

FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

Honorable James P. Beene was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One in December 2016 by Governor Doug Ducey. Prior to his appointment, Judge Beene spent over seven years on the Arizona Superior Court for Maricopa County having been appointed to the superior court bench by Governor Janice Brewer in April 2009. As a superior court judge, Judge Beene presided over family, juvenile and criminal cases. Judge Beene also served as the Associate Presiding Juvenile Court Judge.

Judge Beene graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1988. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Arizona in 1991.

Upon graduation, Judge Beene began his legal career serving at the Pinal County Attorney's Office, and then as a trial attorney in the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. In addition, Judge Beene has served as Chief Counsel at the Residential Utility Consumer's Office, where he litigated rate cases before the Arizona Corporation Commission. As an Assistant Attorney General in the Capital Litigation Section of the Arizona Attorney General's Office, Judge Beene amassed extensive appellate experience in both state and federal court, including arguing cases before the Arizona Court of Appeals, the Arizona Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the District of Arizona and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to being appointed to the superior court bench, Judge Beene served as the Appeals and Extraditions Bureau Chief in the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

Judge Beene has also served on the Town of Gilbert Planning and Zoning Commission, the Arizona State Bar Committee on Criminal Practice and Procedure, the Arizona Supreme Court Death Penalty Task Force, and he currently serves on the Arizona State Bar Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions, Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission and the Arizona Supreme Court Task Force on Rule 32.

Honorable Sean E. Brearcliffe was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division 2, by Governor Doug Ducey in September, 2017. Before that he had served as a Judge on the Arizona Superior Court in Pima County from 2013-2017, on both the Family and Criminal Benches. Before becoming a Judge in 2013, Judge Brearcliffe was in private practice in Tucson as a senior litigation partner with Rusing Lopez & Lizardi, P.L.L.C. Judge Brearcliffe was born in Berkeley, California in 1964, earned his Bachelor of Arts in English from California State University, Hayward, in 1992, and his J.D. from Golden Gate University in San Francisco, in 1995.

Honorable Jennifer B. Campbell was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, on April 27, 2017, by Governor Douglas Ducey. Judge Campbell graduated magna cum laude from Colorado State University in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in political science. She received her law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 2002. She began her legal career at a firm in Travis County, Texas. Upon moving to Arizona, she practiced civil and real estate litigation in Prescott. Always wanting to explore the practice of criminal law, she worked for the Yavapai County Attorney's Office and eventually started her own law firm.

In 2011 she was appointed by Governor Jan Brewer to serve as a judge on the Yavapai County Superior Court, Division Two. While on the bench, she presided over civil, domestic, adult criminal, juvenile delinquencies, Title 36 mental health cases, probate cases and both adult and juvenile drug/DUI courts law. She presided over the weekly criminal Early Disposition Court. Judge Campbell—in partnership with the Adult Probation Department—created a new, more responsive probation program called Project S.A.F.E. to hold people placed on probation more accountable.

Honorable Kent E. Cattani was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals on February 9, 2013. At the time of his appointment, he was an Assistant Arizona Attorney General, serving as Solicitor General, overseeing criminal appeals, capital litigation, and civil appeals.

Kent earned his J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1986, and he worked in private practice for 5 years before joining the Attorney General's Office in 1991. For the next 22 years, he represented the State of Arizona in state and federal court, briefing over 200 appellate cases, and arguing more than 95 cases in the Arizona Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Kent provided testimony to the United States Senate and House of Representatives regarding federal habeas and death penalty issues, and he helped draft legislation and worked with the Arizona legislature in addressing a variety of criminal law issues. He also led the Attorney General's efforts to study lessons learned from DNA exonerations.

Kent is Vice-Chair of Arizona's Forensic Science Advisory Committee, and he serves as a member of the federal organization (Organization of Scientific Area Committees) charged with promulgating standards for the various forensic science disciplines.

Honorable Maria Elena Cruz obtained a Juris Doctorate from the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law and has a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Arizona. She began her practice of law as a prosecutor in Arizona at the Yuma County Attorney's Office, prosecuting felony offenders. Later, she practiced in criminal defense, eventually venturing into solo practice.

As a solo practitioner, Judge Cruz primarily undertook representation in criminal and family law matters and served as judge pro-tem for the Cocopah Indian Tribe. In 2008 Judge Cruz was elected Superior Court Judge in Yuma County, Arizona and at the time of her appointment to the Court of Appeals was the Presiding Judge in Yuma County.

