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Joe Hengemuehler, former news director at KNXV-TV, Phoenix's ABC affiliate, will be the 2013 Edith Kinney Gaylord Visiting Professor in Journalism Ethics at Arizona State University.

Hengemuehler, a 25-year veteran of the broadcast industry, will teach journalism ethics and diversity courses at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication during the spring semester.



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Chief Communications Officer (CCO)

State Bar of Arizona

Jun 2019 - Present • 4 yrs 3 mos

Greater Phoenix Area




Vice President, Talent Representation

Hart Talent Management

2019 - Present • 4 yrs 8 mos

Greater Tucson Area



KOLD-TV

2 yrs 9 mos

Vice President & General Manager

Feb 2017 - Jun 2018 • 1 yr 5 mos

Served as Vice President & General Manager through June, 2018. Led all station departmental operations ...more

News Director


Oct 2015 - Feb 2017 • 1 yr 5 mos

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Jan 2013 - Dec 2013 • 1 yr

http://tinyurl.com/a6kvp5z




Consultant, Local Programming

The E.W. Scripps Company

Sep 2012 - Oct 2012 • 2 mos

Greater Phoenix Area

Consulted the launch of "The List", a nationally syndicated start-up newsmagazine show produced by Scripps. Des ...more




News Director

KNXV-TV

Mar 2002 - Aug 2012 • 10 yrs 6 mos

From 2002 to 2006 served as Executive Producer and then Assistant News Director. Promoted to News Director ...more



News Director

KOCO-TV

1999 - 2002 • 3 yrs

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Since 1993

Liz Hart is one of the **leading talent agents** within the broadcast news industry. Her representation experience spans well over two decades. She is a seasoned and trusted veteran with close relationships primarily focused on **Top 30 markets** and network/cable news. Her placements range from **ABC News, CBS News, Nationally Syndicated Programming, NBC News, CNN Domestic/CNN-I, and NFL Network** and to all top and mid-sized markets. Hart is known as a tough negotiator who secures the best possible contract packages for her clients. She is well-known within the broadcast industry by hiring managers who respect her and know that a **client who is sent to them by her has been vetted** and is capable of the job. Hart backs her clients, believes in her clients, is passionate about each one and on furthering their individual careers and goals.

Her approach to talent representation is unique and personable; from the beginning of the relationship to navigating her clients into their dream jobs, she is there every step of the way. She can speak of her clients like a family member because she knows them inside and out. Hart critiques her clients' work on a regular basis to ensure that they're on the right path and striving to improve their on-air delivery and journalistic skills. Social media is an important aspect of this; gathering and developing sources within a news market and beyond is imperative in today's broadcast/social media environment. She monitors these aspects with her clients to keep the focus on building a credible brand and optimizing followers. Marketing is a huge part of the job search: from the creation of the client's link to where the client has been sent, to the job interview and ultimately the offer; she guides, advises, negotiates and cheers her clients on to dream jobs.

Joe Hengemuehler is Vice President, Talent Representation, with **Hart Talent Management**. Joe and Liz have known each other for many years and have similar personalities. The decision for the two of them to join forces was a no-brainer! Having worked on, "opposite sides of the fence," he being a news director and Liz being an agent negotiating with him. Joe brings with him a tremendous passion and energy to his clients' and a wealth of industry and

Vice President, Talent Representation

Joe Hengemuehler joins Hart Talent Management as a 28-year veteran in the broadcast industry. He brings to the team, a wealth of experience in identifying and hiring talent and contract negotiations. Most recently, Joe served as Vice President & General Manager at KOLD-TV in Tucson, AZ, after being promoted from News Director. He oversaw the day-to-day operations of the station and made several key hires for the station. **He spent 10 years at the E.W. Scripps-owned ABC15 News (KNXV-TV) in Phoenix, serving as news director for six of those years.** During his leadership, this ABC news affiliate was consistently recognized with the Rocky Mountain Southwest Chapter Emmy for Overall News Excellence. The station also earned two George Foster Peabody awards for two separate investigative reports. Talent he has mentored and coached over the years, now work in top markets and at national broadcast networks.

Previously, Hengemuehler served as news director at KOCO-TV in Oklahoma City, senior executive producer at WUSA9-TV in Washington, D.C., **executive producer at KPNX-TV in Phoenix**, and morning news producer and 10 p.m. producer at KTSP (now KSAZ-TV, Fox10) in Phoenix.

He holds membership positions with the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and the National Association of Black Journalists. He is a past president of the Arizona Chapter of The National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association. Hengemuehler studied broadcast journalism at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He was born and raised in Sioux City, Iowa. Joe currently resides in Phoenix.

<https://harttalentmanagement.com/>

<https://www.azbar.org/about-us/leadership/senior-leadership/>

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Status Reports

- Delivery of Legal Services Implementation Team – Rick Palmatier
Nothing new to report
- Discipline on the Web Working Group – Chris Russell
Charge completed and summary provided Board at September meeting; remove from future agendas.
- Legislative Update – Joe Hengemuehler
Still no hint of any anti-bar activity; a lot of vacancies and shuffling going on with lawmakers, which could result in 25 new representatives in the House (out of 60) in the 2022 election.
- Social Justice, Bias and Inclusion Working Group – Rebekah Tanner

Jessica Fotinos



Jessica Fotinos

Attorney

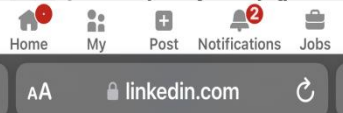
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Experience



General Counsel and Public Information Officer

Maricopa County Clerk of the Superior Court
Mar 2019 - Present • 4 yrs 6 mos



Court Operations Administrator

Clerk of the Court for Maricopa County
Jan 2018 - Mar 2019 • 1 yr 3 mos
Greater Phoenix Area



Interim CEO

Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS
Jun 2016 - Dec 2016 • 7 mos
Greater Phoenix Area



Director of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs

Torres Consulting & Law Group, LLC
Jan 2013 - Oct 2015 • 2 yrs 10 mos

Mar 2003 - Dec 2012 • 7 yrs 10 mos

Greater Phoenix Area

I am the Chief Legal Counsel for the Registrar of Contractors. The Registrar of Contractors is the State-agency that regulat ...more

Associate Attorney

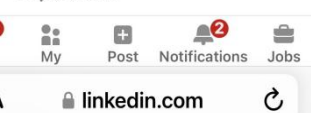
Stinson Morrison Hecker
Apr 2003 - May 2004 • 1 yr 2 mos

Associate Attorney in Commercial Litigation.

Associate Attorney

Lewis and Roca LLP
Sep 2000 - Dec 2002 • 2 yrs 4 mos

Associate attorney in Commercial Litigation Department



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Records Requests



Regarding public records access: Pursuant to the administrative powers vested in the Arizona Supreme Court by Article VI, Section 3 of the Arizona

Constitution, and the Court's inherent power to administer and supervise court operations, Rule 123 was adopted by the Court to govern public access to the records of all courts and administrative offices of the judicial department of the State of Arizona. Rule 123 provides that court records are generally subject to public inspection, sets forth the procedural framework for requests for access to court records and clarifies how certain records may be redacted or protected from disclosure. You can read more about these limitations by viewing [Rule 123](#).

All inquiries for public records are handled through the Communications Division. [clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov](https://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov)

Accommodation Request Form can be completed:

- [online](#)
- [printed in PDF format](#)

If you need help completing this form, please contact the ADA Coordinator for assistance. Alternative means of submitting an accommodation request, such as by personal interview or a tape recording, is available to qualified individuals with disabilities on request.

ADA Coordinator for the Clerk of Superior Court in Maricopa County:

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620 W Jackson St DJC/GC
Phoenix, AZ 85003
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After receiving the form, the ADA Coordinator will respond to the requested accommodation as soon as reasonably possible.

For information about the Clerk of Superior Court's Title II ADA policy, read the [Non-Discrimination Access Information for Persons with Disabilities Policy](#). For information about the [clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov](https://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov)

<https://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/records/press/media-inquiries>
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Maricopa County Commission
on Trial Court Appointments

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BEST PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
Jessica Fotinos



Many government spokespeople are unresponsive, unhelpful, and bad at their job of communicating information. Some of them are downright rude. Jessica Fotinos, General Counsel and Public Information Officer for the Clerk of the Superior Court for Maricopa County, is not one of those people. When reporters are on deadline and need answers to basic questions regarding the status of a recently filed lawsuit or how to listen to court proceedings online, Fotinos has got them covered. She promptly responds to inquiries with more information than you asked for or quickly points you in the right direction. More of this from other government flacks in the Valley, please.

EIGHT JUDICIAL NOMINEES ANNOUNCED FOR TWO OPENINGS ON SUPERIOR COURT IN MARICOPA COUNTY

PHOENIX - The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments has recommended eight candidates to Gov. Katie Hobbs for two openings on the Superior Court in Maricopa County.

The nominees for the openings created by the retirement of Hon. Theodore Campagnolo and the appointment of Hon. Alison S. Bachus as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Arizona are:

- **Christian J. Bell**, Democrat, of Peoria, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County
- **Jessica J. Fotinos**, Democrat, of Phoenix, General Counsel and Public Information Officer at the Clerk of the Superior Court in Maricopa County
- **Gregory J. Gnepper**, Independent, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County
- **Brian J. Palmer**, Independent, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County
- **Suzanne J. Reed**, Democrat, of Phoenix, Staff Attorney at the Arizona Supreme Court
- **Annielaurie Van Wie**, Independent, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County
- **Paula A. Williams**, Democrat, of Phoenix, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County
- **William R. Wingard**, Independent, of Queen Creek, Commissioner with the Superior Court in Maricopa County

Gov. Hobbs will make the appointments.

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Krisanne LoGalbo

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Superior Court in Pima County
Krisanne LoGalbo, Public Information Officer
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The Arizona Superior Court in Pima County is committed to increasing public trust and confidence in the court by enhancing understanding of the court's role and responsibilities in its community.

