

# THE POST

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## WHAT'S NEXT?

It's almost time for our annual conference!!! The Board has been very busy working with our President-Elect to secure presenters, determine the menu, and put together three days of fun education for our attendees. We are very excited to see all of you and look forward to another successful year!!

Mark your calendars now for the 2023 conference April 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> at the Prescott Resort Conference Center.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello ACA Members! Hopefully your 2023 is going well. The ACA Board of Directors are looking forward to hosting the 2023 ACA Spring Conference in Prescott, Arizona from April 26-28. This year's theme is entitled, "Back to the Future: Past, Present and Future of the Courts". So jump in the ACA DeLorean and head to Prescott to fulfil your COJET requirements. The ACA is always looking forward to meeting court personnel from all over the Copper State. Thank you, members, for your many years of support with the ACA. Remember, we are always looking for new members.

Rodney Cooper  
Arizona Courts Association  
2023 President

## BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

We currently have openings on the Board that we would like to fill immediately. If you are interested, please email our current President, Rodney Cooper, at [Rodney.Cooper@phoenix.gov](mailto:Rodney.Cooper@phoenix.gov). Our board meets monthly except for July, August, and November and the meetings are hosted by board members at their respective courts, allowing board members to visit and learn more about courts throughout the state.

## COURTS NEWS:

Nearly 50 students had the opportunity to present mock oral arguments before the Arizona Court of Appeals Division One on February 1, 2023. It was a part of the JustUs System, Inc.'s Future Black and Brown Lawyers Workshop and allowed participants to interact with the panel of judges and the members of the Supreme Court's Commission on Diversity, Equality, and Justice. [News Release - Arizona Students to Present Mock Oral Arguments to CoA Div One.pdf \(azcourts.gov\)](#)

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*"Leadership is not just what happens when you are there, it's what happens when you're not."*

*~Ken Blanchard*

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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)





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## MEMBERSHIP:

Don't forget to register for 2023! Get your membership now so you are ready when the conference registration begins and can take advantage of the discounted rates. Please visit our website at: [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.

## FEATURED COURT: APACHE COUNTY

Apache County was organized in 1879 by the 10<sup>th</sup> Territorial Legislature of Arizona and is located in the northeast corner of the state. Until March of 1895, the county also embraced what is now known as Navajo County. The county is shaped in a tall rectangle and represents Arizona at the Four Corners Monument. The county has a total area of 11,218 square miles and is the third largest by area in Arizona and the sixth largest in the nation. It represents the most land designated as Indian Reservation in the United States and includes the Federally recognized Navajo Nation and the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, as well as land holdings of the Zuni Indian Reservation.

The county contains part of the Petrified Forest National Park and the Canyon de Chelly National Monument. As of the 2010 census, there were 71,518 people living in Apache County, with approximately 72% of them indicated as Native Americans. Recent growth in the area can be attributed in part to the expansion of the Springerville Generating Station. More information can be found on the county's website: [Apache County - Home \(apachecountyaz.gov\)](http://apachecountyaz.gov)

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*"I never look back, darling. It distracts from the now." —Edna Mode, *The Incredibles**

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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 for 2023 have been posted on our website, and the March meeting has been moved to March 24, 2023, at the Central Pinal Justice Court in Coolidge, Arizona. Contact a board member directly 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:

Adult and Juvenile probation leadership and officers from across the state met with and shadowed members of the Arizona legislature on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The day was an opportunity to discuss and understand the work that is being done to support probation and to focus on the best interests of all of Arizona. After spending the morning together and learning more about each other, probation staff and legislators were able to enjoy a lunch together in the Historic Senate Chamber at the Arizona Capitol.

On February 1, 2023, the Arizona Supreme Court hosted the annual Women in Government luncheon with nearly 50 guests in attendance. A robust panel discussion was moderated by Vice Chief Justice Ann A. Scott-Timmer and Justice Kathryn King, with notable women leaders such as Governor Katie Hobbs and Secretary of State Betsey Bayless participating.

The Maricopa County Superior Court, in partnership with Valleywise Health, opened a second mental health courtroom in Maryvale. It was built with the growing number of mental health cases in mind and will accommodate best practices and processes in dealing with mental health and evaluation treatment-related hearings. Read more here:

[https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/media/7842/nr\\_jbazmc\\_01-23-23\\_new-mental-health-courtroom.pdf](https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/media/7842/nr_jbazmc_01-23-23_new-mental-health-courtroom.pdf)

Judge Kathleen Quigley of the Pima County Superior Court recently received the Casey Excellence for Children 2023 Leadership Award. She was recognized for her work on establishing an Indian Children Welfare Act (ICWA) court within Pima County. Through this court, teams ensure the goals of the ICWA are met while focusing on cultural awareness and establishing relationships with tribes. Congratulations to Judge Quigley! [Casey Family Programs honors 10 people, one foundation for working to improve child and family well-being \(yahoo.com\)](#)



***There has been a lot of crazy weather lately- stay safe, warm, and dry!***