In addition to her judicial responsibilities, Judge Cruz serves on the Arizona Supreme Court's Commission on Access to Justice, as well as the Arizona Supreme Court's Task Force on Justice for All and the Commission on Victims in the Court.

Judge Cruz contributes to the development of the law internationally by serving as a professor of law teaching trial advocacy in various regions within the Republic of Mexico, including Mexico City, Tijuana, Mexicali, Monterrey, La Paz, and Guanajuato.

Honorable Karl C. Eppich was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two, in 2017. Prior to his appointment he served as a Pinal County Superior Court judge and on the

Mesa Municipal Court bench. He previously served as a staff attorney with the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One. Judge Eppich had been employed as a litigation associate with Mangum, Wall, Stoops and Warden in Flagstaff and as a Deputy Apache County Attorney in St. Johns. He began his legal career as a litigation associate with Lewis and Roca in Phoenix.

Judge Eppich is a graduate of Stanford Law School and completed his undergraduate education at the University of California at Irvine. He regularly serves as a faculty member for the Arizona Judicial College. Judge Eppich also serves on the Arizona Supreme Court's Task Force on the Rules of Family Law Procedure, the Technology Committee and the Court Leadership Institute of Arizona. During his tenure on the superior court bench, Judge Eppich served on the executive committee of the Arizona Judges Association and was the municipal court representative on the Arizona Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee. He is currently a liaison to the executive council of the Arizona State Bar Family Law Section, and previously served on a number of bar committees. He was active in the Arizona Magistrates Association, having served as president. Judge Eppich is a U.S. Army veteran.

Honorable Diane M. Johnsen grew up in a small copper mining town in Southern Arizona. She graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in journalism in 1975, then worked as a reporter for four years for the Arizona Daily Star, where she covered government and politics. She left journalism to attend Stanford Law School, where she was a member of the Stanford Law Review. After graduating from Stanford in 1982, she served a one-year judicial clerkship with Judge Ben Duniway on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She then worked for two years at Munger Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles before joining the Phoenix law firm now known as Osborn Maledon. Governor Napolitano appointed her to Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals in 2006. Judge Johnsen served as Chief Judge of Division One during 2013-2015. She has a Master of Laws degree in judicial studies from Duke Law School. Her thesis for that program is "Building a Bench: A Close Look at State Appellate Courts Constructed by the Respective Methods of Judicial Selection," 53 S.D. Law Rev. 829 (2016).

Honorable Paul J. McMurdie was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, by Governor Doug Ducey in 2016. Previously, Judge McMurdie spent eleven years on the Maricopa County Superior Court having been appointed to the superior court bench by Governor Janet Napolitano in 2005. While serving as a superior court judge, Judge McMurdie presided over civil, criminal, and family cases. Prior to being appointed to the Court of Appeals, Judge McMurdie was the Presiding Family Court Judge.

Judge McMurdie graduated with a B.A. degree in Political Science from Utah State University in 1982. He received his J.D. from Arizona State University in 1985. While in law school, he was selected for the Truman Young Fellowship as the outstanding criminal law student.

After graduating from ASU, Judge McMurdie worked for the Arizona Attorney General's Office in the Criminal Appeals Section. In 1991, he was appointed as the Section Chief for Criminal Appeals. In 2001, Judge McMurdie began working for the Maricopa Attorney's Office as the Division Chief for Appeals and Research.

As a lawyer for the Arizona Attorney General's Office and the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Judge McMurdie received the following awards: Arizona Prosecuting Attorney's

Advisory Council's Lifetime Achievement Award (2004); Maricopa County Attorney's Office Division Attorney of the Year Award (2005 and 2003); Arizona Attorney Generals' Criminal Division Attorney of the Year Award (1991); Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council Prosecutor of the Year Award (1990), Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation Board of Director's Award (2005); and United States Department of Labor Special Recognition Award (1990).

Judge McMurdie served in the following capacity as a lawyer: Family Law Executive Counsel for the State Bar (2015 to 2016); Chair, State Bar Criminal Jury Instructions Committee; Secretary-Treasurer Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation; Co-Chair Joint Legislative/Judicial Study Committee on Post-Conviction Relief; Co-Chair Arizona Supreme Court committee on Reducing Appellate Delay; and the Ninth Circuit Task Force on Capital Cases.