The office of the Community Relations Coordinator/Public Information Officer is responsible for community participation and outreach, public and media relations, communication from the court and its judiciary to the public and news media, and court-based education and information services. This office also organizes speaking engagements and tours for schools and community organizations, coordinates camera and audio recording requests, provides case information to local and national media, and responds to Superior Court-based public records requests.

For all other courts, please contact the clerk of the

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Krisanne Mari Logalbo (2017)

Comm Relations Coordinator
Pima County, Arizona

Krisanne Mari Logalbo worked as a Comm Relations Coordinator for Pima County, Arizona and in 2017 had a reported pay of \$50,267.99 according to public records. This is 27.1 percent lower than the average pay for county employees and 27.5 percent lower than the national average for government employees.

<https://openpayrolls.com/krisanne-mari-logalbo-29890719>
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Krisanne Mari Logalbo (2022)

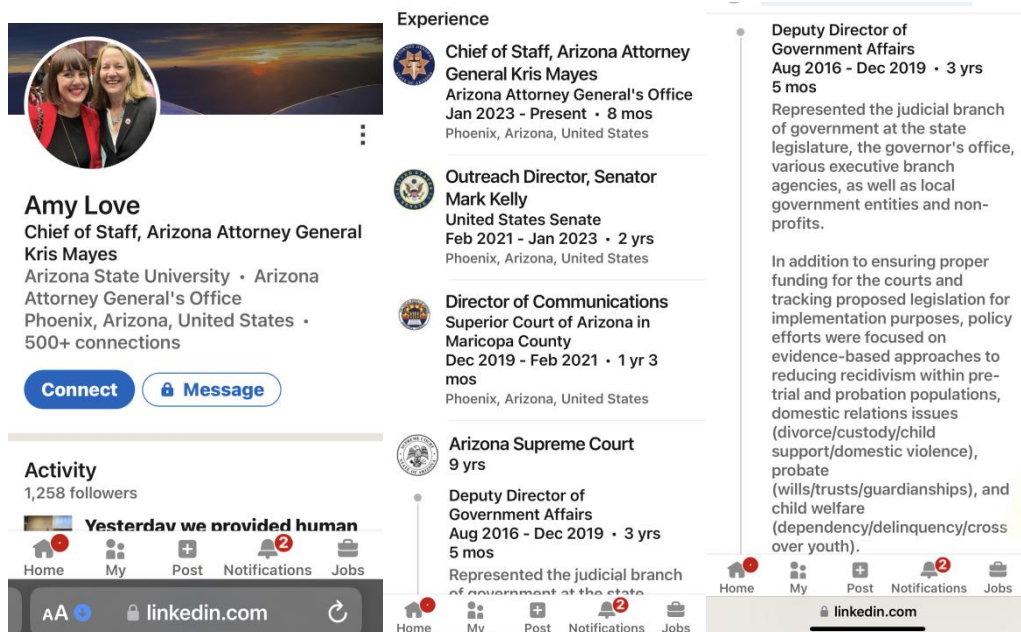
Comm Relations Coordinator
Pima County, Arizona

Krisanne Mari Logalbo worked as a Comm Relations Coordinator for Pima County, Arizona and in 2022 had a reported pay of \$30.28/HR according to public records.

- National Law Day was also celebrated this week, and the theme for 2021 was Advancing the Rule of Law, NOW! The American Bar Association and Krisanne LoGalbo, the public information officer at Superior Court, created a space where high school students across the County could ask their questions about the justice system directly to the Chief Presiding Judge, Court Administrator, Jury Commissioner, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, their top prosecutor and defender. This is what accessibility looks like!

<https://realestatedaily-news.com/pima-county-summer-interns-graduate-july-12-from-courts-are-us-program/>

Amy Love



Amy Love
Chief of Staff, Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes
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Experience

- Deputy Director of Government Affairs**
Aug 2016 - Dec 2019 • 3 yrs 5 mos
Represented the judicial branch of government at the state legislature, the governor's office, various executive branch agencies, as well as local government entities and non-profits.
- Outreach Director, Senator Mark Kelly**
United States Senate
Feb 2021 - Jan 2023 • 2 yrs
Phoenix, Arizona, United States
- Director of Communications**
Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County
Dec 2019 - Feb 2021 • 1 yr 3 mos
Phoenix, Arizona, United States
- Arizona Supreme Court**
9 yrs
Deputy Director of Government Affairs
Aug 2016 - Dec 2019 • 3 yrs 5 mos
Represented the judicial branch of government at the state legislature, the governor's office, various executive branch agencies, as well as local government entities and non-profits.

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<https://www.linkedin.com/in/amy-love-21a1516/>

Love previously worked as a lobbyist for the Arizona Supreme Court and in communications for the Maricopa County Superior Court. She did outreach on the staff of U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly, D-Ariz., for about two years immediately before joining the Attorney General's Office after Mayes' election in November.

<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/arizona/2023/07/10/arizona-attorney-general-kris-mayes-chief-of-staff-to-resign/70398711007/>



Amy Love (Photo by Katie Campbell/Arizona Capitol Times)

I heard an interesting story about your entry into politics. It involved a tattoo parlor?

I actually dropped out of college. I was working at a pet shop for a couple years, and they started ordering puppies from puppy mills. So, I quit and ended up randomly walking into the tattoo shop where I had gotten a tattoo with my sister and got hired on the spot as their receptionist. Within a year or two, we were in front of the City Council fighting a use permit for a shop that had opened illegally and they were tattooing minors, and the City Council ultimately denied their permit

and passed some very basic ordinances for the city related to tattooing. That kind of prompted me to look into going back to school. I had been out for a while, and I realized how much I enjoyed the researching and the advocating and the public speaking. I applied to ASU, and in my final semester, I interned at the Supreme Court. (Government Affairs Director) Jerry Landau, after I finished my internship, was like, "We don't want you to go. We all love you."

<https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2017/07/17/amy-love-from-an-intern-in-the-corner-to-a-voice-at-the-table/>



<https://www.facebook.com/ArizonaSupremeCourt/posts/congratulations-amy-love-2019-and-2018-winner-of-azcapitoltimes-best-government-/2384525901585807/>

Attorney General Kris Mayes' chief of staff, Amy Love, has quit.

In a brief [press release](#) on Monday morning, Mayes' office announced that Love would depart on August 7. The attorney general's office didn't offer any further details.

"Amy Love is an exceptional public servant, and I thank her for her service to the Attorney General's Office and the State of Arizona," said Mayes. "I wish her all the best in her future endeavors."

<https://twitter.com/AZAGMayes/status/1612982650096189441>

Prior to working for Mayes, Love served for two years as the outreach director for Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ), the director of communications for the Maricopa County Superior Court, deputy director of government affairs and legislative liaison for the Arizona Supreme Court, and

Love received a \$200,000 annual salary for the position.

Love recently came into the spotlight over the budget debates. She submitted an unsuccessful request to increase funding to the attorney general's office. In a confrontation with Sen. Jake Hoffman (R-LD12), Love told the Senate Appropriations Committee that the proposed budget "pillaged" their funding and left them without enough resources to run the consumer complaints division.

Hoffman accused Love of being greedy, noting that Mayes' predecessor, Mark Brnovich, had no issue with using less from the budget.

"You're looking at this entire pot of money and you have dollar signs in your eyes," said Hoffman. "It just seems like you see a big pot of money and you want to grab at it."


In a follow-up letter to Mayes over the exchange, State Rep. David Livingston (R-

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<https://arizonadailyindependent.com/2023/07/10/attorney-general-mayes-chief-of-staff-quits-after-seven-months/>

Shelly Bacon



Shelly Bacon
Deputy Court Administrator at Yavapai Superior Court
Yavapai Superior Court
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Experience

- Yavapai Superior Court**
22 yrs 3 mos
 - Deputy Court Administrator
Jun 2013 - Present · 10 yrs 3 mos
 - Court Services Manager
Jun 2006 - Jun 2013 · 7 yrs 1 mo
 - Caseflow Manager
Jun 2001 - Jun 2006 · 5 yrs 1 mo
- Justice of the Peace Pro Tem**
Yavapai County
Apr 2017 - Present · 6 yrs 5 mos
- Secretary Senior**
Yavapai County Adult Probation
Jul 1998 - Jun 2006 · 8 yrs
- Surveillance Officer**
Yavapai County Adult Probation
1994 - 1998 · 4 yrs

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Shelly J Bacon (2015)

Deputy Court Administrator
Yavapai County, Arizona

Shelly J Bacon worked as a Deputy Court Administrator for Yavapai County, Arizona and in 2015 had a reported pay of \$72,897.06 according to public records. This is 5.7 percent higher than the average pay for county employees and 5.1 percent higher than the national average for government employees.

<https://openpayrolls.com/employee/shelly-j-bacon-190>


Shelly J Bacon

Deputy Court Administrator (E)
Coconino County, Arizona

Coconino County, Arizona records show Shelly J Bacon held one job from 2020 to 2022. One of the most recent records in 2022 lists a job of Deputy Court Administrator (E) and a pay of \$47.45/HR. This is 78.9 percent higher than the average pay for co-workers and 42.3 percent higher than the national average for government employees.

Brad Astrowsky

Judge Brad ASTROWSKY



Current Assignment:
Civil Department
Phoenix

Assignment History:

Department:	Family Court
Year:	6/2018
Location:	Phoenix
Department:	Criminal
Year:	6/2015
Location:	Phoenix
Department:	Juvenile
Year:	6/2013
Location:	Juvenile Court Durango Facility
Department:	Juvenile

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Department: Juvenile
Year: 4/2012
Location: Juvenile Court Southeast Facility in Mesa

Work History:

2010 - 2012:	Deputy County Attorney, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Phoenix
2005 - 2010:	Attorney, Private Practice, Civil Litigation
2000 - 2005:	Deputy County Attorney, Maricopa County Attorney's Office
1999 - 2000:	Senior Attorney, National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse, Alexandria, Virginia
1995 - 1999:	Deputy County Attorney, Maricopa County Attorney's Office
1995 - 1995:	Tribal Prosecutor, Ak-Chin Indian Community

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Astrowsky was a volunteer member of the Anti-Defamation League's Civil Rights Committee.

He received the Cooperative Law Enforcement Award from the United States Department of Justice in 2004.

