel Garcia. Our new President-Elect, Alan Sparrow, will be leading the 2024 conference planning for what is sure to be another great year! We look forward to having current and interested members join us at the Swearing in or any other regular board meeting.

If you are interested in being on the board, please email our 2024 President, Raquel Garcia, at Rfgarcia@courts.az.gov.

"Teamwork: the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." ~Andrew Carnegie



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industries in Pima County are Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, and Educational Services. The county has dozens of parks and trails, and you can find Saguaro National Park and Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in the area. They are also home to Old Tucson, Pima Air and Space Museum, the Reid Park Zoo, and the Sonoran Desert Museum. The diversity in flora, fauna and geology draws many visitors to explore the area.

"I cannot do everything, but I can do something. I must not fail to do the something that I can do." —Helen Keller

MEETING DATES:

Our meeting dates for 2024 will be posted on our website and will be hosted by our various board members. The first meeting in 2024 will be the Swearing in ceremony in Coolidge, and future meetings will be held at the Tolleson Municipal Court, the Phoenix Municipal Court, Pinal County Superior Court, South Mountain Justice Court, Pima County Consolidated Justice Court, and the Arizona Supreme Court. Come to one or come to all- we would love to see you there!

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 Christa Beavers at cbeaver@courts.az.gov. We would love to highlight different courts and honor staff throughout the state!

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA TOO?

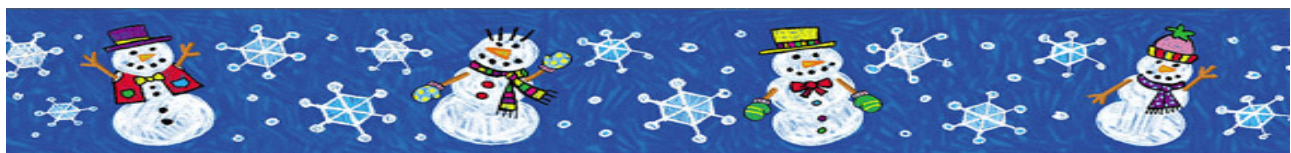
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MEMBERSHIP:

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 annual conference.

FEATURED COURT: PIMA COUNTY

Pima County is the second most populated county in Arizona, with a count of over one million people, as of the 2020 census. The county seat is Tucson, where over half of the population lives. It is one of the four original counties in Arizona, and it contains parts of the Tohono O'odham Nation, as well as all of the San Xavier Indian Reservation, and the Pascua Yaqui Indian Reservation. Pima County covers over 9100 square miles and the elevation reaches its peak at the top of Mount Lemmon at 9185 feet. The largest



ARTICLES ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARIZONA:

The small, historic town of Bisbee was recently named one of the best places in the world to visit in 2024 by a website called *Travel Lemming*. Citing the mountainside location and the street art as part of the appeal in the area, Bisbee joins the ranks of other recommended locations that include Marseille, France, Yucatan, Mexico, and Memphis, Tennessee. Have you ever been to Bisbee? Maybe it needs to be on your to-do list soon! [Best places to travel in 2024 include this surprising Arizona town \(azcentral.com\)](#)

The Chandler City Court has been awarded the Advancing Technology Award by the Arizona Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of the Courts for their online customer chat program. A key goal of the Supreme Court's Strategic Agenda focuses on accessibility, and the new program offered by the City of Chandler allows the public to utilize a chat feature to get questions answered and get accurate court date information, among other things. [Chandler Municipal Court honored with Advancing Technology Award | City of Chandler \(chandleraz.gov\)](#)

If you ever think you are "too old" to learn, you might want to read this story about a Maricopa County Security Supervisor at Northeast Regional Court Center, who has recently earned his doctorate in criminal justice and criminology- at the age of 63! Ronald McNair worked two different jobs and managed to complete his studies to earn that degree, graduating from Keiser University in September. [Maricopa County security guard Ronald McNair gets doctorate at 63 \(azcentral.com\)](#)

For over 39 years, Tolleson high school students have been serving their community on Thanksgiving. Around 1700 meals were served this year at the Tolleson Union High School cafeteria, an event coordinated by the Tolleson Service Committee. With a goal of making sure that everyone has a meal on that day, students and adult prepared and served the food, as part of a tradition in the community. [Tolleson students serve hundreds of community members on Thanksgiving \(abc15.com\)](#)

When you realize you
ran out of coffee:



Wishing you a full cup of coffee and a wonderful holiday season!