Honorable Jennifer M. Perkins began service on the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, on October 30, 2017. At the time of her appointment by Governor Douglas Ducey, Judge Perkins was Assistant Solicitor General for the State of Arizona.

Judge Perkins was born in Portales, New Mexico, and primarily raised in Albuquerque. She attended the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University as a National Merit Scholar. Thereafter, she relocated again to Dallas, Texas, and earned her *juris doctor* from the SMU Dedman School of Law, graduating *cum laude* in 2002. After law school, Judge Perkins litigated complex commercial matters for Browning & Peifer (now Peifer, Hanson, & Mullins) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In 2003, the judge accompanied the Honorable James O. Browning, D. NM, as his first law clerk.

The judge moved to Arizona to work for the Institute for Justice, Arizona Chapter, a public interest law firm where she litigated civil rights cases. In 2009, she became Disciplinary Counsel for the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct, where she reviewed and prosecuted ethics complaints against state court judges. Thereafter, she joined Mandel Young, working on state and federal appeals including complex business disputes, property rights, judicial ethics, and personal injury matters.

In January 2015, Judge Perkins joined the Office of the Arizona Attorney General to serve as the first Assistant Solicitor General; in that capacity, she was responsible for oversight of Attorney General Opinions and served as ethics counsel to the entire office. In addition to these two primary roles, the judge assisted on a variety of matters including trial and appellate litigation of election-related matters; federal appellate litigation with the Federalism Unit; state criminal appeals; and drafting amicus briefs on behalf of Arizona in state and federal courts.

Honorable Christopher P. Staring was appointed to Division Two of the Arizona Court of Appeals in October 2015, by Governor Doug Ducey. Judge Staring graduated from the University of California at Davis in 1983, with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Public Service. In 1986, he received his J.D. degree from Tulane University Law School, *cum laude* and as a member of the Order of the Coif. In 2010, he was appointed to serve as a Superior Court Judge in Pima County where he presided over civil, juvenile, and probate cases. Prior to his superior court appointment, Judge Staring worked in the Tucson and Phoenix offices of

Fennemore Craig P.C. Judge Staring currently serves as a member on the Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review, the Committee on Juvenile Courts, and previously served on the Task Force on Fair Justice for All – Mental Health and Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

Honorable Samuel A. Thumma. Chief Judge (2017-present), Vice Chief Judge (2015-2017) and Judge (2012-present), Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One. Judge, Arizona Superior Court, Maricopa County (Criminal and Juvenile rotations) (2007-2012). Nationally, Sam is a Uniform Law Commissioner and chaired the Uniform Employee and Student Online Protection and Privacy Drafting Committee; is an Advisor to the American Law Institute's RESTATEMENT OF THE LAW (THIRD) OF TORTS: LIABILITY FOR ECONOMIC Loss; is Secretary of the American Bar Association's Judicial Division Appellate Judges Conference and Secretary of the Appellate Judges Education Institute, Inc., Board of Directors; CoChairs the ABA JD's Technology Committee; is a member of the *Judges' Journal* Editorial Board and is a member of the ABA JD's Ethics and Professionalism Committee. Sam also is a member of the American Bar Foundation and the Sedona Conference Judicial Advisory Board. In Arizona, Sam Chairs the Arizona Supreme Court's Digital Evidence Task Force; is Co-Chair of the Arizona Supreme Court's Committee on the Rules of Evidence; Chairs the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee; is a member of the Arizona Supreme Court's Committee on Juvenile Courts; is Co-Editor of the ARIZONA APPELLATE HANDBOOK and is a member of the State Bar of Arizona's Civil Recommended Arizona Jury Instructions Committee. Sam has chaired the State Bar's Civil Practice and Procedure and Fee Arbitration Committees and served as a member of the Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct. Sam is past president of the Thurgood Marshall Inn of Court. He has presented at more than 300 seminars, and published 11 law review articles and nearly 50 other law-related articles. Previously, Sam was a partner at Perkins Coie Brown & Bain, P.A., in Phoenix, and an associate at Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C. He served as a law clerk for Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Stanley G. Feldman and Judge David R. Hansen, United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa. Sam graduated Order of the Coif from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1988, where he was a Note & Comment Editor on the IOWA LAW REVIEW, and from Iowa State University in 1984, where he was a Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholar.

Honorable Randall H. Warner was appointed Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in August 2007. He is currently assigned to juvenile court, and previously served on family court, criminal court, and civil court assignments. From June 2015 through June 2018, Judge Warner was the Maricopa County Civil Presiding Judge and had a civil complex calendar.