About

CURRENT APPOINTMENT
Maricopa County Superior Court, Department 413

ELECTION/APPOINTMENT
November 4, 2014 - Re-elected November 6, 2018 - Re-elected

EDUCATION
B.A., State University of New York at Binghamton - 1992
J.D., University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law - 1995

Court Info

trellis.law

After graduating from law school, Astrowsky began his legal career as a tribal prosecutor for the [Ak-Chin Indian Community](#) in 1995, though his time in that position was brief. Later that same year, he joined the [Maricopa County Attorney's Office](#) as a deputy county attorney, remaining there until 1999. It was at that time, Astrowsky became a senior attorney at the National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse in Alexandria, Virginia (1999 to 2000).

The following year, he returned to his position at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office (2000 to 2005), where he worked for five years before entering into private practice in 2005. During that time, Astrowsky worked as a civil litigation attorney at Zimmerman Reed (2005 to 2006), Wilkes & McHugh (2006 to 2010), and Astrowsky & Ghelfi, PLLC (2010). He eventually left the private sector to serve his third stint as a deputy county attorney in Maricopa County (2010 to 2012).

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<https://trellis.law/judge/brad.astrowsky>



Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County
Superior Court's Newest Judicial Officers

Judge Bradley Astrowsky will start with the court on April 9. He will assume Judge Raymond Lee's Juvenile calendar at the Southeast Regional Center. Judge Astrowsky served as an assistant bureau chief with the family violence division of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

Superior Court hired Erin Otis of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office as a Commissioner. Commissioner Otis will start on April 16. She will assume Judge Pamela Svoboda's criminal DUI calendar. Commissioner Otis has served as an assistant bureau chief with the sex crimes division of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

Timeline photos · Apr 4, 2012 ·

<https://m.facebook.com/SuperiorCourtOfArizona/photos/superior-courts-newest-judicial-officers-judge-bradley-astrowsky-will-start-with-/10150638312976883/>

Code of Conduct to appear in Astrosky's court

<https://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/JudicialBiographies/profile.asp?jdgID=297&jdgUSID=10639>

Controversies:

<https://www.statepress.com/article/2022/10/shady-park-mirabella-judge-brad-astrowsky-reelection>
[https://www.azcentral.com/story/entertainment/music/2022/04/13/shady-park-](https://www.azcentral.com/story/entertainment/music/2022/04/13/shady-park-tempe-asu-mirabella-noise-dispute/7312636001/)

The past four years for the Arizona Superior Court judge who ruled in favor of the retirement home Mirabella at ASU in its lawsuit against Shady Park have been controversial, to say the least.

Weeks after ruling on the Mirabella vs. Shady Park case, the judge stepped down from it to avoid the appearance of bias. In 2021, the judge presided over a custody case involving the children of a former MLB player who were sent to a problematic family reunification camp. And in 2019, a commission overseeing judicial conduct found the judge was four months late in filing a decision for a divorce case — violating state policy.

Now the judge, Brad Astrowsky, is on this year's ballot to keep his position in the court.

Astrowsky was appointed by former Gov. Jan Brewer in 2012. He has overseen civil cases since 2019 but has made rulings in

[tempe-asu-mirabella-noise-dispute/7312636001/](https://www.azcentral.com/story/entertainment/music/2022/04/13/shady-park-tempe-asu-mirabella-noise-dispute/7312636001/)

Sent child of ex MLB player to "reunification camp" with a bad reputation. Accused of having an affair that alienated father of alienating the child from mother & ignoring abuses by the mother

<https://theprovocateur.blogspot.com/2021/03/afcc-runs-scheme-to-ex-mlb-player-away.html>

But he said voters should be secure in believing that lawmakers would not abuse that power to simply remove judges who might have been appointed by a prior governor of a different party, pointing to the requirement for a two-thirds vote. Petersen acknowledged, though, there have been years where Republicans did have that margin.

Lovas does not seek to go that far. Instead, he figures that requiring a judge to get the approval of 60 percent of the voters ensures that they remain accountable.

In Pima County, Judge Catherine Woods would have been out, having garnered just 59.2 percent of the vote.

Also falling below that 60 percent threshold were Maricopa County judges Bradley Astrowsky, Bill Brotherton and Gerald Porter who got just barely more than 50 percent.

"The system is working," Dunn said. He pointed out that Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Benjamin Norris, who was not recommended for retention by the Commission on Judicial Performance Review, was ousted after getting the support of just 42 percent of the voters.

Controversial bill to allow legislatures to remove non-elected judges by 2/3rds vote:

<https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2015/01/20/republicans-propose-measures-making-judge-removal-easier/>

► Judge Bradley Astrowsky of Phoenix, AZ; dimwit, scofflaw

User Rating: 0 / 3
 Poor ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Best Rate

Judge Bradley Astrowsky of Phoenix, AZ; dimwit, scofflaw

The state of Arizona provided Michael P. Pollard with a law license in 1995 after he graduated from the University of Arizona School of Law.

FYI: Former Gov. Brewer was duped into appointing Bradley as a Maricopa County Superior Court Judge in 2012. Brad didn't receive the appointment because he was the most qualified attorney in the greater Phoenix area. The State Commission on Judicial Conduct found Judge Astrowsky guilty of engaging in the following misconduct.


The State Commission on Judicial Conduct found Judge Astrowsky guilty of engaging in the following misconduct.

- **Failed to comply with the law (scofflaw)**
- **Failed to perform judicial duties competently (dimwit)**
- **Failed to act with due diligence (slacker)**
- **Failed to act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary**
- **Failed to avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety**
- **Failed to comply with the Arizona Constitution that states, "Justice in all cases shall be administered openly, and without unnecessary delay"**
- **Violated Arizona law in failing to issue ruling within 60 days**
- **Did not issue ruling on a matter for six (6 months)**

As a direct consequence of his misconduct, the enablers for Judicial Misfits sitting on the Judicial Conduct Commission punished Brad by gifting him with a complimentary reprimand.


As we speak (ca. January 2021), Judge Astrowsky continues to practice his so-called brand of jurisprudence as a Maricopa County Superior Court

https://www.noethics.net/News/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=26769:x&catid=87:arizona-judicial-misfits&Itemid=82



Astrowsky was assigned the We the People Az Alliance PRR case that denied access to a 24 hour time period after the elections of Runbeck's dock. This is the same judge that ruled against Doug Logan and Cyber Ninjas and said that he provided a critical function to the government of concern to the citizen & therefore must release all documents. Logan was fined out of existence & declared bankruptcy.

David Fuller



DAVID FULLER
Experienced legal professional.
City of Mesa
Chandler, Arizona, United States •
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About

My prior administrative positions in the cities of Chandler and Phoenix, AZ have allowed me to become proficient in a wide variety of legal areas including public records and open meeting laws;

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Trial Attorney
Maricopa County Public Defenders Office
1998 - 2000 • 2 yrs
Phoenix, Arizona, United States

As a trial attorney, I represented indigent criminal defendants accused of felonies and misdemeanors in Maricopa County. ...more

Managing Attorney
VanDerGinst Law, P.C. (formerly Braud/Westensee, Ltd.)
1995 - 1998 • 3 yrs
Rockford, Illinois, United States

Opened and managed all aspects of this satellite office at this personal injury law firm and represented persons who ...more

Trial Attorney
Maricopa County Public Defenders Office
1991 - 1995 • 4 yrs
Phoenix, Arizona, United States

As a trial attorney, I represented indigent criminal defendants

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Judge
City of Mesa
Jan 2022 - Present • 1 yr 8 mos
United States

Presiding Judge
Chandler Municipal Court
2019 - 2021 • 2 yrs
United States

Led, managed and oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Chandler, Arizona municipal court. Focused on the sta ...more

Assistant Director, Office of Court Appointed Attorneys
City of Phoenix
2014 - 2019 • 5 yrs
Phoenix, Arizona, United States

- Led, managed and oversaw the day-to-day operations of a municipal department that is closely and consistently in ...more

Justice of the Peace, Pro Tem

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Justice of the Peace, Pro Tem
Self-employed
2010 - 2014 • 4 yrs
Greater Phoenix Area

Presided over matters as a Judge/Justice of the Peace, in the absence of the sitting Justice of the Peace; including, b ...more

Managing Attorney
FULLER LAW OFFICE, P.L.C.
2001 - 2014 • 13 yrs
Arizona, United States

Owned and operated Fuller Law Office, P.L.C. a small law firm which mainly focused on criminal matters in Arizona Federal ...more

Assistant Prosecutor
TOWN OF GILBERT, ARIZONA
2000 - 2001 • 1 yr
Gilbert, Arizona, United States

Prosecuted a voluminous misdemeanor trial and appellate caseload.

Trial Attorney

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Community activist named new city magistrate

By Colleen Sparks, Managing Editor Jul 7, 2019
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David Fuller, who has lived in Chandler for nearly 18 years, is Chandler's new presiding city magistrate.
City of Chandler



A passionate Chandler community advocate with an extensive judicial background is excited to be working in his new position as presiding city magistrate for Chandler Municipal Court.

David Fuller, who has lived in Chandler for nearly 18 years, took the reins in the court on

eastvalleytribune.com

Presiding Chandler judge demoted after retaliation, racial discrimination claims



Paulina Pineda
Arizona Republic

Published 5:04 p.m. MT Dec. 28, 2020



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The presiding magistrate at Chandler Municipal Court has been demoted [after claims that he retaliated against a former court commissioner](#).

The Chandler City Council unanimously voted without discussion on Monday to remove David Fuller from his post. The council meeting lasted less than three minutes.

Fuller was reassigned as a city magistrate through the end of his contract, which is up on June 30.

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Trial Attorney
Maricopa County Public
Defenders Office

1991 - 1995 • 4 yrs

Phoenix, Arizona, United States

As a trial attorney, I represented indigent criminal defendants accused of felonies and misdemeanors in Maricopa County Superior Court

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Education



DePaul University College of Law
Doctor of Law (J.D.) • Law
1986 - 1989



Northern Illinois University
Bachelor of Arts - BA • Psychology
Aug 1981 - Dec 1985



Northern Illinois University
Minor • Economics
Aug 1981 - Dec 1985

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https://www.eastvalleytribune.com/life/community-activist-named-new-city-magistrate/article_026e8b70-9f77-11e9-a533-bf11dc9c86b4.html

<https://www.abc15.com/news/region-southeast-valley/mesa/prosecutor-arizona-judge-accused-of-sex-abuse-wont-face-charges>

Donald Watts



Donald Watts

Justice of the Peace Maricopa County

Peoria, Arizona, United States · [Contact info](#)

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About

Justice of the Peace

My Court hears cases involving civil law suits - eviction actions - civil and criminal traffic - protection orders and many other misdemeanor charges.

Police Officer RETIRED

Constable - undercover investigations - computer forensics - bicycle patrol - detective - fraud investigations - general instructor - field training officer - WOOC (acting sergeant) - Technical Support Team (maintenance for all equipment for the Special Assignments Unit to include armored vehicle, robots, cameras, CNT trailer and equipment trucks) - clandestine lab investigations (Federal) - commercial truck inspections (Federal) - electronic surveillance

Real Estate RETIRED

Extensive training in real property investments, sales, consulting and management - Multi Million dollar producer, managing several million dollars in investments



Maricopa County



Judicial College of Arizona



Maricopa County

9 yrs 11 mos

Justice of the Peace

Jan 2015 - Present · 8 yrs 8 mos

As the Justice of the Peace, I am elected for a four year term by voters of the Manistee District which includes parts of Phoenix, Glendale and Peoria.

I was elected in November of 2014 and took the bench in January of 2015.

My court calendar includes civil lawsuits, eviction actions, small claims cases, warrants, writs and a full range of civil and criminal traffic offenses, including misdemeanor DUIs. I also resolve many other types of misdemeanor allegations such as: shoplifting, writing bad checks, violations of restraining orders.

I also review petitions for protection orders and if the

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I also review petitions for protection orders and if the requirements are met I will issue a protection order.

Associate President for the Maricopa County Justice Courts

Jul 2019 - Jul 2021 · 2 yrs 1 mo

Regional Presiding Judge Northwest Regional Courthouse
May 2016 - Oct 2018 · 2 yrs 6 mos

I am the Regional Presiding Judge for the Northwest Regional Court House. This courthouse includes four ...more

Deputy Constable
Oct 2013 - Dec 2014 · 1 yr 3 mos

As a Deputy Constable I was

Deputy Constable
Oct 2013 - Dec 2014 · 1 yr 3 mos

As a Deputy Constable I was appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. This position requires that I maintain tr ...more



Boy Scouts of America

5 yrs

Troop Commitment

Feb 2018 - Jan 2021 · 3 yrs

I assist in planning events for my local troop.

District Vice Chair

Jan 2017 - Feb 2018 · 1 yr 2 mos

Greater Phoenix Area

Co-Chair, Eagle Scout Board of Reviews

Feb 2016 - Jan 2017 · 1 yr

As an Eagle Scout it is my privilege to prepare the final step for Eagle Candidates to earn their Eagle. These board ...more

Realty Foundations
Apr 1985 - Jun 2013 · 28 yrs 3 mos

Representing homeowners in the sale and management of these investment properties in the greater Phoenix area.

Retired Police Officer

Peoria Police Department

Jan 1991 - Feb 2013 · 22 yrs 2 mos

Law Enforcement Specialist

US Air Force Reserve

Oct 1991 - Jul 1997 · 5 yrs 10 mos

Detention Officer

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Oct 1990 - Dec 1991 · 1 yr 3 mos

Greater Phoenix Area

Care Custody and Control of inmates

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Appointed in 2014 by Board of Supervisor (Steve Chucris is the only board member that was still on the board in 2020):

Manistee Justice of the Peace Donald Watts was elected in 2014. His precinct includes parts of Phoenix, Glendale and Peoria. He joined the Bench with over twenty-three years of law enforcement experience. During his career he served as: a patrol officer - swat team member - undercover detective - general detective - silent witness detective - acting supervisor - computer forensic investigator - training officer - instructor - Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team member, member neighborhood response unit, and as deputy constable. Judge Watts has received numerous awards from the police department including an award for saving someone's life.

Judge Watts also served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and The Air National Guard as a law enforcement specialist. Judge Watts served at both Luke Air Force Base and Sky Harbor Air National Guard Base. Judge Watts was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. During his service in the Air National Guard, he received the medal of merit for scholastic achievement.

Judge Watts currently serves as the Regional President for the Northwest Regional

Center, and developed the Justice C

<https://www.justicecourts.maricopa.gov/about-us/our-judges/judge-donald-watts>

2012 Elections:^[8]


Party	District	Name
Republican	1	Denny Barnes
Republican	2	Steve Chucris
Republican	3	Andy Kunasek
Republican	4	Max Wilson
Democratic	5	Mary Rose Wilcox

Who We are Video featuring Watts: <https://www.facebook.com/MaricopaCountyJusticeCourts/videos/justice-of-the-peace-donald-watts/2135214846639479/>

Evictions in Maricopa County on track to surpass 2021 levels:

<https://www.12news.com/article/news/local/valley/evictions-in-maricopa-county-track-surpass-2021-levels/75-5c096bd2-ca48-4733-b59e-fb1cacda1ad3>

Fredric Bellamy



Fredric Bellamy
Litigator at Dickinson Wright —
Complex Litigation, Insurance Coverage
& Bad Faith, IP & Technology Law, Data
Privacy and Security
Harvard Law School • Dickinson Wright
PLLC
Phoenix, Arizona, United States •
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I help clients in smartly managing their
legal risks, and was honorec ...See more

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Of Counsel
Fredenberg Beams
Nov 2018 - Jun 2021 • 2 yrs 8 mos


Shareholder
Ryley Carlock & Applewhite
Jan 2011 - Oct 2018 • 7 yrs 10 mos
At Ryley, Carlock & Applewhite, I successfully defended clients against multimillion dollar claims, including serving as lead ...more

Partner
Step toe
Step toe & Johnson LLP
Sep 2005 - Jan 2011 • 5 yrs 5 mos

Shareholder and Practice Manager
Beshears Wallwork Bellamy Chtd
Jan 1993 - Aug 2005 • 12 yrs 8 mos

Skills
Litigation • Trade Secrets • Appeals •
Corporate Law • Intellectual Property •
Legal Writing • Commercial Litigation •
Arbitration • Civil Litigation •
Trademarks • **Litigation Support** •
Mediation •
Alternative Dispute Resolution •
Corporate Governance • Trials •
Patent Prosecution • Copyright Law •
Courts • Patent Litigation •
Construction Law • Patents •
Employment Law • Claim •
Legal Research • Business Litigation •
Dispute • Bankruptcy •
Product Liability • Dispute Resolution •
Torts • Westlaw • Licensing •
International Law • Trial Practice

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Eduard Goodman
International Privacy Lead Counsel at TransUnion
Scottsdale, Arizona, United States • [Contact info](#)
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About
As a Decisive Leader with a strong and consistent track record of success in solving problems and advising organizations to meet and monetize corporate and regulatory compliance, I understand the importance of results.

Being an astute Legal Counsel and Risk/Privacy Officer I love the challenge of working in nascent industries that are learning to work with established ones.

I have lectured and written extensively about best practices and risk mitigation across the fields of cybersecurity, data protection, international business development, fraud, employment liability, professional development, regulatory enforcement, and litigation during my career. I have extensive experience with contract negotiation, compliance, international business development, risk management, and privacy within both established and start up environments.

Experience

International Privacy Lead Counsel
TransUnion
Apr 2022 - Present • 1 yr 5 mos

Chief Privacy Officer
Sontiq
Apr 2021 - May 2022 • 1 yr 2 mos

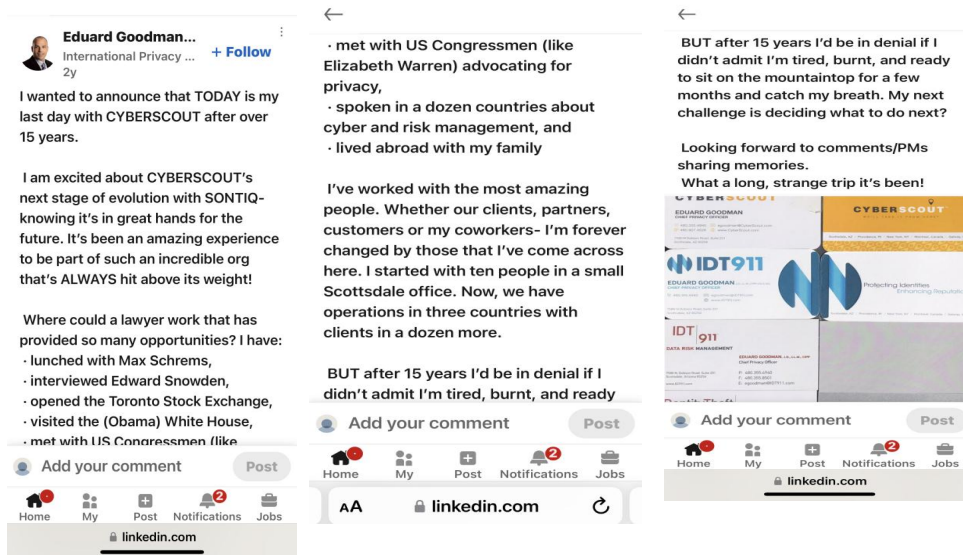
Chief Legal Counsel / Global Privacy Officer
Cyberscout (Now a Sontiq Brand)
2014 - Mar 2021 • 7 yrs 3 mos
Served as Subject Matter Expert (SME)/Legal Advisor/Executive Leader charged with oversight of global business operation ...more

Chief Privacy Officer
IDT911
2009 - 2014 • 5 yrs
Drove the overall development and execution of effective, industry-driven data security response programs for IDT911 ...more

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Eduard Goodman



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An internationally trained attorney and privacy expert, **Eduard** has more than a decade of experience in privacy law, fraud and identity management. He is a member of the state bar of Arizona and served as the 2008-09 section chairman of the bar's Internet, E-Commerce & Technology Law Section.