Before joining the bench, Judge Warner was a partner at Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, LLC where he had an appellate and commercial litigation practice. At the start of his career, he clerked for Arizona Supreme Court Justice Thomas A. Zlaket.

Judge Warner teaches and writes on civil practice issues, effective advocacy, and civil case management. His legal publications include *All Mixed Up About Contract Interpretation: When Is Contract Interpretation A Legal Question And When Is It A Fact Question?*, 5 Va. L. & Bus. Rev. 81 (2010), *All Mixed Up About Mixed Questions*, 7 J. App. Prac. & Process 101 (2005), and *Parenting from the Bench, Ariz. Att'y* (July 2010). He currently writes a civil practice pointers column for the *Arizona Attorney* magazine.

Honorable David D. Weinzweig was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals in December 2017. He is an Arizona native. He received his undergraduate education at the University of Arizona and legal education at Arizona State University.

Judge Weinzweig has considerable experience in both private and public practice. He spent most of his career as an associate and then partner at Lewis and Roca, where he represented corporate and government clients in commercial litigation. Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*, he specialized in antitrust law and chaired the firm's antitrust practice group. He also spent nearly seven years serving three Arizona Attorneys General, defending dozens of high-profile complex and constitutional lawsuits and appeals. Prior to his appointment, he co-founded the law firm of Ellman Weinzweig, where he practiced constitutional and commercial litigation in trial and appellate courts.

Among his professional activities, Judge Weinzweig has authored and co-authored full chapters in leading national treatises on antitrust law, corporate in-house legal practices and consumer protection law. He has served on rules and practice committees charged with shaping and reshaping the landscape of state and federal litigation, including the Arizona Supreme Court's Civil Justice Reform Committee and the Local Rules of Practice Advisory Committee of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. Judge Weinzweig enjoys teaching his popular legal writing and persuasion course to attorneys and law students.

As an active community volunteer, Judge Weinzweig has served on local and national non-profit boards. He helped build and four times chaired a popular awards program to honor Arizona attorneys for community and public service.

Honorable Lawrence F. Winthrop was appointed to Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals by Governor Hull in 2002.

Judge Winthrop is a graduate *cum laude* of Whittier College and *magna cum laude* of California Western School of Law, and is admitted to practice in both Arizona and California. Before his appointment, Judge Winthrop was a trial lawyer with Snell & Wilmer (1977-93) and Doyle ♦ Winthrop (1993-2002).

Judge Winthrop served as Chief Judge of Division One from 2011-13, and has served as a member of the Arizona Judicial Council, the Arizona Commission on Technology, and the Commission on Judicial Conduct. He is currently chair of the Arizona Commission on Access to Justice, chair of the Supreme Court's Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee and former chair of the Court's Attorney Regulation Advisory Committee.

In 2012, the Arizona Supreme Court recognized Judge Winthrop as its Judge of the Year for his work in civic education and in promoting state-wide access to justice. He has also received similar recognition from the Arizona Trial Lawyers' Association and the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel. In 2015, The Arizona State Bar Board of Governors named Judge Winthrop as the James A. Walsh Outstanding Jurist, which recognizes "that judge whose career exemplifies the highest standards of judicial conduct for integrity and independence . . . and who endeavors to improve the administration of justice and public understanding of, and respect for, the role of law in our society."

Timothy Berg, a director at Fennemore Craig, is a highly experienced appellate litigator who has participated in more than 400 appeals before the United States Courts of Appeals, the Supreme Court of Arizona and the Arizona Court of Appeals. His appellate practice includes public law, public records law, employment law, medical malpractice, product liability, environmental, state and local taxation, business torts, real property and mineral rights, bankruptcy and public utilities law. Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America and Southwest Super Lawyers, he is a past President of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and is a past member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws for which he also chaired a task force to draft the Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act and the Model Tribal Probate Code. He also is a member of the Arizona Commission on Uniform State Laws and board member of the Arizona Law College Association. Following law school, he clerked for Chief Judge Richard H. Chambers of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He then joined Fennemore Craig where he has practiced for 42 years.

Rusty D. Crandell is a double graduate of Arizona State University, receiving his Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, in Political Science, and his Juris Doctorate, *summa cum laude*, from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Following graduation, Rusty clerked for the Honorable Roslyn O. Silver on the Arizona Federal District Court and then practiced commercial litigation at Perkins Coie for seven years. Rusty currently works in the Arizona Solicitor General's Office as part of the Federalism Unit and is a member of the Attorney General Opinion Review Committee.