Held past positions with the Az Bar:

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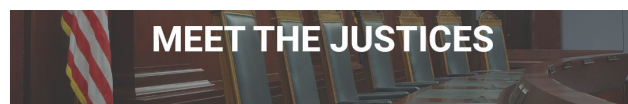
Goodman is an internationally trained attorney and privacy expert with more t of experience in privacy law, fraud and identity management. He is a member bar of Arizona, where he sits on the technology committee and served as the chairman of the bar's internet, e-commerce & technology law practice section. Certified Information Privacy Professional with designations for the U.S., Canac

A New Way to Handle Cyber Claims; 2018: <https://www.bankinfosecurity.com/interviews/new-way-to-handle-cyber-claims-i-3958>

Chief Justice Brutinel

<https://www.azcourts.gov/meetthejustices/Chief-Justice-Robert-M-Brutinel>

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Justice Robert M. Brutinel



Justice Robert Brutinel became Chief Justice on July 1, 2019. He was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court in November 2010 and was elected as Vice Chief Justice in January 2018. Prior to his appointment, Justice Brutinel served as the Presiding Judge of the Yavapai County Superior Court, where he presided over cases involving civil, criminal, juvenile, mental health, and domestic relations matters. Justice Brutinel is a past president of the Arizona Judges Association and the Yavapai County Bar Association and has served as an Advisory Board Member for the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections. In 2010, he was chosen as the National Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Judge of the Year. Justice Brutinel has a B.S. in Economics from Arizona State University, a law degree from the University of Arizona, and an LL.M. in Judicial Studies from Duke University. Before serving as a judge, he practiced law primarily in the areas of business and real estate, and Indian Law.

Robert M. Brutinel

Article Talk

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Robert Maurice Brutinel^[1] (born March 18, 1958) is a justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. He was appointed to the court in 2010 by Governor Jan Brewer, through Arizona's merit selection system.

Professional career [edit]

Brutinel is a graduate of the University of Arizona school of law.^[2] After graduating law school Brutinel worked in private practice before being appointed a superior court judge in Yavapai County in 1996. He served as the presiding judge from 2004 until his appointment to the Supreme Court in 2010.^[3] Brutinel was retained in an election in 2014,^[4] and 2020.^[5]

In 2019, Brutinel was elected by his fellow justices to a term as Chief Justice, replacing Justice Scott Bales.^[6]

On September 24, 2024, Brutinel announced his retirement from the Arizona Supreme Court, effective October 31, 2024.^[7]

References [edit]

Education

- LL.M., Judicial Studies, Duke University, 2018
- J.D., University of Arizona, 1982
- B.S., Economics, Arizona State University, 1979
- Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics Honor Society)

Professional Experience

- Chief Justice, Arizona Supreme Court, 2019 - present
- Associate Justice, Arizona Supreme Court, 2010-2019
- Presiding Judge, Yavapai County Superior Court, 2004-2010
- Presiding Juvenile Judge, Yavapai County Superior Court, 1996-2004
- Judge of the Superior Court, Yavapai County Superior Court, 1996-2004
- Brutinel & Jones, 1989-1996
- Toci, Murphy & Beck, 1984-1988
- Lockwood & Brutinel, 1982-1984

Selected Community & Public Service

- State Bar of Arizona Juvenile Dependency Advisory Commission, 2008-2009
- Governor's Children's Cabinet, 2003-2009
- Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission, 1999-present
- Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections, Community Advisory Board, 2007-2010
- Arizona Implementation Committee on Perinatal Substance Abuse 1998-1999
- Substance Abuse Treatment Fund Partnership Steering Committee 2000-2002
- Governor's CPS Reform Commission 2003-2004
- Arizona Character Education Commission 1999-2008
- Milestones
- MatForce, 2006-2007
- Commissioner, National Commission on Uniform State Laws, 1995-1996
- Director, Hospice of Prescott, Inc. 1989-1994
- Director, Yavapai Workers, Inc. 1992-1996
- Member City of Prescott Historic Preservation Commission, 1983-1985
- Yavapai County Community Legal Services pro bono program 1982-1996

Honors & Awards

- National CASA Judge of the Year, 2010
- Terry Chandler Award for Excellence in the Field of Juvenile Law, Juvenile Law Section, Arizona State Bar Association, 2008
- Man of the Year Award, Prescott Area Leadership, 2007
- Hope for Arizona's Children Award, Prevent Child Abuse, 2005
- Spirit of Excellence Award, State of Arizona, 2002
- Attorney Law Related Education Award, State Bar Foundation, 2001
- Herschella Horton Advocate of the Year, Arizona Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors, 1999


Professional Affiliations & Activities

- Commission on Judicial Conduct, Member 1999-2009
- Arizona Judges Association, Member 1996-present
- Yavapai County Bar Association President, 1988 and 1989, Member 1982-present
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Member 1998-present
- Member NCFJ Ethics Committee 2008-2009
- Arizona Women Lawyers' Association, Member 2007-present
- American Bar Association, Member 1998-present
- Juvenile Dependency Advisory Commission Member and Chair, 2008-present



Committee Memberships

- Arizona Judges' Association, President of the Executive Committee 2003-2004
- State Bar of Arizona Committee on Discipline, 1992-1996
- Arizona Judicial Council: 2006-2011
- Committee on Juvenile Courts, Chair: 2002-2011, Member: 1996 - 2011
- Adoption and Foster Care System Improvement Committee/Court Improvement Advisory Workgroup, Chair: 2003 - present, Member: 2001-present
- Commission on Technology, Superior Court member, appointed 2005 and 2008
- Task Force on the Code of Judicial Conduct, 2007
- Yavapai County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, 2004-2010
- Yavapai County Dependency Court Improvement Collaborative

Aaron Nash



Aaron Nash ✓
Director, Certification & Licensing Division at Arizona Supreme Court
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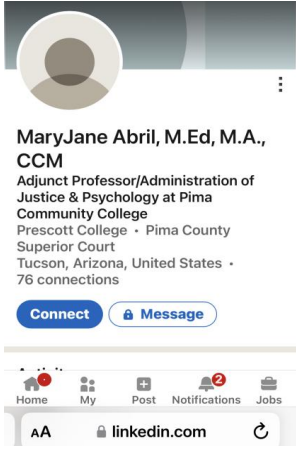
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<https://www.azcourts.gov/cld>

Mary Jane Abril





MaryJane Abril, M.Ed, M.A., CCM
Adjunct Professor/Administration of Justice & Psychology at Pima Community College
Prescott College · Pima County Superior Court
Tucson, Arizona, United States · 76 connections


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Experience

 **Security Manager, CCM**
Pima County Superior Court
Oct 2006 - Present · 16 yrs 11 mos

 **Owner**
Knowledgeable Horizon
Oct 2003 - Present · 19 yrs 11 mos
Greater Tucson Area

 **Adjunct Professor/Administration of Justice & Psychology**
Pima Community College
Aug 2003 - Present · 20 yrs 1 mo
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Superior Court
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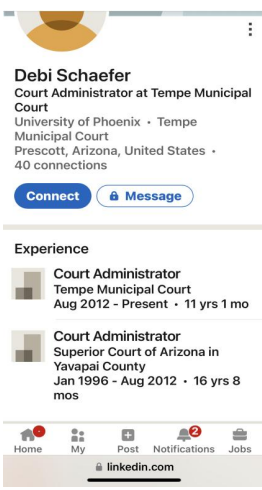
Mary Jane Abril (2015)
Security Manager
Pima County, Arizona

Mary Jane Abril worked as a Security Manager for Pima County, Arizona and in 2015 had a reported pay of \$44,611.02 according to public records. This is 35.3 percent lower than the average pay for county employees and 35.7 percent lower than the national average for government employees.

Mary Jane Abril (2022)
Security Manager
Pima County, Arizona

Mary Jane Abril worked as a Security Manager for Pima County, Arizona and in 2022 had a reported pay of \$29.76/HR according to public records.


<https://www.sc.pima.gov/superior-court-security/>
<https://openpayrolls.com/employee/mary-jane-abril-199>




Debi Schaefer
Court Administrator at Tempe Municipal Court
University of Phoenix · Tempe Municipal Court
Prescott, Arizona, United States · 40 connections

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Experience

 **Court Administrator**
Tempe Municipal Court
Aug 2012 - Present · 11 yrs 1 mo

 **Court Administrator**
Superior Court of Arizona in Yavapai County
Jan 1996 - Aug 2012 · 16 yrs 8 mos

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SEDONA TIMES / JULY 13, 2012 / 2 COMMENTS

Prescott AZ (July 13, 2012) – Yavapai County Superior Court Administrator, Deborah M. Schaefer, has been selected as the Tempe Municipal Court Administrator, effective August 13, 2012.

The Honorable Raymond W. Weaver, Jr., former Presiding Judge of the Yavapai County Superior Court hired Ms. Schaefer as the first Superior Court Administrator in Yavapai County in January 1996. She has served under the leadership of three Presiding Judges, including the Honorable Robert M. Brutinel who was appointed by Governor Jan Brewer to the Arizona Supreme Court in January 2011, and current Presiding Judge, the Honorable David L. Mackey.

"I look forward to this new opportunity," Schaefer acknowledged. "I will always be grateful to Judge Weaver for entrusting me to establish Court Administration, Justice Brutinel for professional growth and development, and Judge Mackey for the opportunity to see this Court through tremendous changes. It has been my privilege to be a part of so many outstanding efforts to serve the public, such as Alternative Dispute Resolution, Drug Courts, assistance for self-represented litigants, and Early Disposition Court. The Board of Supervisors and County Administrator Julie Ayers, and Jim Holst before her, have been incredibly supportive over the years. Collaborative efforts to build the Verde courthouse and Juvenile Justice Center will serve the public for many years to come."

Anticipating the future, she added, "I will miss working in the historic Yavapai County Courthouse and serving this community. Being a Board member for West Yavapai Guidance Clinic and working with incredibly dedicated individuals to provide much-needed behavioral health services has been deeply satisfying. I will miss many wonderful people I've had the pleasure of working with – Judges, criminal justice system partners, colleagues throughout the County, and especially my staff who are incredibly dedicated public servants.

Tempe Municipal Court has a reputation for being progressive and is participating in community outreach and problem-solving programs, such as Mental Health Court and the Regional Homeless Court, that are exciting to me. As I look forward to my new responsibilities, I will think fondly of Yavapai County and visit often."

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Deborah Schaefer

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Posted on NCSC: Assessment of Spanish Court Interpreter Service Delivery

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chaeferdeborah.pdf

Associated:


Stewart Baker

Stewart Baker has a connection with Fredric Bellamy and David Bodney is identified as “associated” because of his partnership of Steptoe & Johnson and two Task Force participants are from Steptoe and Johnson. In addition, He is directly linked to ABA and the intelligence community. Baker is pro big brother surveillance and pro-free speech restriction.



Stewart Baker

Stewart A. Baker is a partner in the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP. He returned to the firm following 3½ years at the Department of Homeland Security as its first Assistant Secretary for Policy. He earlier served as general counsel of the National Security Agency.



Special Advisors to the Advisory Committee

Stewart Baker, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson. Former Assistant Secretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; General Counsel, Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction; and General Counsel, National Security Agency.

Spike Bowman, Distinguished Fellow, University of Virginia School of Law. Former Deputy Director, Office of National Counterintelligence Executive; Deputy General Counsel, National Security, FBI; and Chief, Intelligence Issues Group, National Security Branch.

Joel F. Brenner, Principal, Joel Brenner LLC and Senior Fellow, MIT Center for International Studies. Former National Counterintelligence Executive- Mission

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Lost Trust: Politics and Intelligence



Stewart Baker (Speaker)

Former, NSA General Counsel

Stewart Baker's career has spanned national security and law. He served as General Counsel of the National Security Agency, Assistant Secretary for Policy at the Department of Homeland Security, and drafter of a report reforming the intelligence community after the Iraq War. His legal practice focuses on cyber security, CFIUS, export controls, government procurement, and immigration and regulation of international travel. At Homeland Security, Stewart created and staffed the 250-person DHS Policy Directorate. He was responsible for policy analysis across

the Department, as well as for the Department's international affairs, strategic planning and relationships with law enforcement and public advisory committees. From 2006-2009, Stewart led successful negotiations with European and Middle Eastern governments over travel data, privacy, visa waiver and related issues. In addition, he led the Department's policy effort to reform federal immigration laws, and transformed the Department's role in CFIUS, helping to drive the first rewrite of the CFIUS law and regulations in a generation. He is a former Chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security. (SCOLANS)

October 7, 2005.^[1] News of his nomination was greeted with mixed reviews by privacy advocates and those concerned about his position on civil liberties; and the Department has been unable to elevate his position to an Under Secretary level. He negotiated several agreements between DHS and European governments concerning European privacy law and a U.S. legal requirement that airlines provide reservation data about US-bound passengers to the US government (Passenger name records or PNRs). One of these agreements had a "side letter"^[7] that abrogated significant parts of the published agreement.^[8]

In 2009, Baker returned to Steptoe & Johnson, where he currently practices law (and holds the record for returning to the firm more times than any other lawyer).^[9] In 2013, he began hosting the Cyberlaw Podcast.^[10]

Baker advocated for better use of modern technology for tracking terrorists, including the use of electronic surveillance and better coordination with law enforcement officials. He also noted the importance of recognizing and protecting privacy and civil liberties.^[5]

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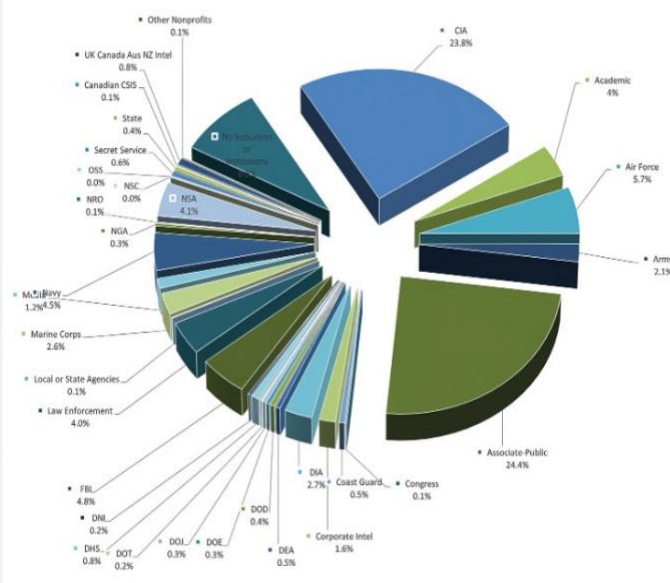
Christopher J. PARKER, Vice Chairman — was an executive level manager in both the Operations and Science and Technology Directorates of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA); also served on assignments at NSA and DIA. Prior to joining the CIA, Parker served in the United States Army as a helicopter pilot. He is currently

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Publications & comments by Stewart

Conservative catfight over section 702 of FISA

STEWART BAKER | 9.20.2023 4:27 PM

The fight over renewing section 702 of FISA has highlighted a split among conservatives. Former Rep. Bob Goodlatte and Matthew Silver have attacked me and Michael Ellis by name over the issue in recent op-eds.

The issue is whether conservatives should join the left in demanding court orders based on probable cause before the FBI can search for data about Americans in a collection of 702 data that has already been gathered lawfully.

Goodlatte & Silver say yes; Ellis & Baker say no.

[Here's](#) the Goodlatte/Silver view. And [here's](#) our response, hot off the presses.

We've also offered to debate them in a match refereed by the Federalist Society. Buy your popcorn early!

<https://reason.com/volokh/2023/09/20/conservative-catfight-over-section-702-of-fisa/>

Bob Goodlatte Pro FISA Reform:

At a time when Republicans and Democrats agree on very little, a strong bipartisan coalition is arising on Capitol Hill to tackle one serious concern of the American people – protecting millions of innocent Americans from intrusive and unconstitutional surveillance by the FBI, CIA, NSA, and other federal agencies that rifle through our emails, text messages, and phone calls without a warrant.

The emergence of this bipartisan coalition is prompting former intelligence agency officials to carry the Biden administration's water by lobbying hard to kill this reform-minded coalition. [Stewart Baker](#) and [Michael Ellis](#), lawyers who served in the National Security Agency and the National Security Council, warn conservatives that "left-wing activists" are tricking conservatives. How are they tricking conservatives? By working across the aisle to support reforms that would force federal agencies to get a warrant before searching through American citizens' personal communications and information.

Baker's and Ellis' clumsy attempt to paint surveillance reform as a "left-wing" agenda is embarrassing and an insult to the countless conservatives who support strong reforms. To give just a few examples, Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ), not usually referred to as a dupe of "left-wing activists," recently asked: "How much longer must we watch the FBI [brazenly spy](#) on Americans before we strip it of its unchecked authority?"

Rep. Biggs even laid out the likely result of this powerful bipartisan coalition. "What can we get the votes for?" Biggs asked. "How about requiring warrants? How about punishing FBI officials who knowingly or intentionally or even recklessly surveil U.S. private data sources?"

Stewart Baker Anti FISA Reform

Republicans have had a crash course since 2016 in the ways the power of the intelligence community can be abused. To take a few examples, four consecutive judges operating under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act approved wiretaps of a Trump adviser, Carter Page, relying without question on the partisan fictions of the Steele dossier. Michael Flynn was ousted after he was the target of an unprecedented leak of another FISA intercept. And 51 former intelligence officers intervened in the 2020 election to dismiss without evidence the Hunter Biden laptop contents as likely Russian disinformation.

Now a major intelligence program – section 702 of FISA – is expiring by the end of the year, and Republicans in Congress, who have long supplied a voting majority for renewal of the program, are asking how to square that support with the lessons of the last seven years.

That debate is getting personal. Two Republican lobbyists, Bob Goodlatte and Matthew Silver, **recently attacked us** by name for making “absurd” and “clumsy” arguments against the path they think conservatives should take. In their view, Republicans should join a **coalition** with the ACLU, the Brennan Center, Demand Progress, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers to require a court order based on probable cause before FBI agents can search data already collected lawfully under section 702 for information about an American.

Goodlatte and Silver criticize us for **pointing out** that requiring a warrant for such searches is a **long-time goal of intelligence critics** on the left that would do little or nothing to address the abuses of the last several years. They argue that many conservative Republicans, from Rep. Andy Biggs to Sen. Mike Lee, have criticized FBI intelligence abuses and called for reform. True enough. But so have we, writing **often about those abuses** and the **need for reform**. The difference is that we haven’t supported a warrant requirement, for several reasons:

- Warrants wouldn’t address the partisan abuses we’ve seen in recent years.
- A warrant requirement defies decades of law and practice.
- Imposing one would cripple national security in a way reminiscent of our failures before 9/11.

[https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2023/09/20/the lefts fisa reform trap_149776.html](https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2023/09/20/the_lefts_fisa_reform_trap_149776.html)

Apple and Google Contact Tracing App is a Start not a Fix

OPINION

APRIL 16TH, 2020 BY STEWART BAKER | 0 COMMENTS

*Stewart Baker is a partner in the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson in Washington, D.C. From 2005 to 2009, he was the first Assistant Secretary for Policy at the Department of Homeland Security. Baker previously served as General Counsel of the National Security Agency and General Counsel of the commission that investigated WMD intelligence failures prior to the Iraq war. He is the author of *Skating on Stilts*, a book on terrorism, cybersecurity, and other technology issues; he blogs about such topics on www.skatingonstilts.com. He also hosts the weekly Steptoe Cyberlaw Podcast.*

OPINION — Google and Apple have released specifications for how to use a mobile phone to track coronavirus infections. That’s good news. As the country moves toward at least partial resumption of normal life, we’re likely to need good tracking capabilities to avoid a second peak in infections, and that can’t be done without the cooperation of Google and Apple. But the more I study the design that these companies are promoting, the less attractive it looks.