Kim Demarchi is a partner at Osborn Maledon, where she represents public, private, and non-profit clients in civil appeals and public law matters. She also draws on her litigation experience to assist parties in resolving their disputes outside of court through alternative dispute resolution proceedings. Kim is a member of the American Academy of Appellate lawyers, a past chair of the State Bar of Arizona's Appellate Practice Section, and the co-editor of the Arizona Appellate Handbook. She also serves as the volunteer coordinator for the pro bono program of the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One. A native of Tucson, Arizona, Kim graduated from Arizona State University's Honors College *summa cum laude* and received her J.D. from the Yale Law School. Prior to entering private practice, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ruth V. McGregor on the Arizona Supreme Court and to the Honorable Mary M. Schroeder, then-Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit.

Eric M. Fraser is a partner at Osborn Maledon, where his primary focus is appeals and major issue litigation in which an appeal is likely. He coauthors a monthly column in Arizona Attorney magazine covering civil appeals, coedits the azapp.com blog, and contributes to SCOTUSblog. He received his J.D. and M.B.A. from the University of Chicago and his B.A. in Physics from Pomona College. Before joining private practice, Eric clerked for D.C. Circuit Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg.

Jeffrey P. Handler was appointed clerk of the court at Division Two of the Court of Appeals in February 2002. He has been at Division Two since graduating from University of Arizona College of Law in 1974, serving as a judicial law clerk, staff attorney, and as chief staff attorney from 1983 until February 2002. In 1997 he was appointed by former Chief Justice Thomas Zlaket as a Division Two judge pro tempore and sat on almost 100 cases, authoring 18

memorandum decisions and one published opinion. He taught in the Pima Community College Legal Assistant Program for 18 years, served as a part-time Pima County Juvenile Court judge pro tempore for four years, and has spoken at numerous programs concerning appellate practice.

Thomas L. Hudson is a partner at Osborn Maledon PA where his practice focuses on civil appeals, and appellate consulting with trial attorneys.

Thom is a fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, a past chair of the State Bar Appellate Practice Section, a member of the American Bar Association Appellate Practice Committee, and a contributing author to the Appellate Practice Handbook published by the Arizona State Bar. For over ten years, he also contributed to the Arizona Appellate Blog (www.azapp.com), and co-authored the monthly column “Appellate Highlights” for the *Arizona Attorney*.

Thom has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*® and *Southwest Super Lawyers* for his excellence in appellate law, and was named the *Best Lawyers’* 2015 Phoenix Appellate Practice Lawyer of the Year. In 2014, the Ninth Circuit appointed him to serve as a Ninth Circuit Appellate Lawyer Representative. Thom also speaks and writes regularly in connection with continuing legal education seminars, and has taught as an adjunct professor at the Arizona State University College of Law.

Thom graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Arizona College of Law in 1992, where he was an articles editor for the *Arizona Law Review*. He received a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Arizona in 1994, and clerked for Ninth Circuit Judge William C. Canby, Jr. from 1994-95.

Andrew Jacobs chairs Snell & Wilmer’s appellate practice, has argued 30 appeals in federal and state courts, and worked on hundreds more. He graduated Harvard Law School *magna cum laude* in 1992 after working as a research assistant for Professors Tribe and Dershowitz. He was a partner at Jenner & Block before joining Snell & Wilmer in January 2002.

Andrew co-founded the District of Arizona’s pro bono program, which he coordinated from 2006-2014, placing 70 cases. He has been the lawyer coordinator for the Ninth Circuit’s pro bono program in Arizona and Nevada since 2007, and a lawyer-coordinator for the Arizona Court of Appeals’ pro bono program since 2014. The Arizona Supreme Court appointed Andrew to the Judicial Performance Review Commission twice, the Task Force on the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, the Committee on Civil Justice Reform, and the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee. Andrew chaired the State Bar Civil Practice and Procedure Committee from 2014-2018 and was the principal drafter of the case management reforms adopted by the Arizona Supreme Court effective July 2018. He was one of three lawyers recognized by the State Bar as Member of the Year in 2016, is a SuperLawyer in appellate practice, a Best Lawyers in America selectee in appellate practice, a fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, and President of the Arizona Chapter of the American Constitution Society.