To be blunt, I think the companies were so eager to avoid criticism from privacy groups and Silicon Valley libertarians that they produced a design that raises far too many barriers to effectively trace infections. The good news, though, is that Google and Apple won’t have the last word. The two companies are creating an absolutely essential set of tools, or APIs, that will allow other tracking apps to interact with phone operating systems. They’ve also sketched what might be described as the default tracking system that they intend to implement “while maintaining strong protections around user privacy.” This default system is less essential, and a good thing too. The Google/Apple default tracking system is seriously flawed, mainly because it elevates privacy over effectiveness. Luckily, national health systems will be free to write better, more workable tracking apps that can

https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column_article/apple-and-google-contact-tracing-app-is-a-start-not-a-fix

Baker said the market for absolute encryption was very small, and that few companies wanted all their employees’ data to be completely protected. “There’s a very comfortable techno-libertarian culture where you think you’re doing the right thing,” said Baker.

“But I’ve worked with these companies and as soon as they get a law enforcement request no matter how liberal or enlightened they think they are, sooner or later they find some crime that is so loathsome they will do anything to find that person and identify them so they can be punished.

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In his book *Skating on Stilts*, former US Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for Policy Stewart Baker examines the numerous ways—air travel, biotech, the Internet—that America has left itself vulnerable to threats. Baker has been one of the most vocal proponents of the Patriot Act—especially section 215, the program to collect telephone records and other digital information. A litany of opponents, including everyone from the Electronic Frontier Foundation to Senator Rand Paul, consider the secretive program a gross invasion of privacy—on May 31, the program expired.

<https://www.wired.com/brandlab/2015/06/oh-kiss-ass-thats-not-true-stewart-baker-calls-cyber-surveillance-myths/>

List of publications by Baker: <https://www.stepto.com/en/news-publications/index.html?a=5638>

James Woosley

James Woosley is currently and advisor on the ABA ABA Cybersecurity Legal Task Force has a connections with Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker. Parker was at the CIA when the double agent Russian spy was found in their midst. Woosley resigned in 1995 because he would not hold any agents accountable for these breach. Parker left at the same time.

 Summarizer

James Woolsey is an **American political appointee** who has served in various senior positions in the US government. He served as Director of Central Intelligence for two years during the Clinton Administration and was involved in treaty negotiations with the Soviet Union for five years in the 1980s. Woolsey also held various government positions in the 1970s and 1980s, including United States Under Secretary of the Navy from 1977 to 1979. ^[1] He is currently the President of the Defense Acquisition University, responsible for delivery of learning products through the DAU regions, the Defense Systems Management College, and the College of Contract Management, curriculum development, online learning programs, learning technology, and library services for a major Department of Defense corporate university. ^[1]

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Woolsey currently sits on the Strategic Advisory Board for [Genie Energy](#) with [Dick Cheney](#), [Rupert Murdoch](#), and Lord [Jacob Rothschild](#). Genie is known for discovering a "massive" oil strata in Syria's Golan Heights near Israel.^[17]

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1995 CIA disinformation controversy

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In 1995 it was revealed that the [Central Intelligence Agency](#) had delivered intelligence reports to the U.S. government between 1986 and 1994 which were based on [agent reporting](#) from confirmed or suspected [Soviet](#) operatives. From 1985 to his arrest in February 1994, CIA officer and [KGB mole](#) [Aldrich](#)

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Aldrich Ames



Woolsey was CIA director when [Aldrich Ames](#) was arrested, on February 21, 1994,^[4] for treason and spying against the United States. The CIA was criticized for not focusing on Ames sooner, given the obvious increase in Ames' standard of living; ^[5] and there was a "huge uproar" in Congress when Woolsey decided that no one in the CIA would be dismissed or demoted at the agency. Woolsey declared: "Some have clamored for heads to roll in order that we could say that heads have rolled ... Sorry, that's not my way." Woolsey abruptly resigned on December 28, 1994.^[6]

Later career

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1985 to his arrest in February 1994, CIA officer and [KGB mole Aldrich Ames](#) compromised Agency sources and operations in the Soviet Union and [Eastern Europe](#), leading to the arrest of many CIA agents and the execution of at least ten of them. This allowed the KGB to replace the CIA agents with its own operatives or to force them to cooperate, and the double agents then funneled a mixture of [disinformation](#) and true material to U.S. intelligence. Although the CIA's Soviet-East European (SE) and Central Eurasian divisions knew or suspected the sources to be Soviet double agents, they nevertheless disseminated this "feed" material within the government. Some of these intelligence reports even reached Presidents [Ronald Reagan](#) and [George H. W. Bush](#), as well as

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James Woolsey

*National Security and Energy Specialist
2002 Winter*

James Woolsey served as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency for two years during the Clinton Administration, and has served in the U.S. government in a number of positions including, Ambassador to the Negotiation on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, Vienna, Under Secretary of the Navy, General Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services, and Advisor on the U.S. Delegation to the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, Helsinki and Vienna. Woosley also served as Delegate at Large to the U.S.-Soviet Strategic Arms Reduction Talks and Nuclear and Space Arms Talks, Geneva. More recently, Woosley stepped down from President-elect Donald Trump's transition team amidst controversy around Russia's alleged hacking during the 2016 Presidential Election.

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Stephen Richer

There is no evidence that Stephen Richer was a direct participant in the Disinformation Task Force. He is here as "associated" with Steptoe and Johnson. His wife is Assistant US Attorney of the Phoenix DHS office. In addition he was part of the Censorship team coordinated by CISA⁶².



Stephen Richer
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Stephen Richer's Cato Institute
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Education

- The University of Chicago Law School, J.D., 2015, Law School Student Body President
- The University of Chicago, M.A., Social Sciences, 2008
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Richer Conducts "audit" of 2018 election commissioned by the Republican Party:

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/5699777-AZGOP-Preliminary-Audit-Findings.html>

Stephen Richer, International Law Firm Lawyer Candidate for Maricopa County Recorder

July 8, 2020 @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm MST FREE/CONTRIBUTIONS-DONATIONS WELCOMED



Stephen Richer

Brief recap before the Primary August 4, 2020.

Stephen Richer to conducted an independent review of the County Recorder's Office. Stephen did it at no cost to the Party.

Issues with the Office still exist – reason: Stephen running for Maricopa County Recorder.

Stephen is a Lawyer for an International Law Firm here in a Phoenix.

Practiced law with some of the state's top legal minds;

Spoken on panels with respected federal judges;

Worked on multi-million dollar matters.

Worked in public policy for groups ie: American Enterprise Institute, Washington Legal Foundation, and Cato Institute.

Stephen holds three degrees (BA, MA, JD), including a law degree from The University of Chicago Law School.

He received many academic awards while in school: USA Today All-Academic Team, Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude graduate, the Mulroy Prize for Oral Advocacy, The 34 Club Award for the Top 34 Students of the University, the Ann Watson Law School award, and National Merit Scholar Finalist.

His commitment to public service and life is similarly well-documented. He serves on the board of the Arizona Humanities; a former Arizona Industry Fellow with the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and on the board of the Federalist Society's Phoenix Lawyers Chapter.

He received The Volunteer Service Award, Gold Class, from President George W. Bush for his work helping restore the Southern Gulf following the destruction of Hurricane Katrina, while attending college and received The Donald E. Egan Award for a Reputation for Integrity.

Stephen gained a unique understanding of the Recorder's Office while investigating complaints of fraud in the last election. He interviewed over 30 people regarding the Office and their concerns / experience on the last Election Day as well as studying Arizona election laws reviewing all available documents.

Stephen's Team consists of people with expert knowledge of government in Arizona, people with deep connections to Arizona voters, and skilled business professionals who know how to run large organizations.

Come help us welcome Stephen on Wednesday July 8. Locatio is Daniel McCarthy's Office HQ, 17224 N. 43rd Ave Suite 102, Glendale, Az

Doors open 6 pm; meeting starts 6:30 pm, speaker at 7 pm.

www.RicherForRecorder.com.

Look forward to seeing you all there. Remember Primary is Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

http://grassrootsteapartyactivists.com/?tribe_events=stephen-richer-candidate-for-maricopa-county-recorder

Republican candidates who reject the false and baseless claims that the last election was rigged may have some extra financial support in the next one, courtesy of Maricopa County Recorder Stephen Richer.

Richer, a Republican who was elected in 2020, has created a new political action committee called Pro-Democracy Republicans of Arizona. The PAC will run independent expenditure campaigns in favor of candidates in GOP primaries for legislative and county-level races who "acknowledge the validity of the 2020 election and condemn the events of January 6, 2021 as a terrible result of the lies told about the November election," according to a press statement on Wednesday announcing the committee's formation.

For an elections official to get involved in campaigns in such a way is a rarity. Many county recorders and secretaries of state refrain from even endorsing candidates to avoid the appearance of impropriety.

The PAC's goal is to elect Republicans who will help return the GOP to a party that supports the rule of law and celebrates smooth and peaceful transitions of power under a democratic system, Richer told the *Arizona Mirror*.

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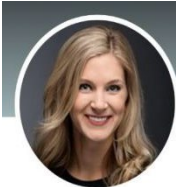
Maricopa County Recorder Stephen Richer is a rare breed of Republican who, at least recently, hasn't been afraid to call out the endless bullshit flowing out of the so-called Arizona election audit and its supporters. He's taking a political risk by publicly denouncing the audit, which is popular with the GOP base, as an absurd conspiracy theory-laden farce. It could very well hurt his reelection chances in 2024. But with so many cowardly Republican politicians refusing to push back against the nonsense coming out of the Trump-till-the-very-end wing of the Republican Party, it's immensely refreshing to see at least one GOP


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Stephen Richer

When Stephen Richer ran for Maricopa County Recorder in 2020, he did so on a platform of making the job "boring again." The job, though, has become anything but thanks to his party taking a sharp right turn and embracing every election-denying conspiracy theory they can articulate – and many they can't. Richer has stood firm, defending the county's elections as sane and secure, which is no small feat thanks to his own party's histrionics. Richer has taken on Twitter trolls, stared down those threatening physical violence and sued Kari Lake for defamation and won. He does it with a smile, earnestly running the most transparent elections around, operating an open door policy with the media and even hosting a contest for residents to design new "I Voted" stickers. It's why we honored Richer in 2021 and why we're throwing accolades his way again this year. This time, though, it's more of a political obituary. The election-denying wing of his party put an end to his bid for a second term during the July primary.