Joel W. Nomkin is a partner in Perkins Coie’s Phoenix Office. He has served as Managing Partner of that office, as a member of the firm-wide Management Committee, and as Chair of the firm’s national Appellate Practice Group. He has practiced in the areas of appellate and

commercial litigation for over 30 years, and has briefed and argued appeals throughout the federal appellate system and in Arizona appellate courts. Joel is a member of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and the American Law Institute, and an Adjunct Professor of Federal Courts at ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Before joining Perkins Coie, he worked in the United States Department of Justice, both in the Appellate Staff of the Civil Division and as a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division. Joel attended Georgetown University Law Center and was a law clerk for the Hon. R. Lanier Anderson, III, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth (now Eleventh) Circuit.

Joseph N. Roth is a partner at Osborn Maledon. His practice focuses on appeals, governmental investigations, and commercial litigation. Joe coedits the AzAPP blog, is a coauthor of the Appellate Highlights column in Arizona Attorney magazine, and has presented on a wide range of topics related to appeals and investigations. Joe is also a co-chair of the AJC's Judge Learned Hand Awards Luncheon. Joe is a graduate of the University of Arizona and Columbia Law School. Before joining Osborn Maledon, Joe clerked for Justice Scott Bales on the Arizona Supreme Court

Barbara Vidal Vaught is the Chief Staff Attorney at Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals. In addition to researching and drafting proposed case dispositions, she is responsible for several aspects of civil case administration, including working with the Clerk of the Court to calendar civil appeals, evaluating and resolving civil motions, and making recommendations to the Chief Judge regarding oral argument requests. Before joining the court in 2005, Barbara concentrated her practice on complex commercial litigation. She is a graduate of the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona.

Lori L. Voepel chairs the Appellate Department at Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, PLC, where she has been an appellate practitioner for over 13 years. Prior to joining JSH, Lori represented defendants in criminal appeals and trials for 9 years at Kimerer & Derrick, P.C., including in capital and other high profile cases. Since 1996, Lori has handled over 300 federal and state court appeals at all levels and in numerous substantive areas of the law, including governmental liability, medical and professional malpractice, employment and school defense, civil rights, insurance defense and bad faith, prison liability, complex commercial litigation, construction law, criminal defense, workers compensation, family law, personal injury and wrongful death. Lori is admitted in the Arizona state and federal district courts, the United States Supreme Court, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth, Sixth, Ninth and D.C. Circuits. Lori graduated from University of Arizona College of Law in 1993 and from Northern Arizona University in 1990. Following law school, she served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Thomas A. Zlaket on the Arizona Supreme Court and the Honorable Cecil B. Patterson on the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One. She previously served as a legislative intern for the Arizona House of Representatives in 1990, and was in radio broadcasting from 1977 to 1986. Lori is a member of the State Bar Appellate Practice Section and the Defense Research Institute, and she is Program Chair for the Horace Rumpole Inn of Court. She has also served as Editor of her firm's periodical, the JSH Reporter, since 2007. Lori previously served on the Maricopa Chapter Steering Committee of the Arizona Women Lawyers Association from 2003 to 2017 and served for several years on AWLA's State Board.

She was a member of the Board of Directors for A New Leaf Organization from 2000 to 2013, and drafted amendments to the criminal discovery rules as a member of the Arizona Supreme Court's Criminal Rules Committee from 2001 to 2003. Lori is rated AV® Preeminent™ in the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, and she is recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, *Southwest Super Lawyers* and *Arizona's Finest Lawyers*.

Amy Wood was appointed as Clerk of the Court for Division One in 2016. As Clerk, Ms. Wood is responsible for leading the team that maintains the record, provides excellent customer service, and prepares the court's calendar. Ms. Wood also oversees many administrative aspects of the court.

Prior to her appointment as Clerk, Ms. Wood worked in the Arizona Judiciary for the Administrative Office of the Courts managing staff specializing in a wide variety of duties including case process re-engineering, statistics, performance measures, interpreter credentialing and electronic filing amongst a variety of other projects and functions. Prior to moving to Arizona, Ms. Wood began her court career with the Hawaii Judiciary as a trial court case flow manager and project manager.

Ms. Wood is a Fellow of the Institute of Court Management, and holds a Master's Degree in Human and Animal Cognition (Psychology). Ms. Wood is a member of the National Association for Court Management and the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks where she serves on the conference's technology committee.