Lindsay Short





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Publications while at Snell & Wilmer: <https://www.jdsupra.com/authors/lindsay-short/>

Garrett Archer

Garrett Archer has been writing articles that are strongly used to “debunk” election fraud claims/evidence. He is “johnny on the spot” with any evidence coming out of Arizona. At times, he seems to pre-emptively debunk evidence that will be coming out in court (eg signature verification, data analysis of users verifying signatures)

The AZ - abc15 - ...
@Garrett_Archer

Husband, Dad, Catholic liturgical music sponge. Former elections official. Now data/political analyst @abc15. Oracle of #ElectionTwitter. DGJ pics a plenty.

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The AZ - abc15 - Dat... · 8/2/22

Confession: I hate the few hours before results roll in. Over a decade in politics before I came to the news so I will never be rid of the butterflies.

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Christopher W. Kline
@chris_kline

Even news has its version of election night butterflies!

5:41 PM · 8/2/22 from Earth

The AZ - abc15 - Da... · 3/17/20

Secretary of State site (minus Maricopa)
Sanders 40.13
Biden 35.56

10 13 55

Mike Noble @MikeP... · 3/17/20

Lame, we want Maricopa!

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Christopher W. Kline
@chris_kline

If this how demanding you are to friends, I don't want to be your enemy.

8:03 PM · 3/17/20 from Earth

Garrett receives the We The People Az Alliance PRR raw Data during trial. Rey Valenzuela on day 1 testified that he did not know the data, had never used it, and never had a reason to create the data they did for the PRR. On day 2, Rey Valenzuela testified he analyzed the data on day 1.

The AZ - abc15 - Data Guru
@Garrett_Archer

I have the verification logs being discussed in Lake V. Hobbs. My immediate concern is there might be concurrent logins, which would make an interval analysis problematic.

Trying to get an answer to that.

1:08 PM · 5/17/23 from Earth · 34.8K Views

The AZ - abc15 - Data Guru · 1d

I played a game at @MaricopaVote this morning called "How long does it take me to verify a signature."

Notes:

- 20 min. of training.
- Random batches I selected.
- Majority were easily ID'd in one second.
- Digitized VR forms are the worst exemplars to work with.

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The AZ - abc15 - Data Guru · 1d

-there are times scrolling up is absolutely required.

-stricter laws around signatures would almost exclusively impact students and seniors with neural/medical issues.

-I'm not the only one allowed to do this.

Deeper dive incoming later.

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The AZ - abc15 - Data Guru
@Garrett_Archer

Another fun little tidbit. Viral video guy validated my signature about five minutes after the time in the posted clip.

I don't know the context of what we were looking at, but I do know that no one else signed for my ballot. Super promise.

5:20 PM · 5/17/23 from Earth · 20.8K Views

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We The People outright lied about me during their spaces.

-I did not have the data before they gave the PRR number.

-I did not "feed data" to any witnesses.

-I owe nothing to the county. If you produced something worthy of an exposé I would be happy to win an award reporting it.

11:11 AM · 5/31/23 from Earth · 18.1K Views

AzPinkLady #SaveAriz... · 16m

I concede to being misinformed. I said "I don't think".

The fact still remains, he knew about user 134, 2 days before it was revealed in court.

He was asked, he was assisted to get it fast, he gave their team an analysis, that was wrong btw. He lied. Rey lied

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The AZ - abc15 - Data G... · 14m

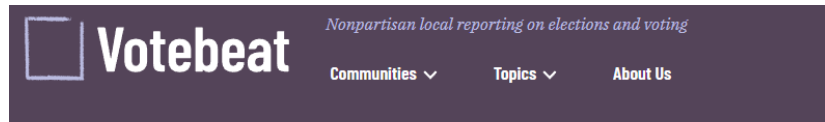
Was not hard to figure out 134, 026, and 009.

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Garrett is the first journalist to get access to the envelopes for signature verification

Jen Fifield

Jen has been prominent in the media to “debunk” any election questions and evidence that is brought forth. In Arizona, among citizens, her nickname is “blue pen Jen” for leaving the floor of the Arizona Audit, where she was supposed to be an observer, and reporting to the Perkins Coie lawyers that blue pens were on the floor during setup. Although there were no ballots on the floor, the lawyers used this information to try and shut down the audit before it even started. Votebeat is funded by Bill & Melinda Gates, Bezos and Koch Brothers



Jen Fifield

Reporter

Jen Fifield previously covered Maricopa County and Phoenix for The Arizona Republic, including the high-profile review of the county's 2020 election. Prior to that, she covered politics and government for local newspapers in Maryland and state policy for Stateline, a news service run by The Pew Charitable Trusts. She has won several regional press awards in Arizona and Maryland for her investigative, feature, politics and education reporting. Jen is a Phoenix native and graduated from Arizona State University's Cronkite School.

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Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

Based on the information you submitted with your application, we approved your request for reinstatement under Revenue Procedure 2014-11. Your effective date of exemption, as listed at the top of this letter, is retroactive to your date of revocation.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar

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CIVIC NEWS COMPANY NONPROFIT

Company Number

CORP_74134327

Native Company Number

74134327

Status

Goodstanding

Incorporation Date

9 May 2023 (4 months ago)

Company Type

Not-for-Profit

Jurisdiction

Illinois (US)

Alternative Names

CHALKBEAT (alias name, 2023-05-09 -)

VOTEBEAT (alias name, 2023-05-09 -)

Agent Name

CORPORATE CREATIONS NETWORK INC

Agent Address

350 S. NORTHWEST HIGHWAY #300, PARK RIDGE,
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Directors / Officers

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Today, we reach a new, exciting milestone: Chalkbeat is officially launching Votebeat as a permanent, year-round newsroom, with a team of eight journalists who will provide regular local coverage of voting and election administration in four states — **Arizona, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Texas**. (You can learn more about the team at votebeat.org.)

Our work is staunchly nonpartisan, grounded in facts, not opinion — with a mission to help people understand our system of democracy so they can participate in strengthening it.

We are making history as the first news organization to focus on this topic, without attention on candidates or campaigns or the other traditional elements of election journalism. We know that election misinformation presents a threat to democracy, and Votebeat exists to address that threat. [Read all about why and how we're doing this journalism.](#)

The journey to this moment **began in fall 2020, when we launched Votebeat as a temporary pop-up newsroom covering voting access and elections administration. Reporters in eight states worked in partnership with Chalkbeat** and local news organizations to better understand how local elections were run, as fears about fraud and misconduct spread across the political spectrum.

Since then, examples of impact abound:

- In Potter County, Texas, **we spotlighted Republicans' plans — ultimately reversed under public pressure** — to run their own primary election separate from the county, introducing an increased risk of voter confusion and fraud.
- In **Michigan, election officials regularly used our reporting and explainers** to help answer the barrage of questions — **fueled by misinformation** — they were receiving each day.
- In Pennsylvania, our reporters spotlighted the **burnout and attrition of local election officials**, an emergency that was cited in a legislative committee meeting and in a **New York Times article**.

The original Votebeat pop-up was such a success that we decided this valuable resource for voters should continue as an established news organization, which brings us to our launch today.

Like Chalkbeat, Votebeat will make our stories available, at no cost, to all local and national news outlets, and **we are launching with formal partnerships with Bridge Michigan, Spotlight PA, and The Texas Tribune** — three nonprofit news organizations that were among Votebeat's original partners during its **2020 pop-up phase. Votebeat shares an operational infrastructure with Chalkbeat, and will adapt Chalkbeat's local-first business model to election administration.**

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990 **Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax** **2021**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Part I For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2021, and ending 06-30-2022

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization: CIVIC NEWS COMPANY
Doing business as:
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 450 SEVENTH AVENUE 32ND FLOOR
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: NEW YORK, NY 10123

D Employer identification number: 90-0915846
E Telephone number: (917) 388-9035
G Gross receipts \$ 12,805,652

F Name and address of principal officer: ELIZABETH GREEN
450 SEVENTH AVENUE 32ND FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10123

H(a) Is this a group return for subsidiaries? ☐ Yes ☒ No
H(b) Are all subsidiaries included? ☐ Yes ☒ No
H(c) Group exemption number:
If "No," attach a list. See instructions.

I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c)(1) ☐ 501(c)(29) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527
J Website: CIVICNEWS.ORG
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other
L Year of formation: 2012 **M** State of legal domicile: DE

Part II Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
TO PROVIDE DEEP LOCAL COVERAGE OF IMPORTANT ISSUES IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS SO AS TO INFORM THE DECISIONS AND ACTIONS THAT LEAD TO BETTER OUTCOMES FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THOSE ISSUES.

2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) **3** **8**
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) **4** **7**
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2021 (Part V, line 2a) **5** **96**
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) **6** **8**
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 **7a** **287,515**
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11 **7b** **21,265**

Revenue

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 3h) 8	10,356,192	12,484,474
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 9	0	0
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 10	5,551	1,488
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 11	208,084	309,265
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 12	10,569,827	12,795,227
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) 13	0	0
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 14	0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) 15	7,364,040	9,685,773
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 16a	0	16,725
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 16b	1,216,284	
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) 17	1,765,267	2,196,287
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 18	9,129,307	11,898,785
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 19	1,440,520	996,442

Net Assets or Fund Balances

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 20	7,430,342	8,487,702
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 21	329,631	490,549
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 22	7,100,711	7,997,153

Part III Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer:
Date: 2023-05-12
KENDRA IRVING, SECRETARY/CFO
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Date: 2023-05-12
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Firm's name: PNF O'CONNOR DAVIES ADVISORY LLC
Firm's address: 245 PARK AVENUE 12TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10167
Phone no. (212) 286-2600

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No
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Finances

In June 2020, Chalkbeat reported \$7,445,164 in revenue. Of that, \$7,314,781 was derived from contributions and grants, with other funding coming from program service revenue, investment income, and other income such as the sale of ad space. The organization had \$7,964,369 in expenses, of which \$6,562,837 was allocated for salaries and benefits. The organization ended the fiscal year with a deficit of \$419,205 and net assets of \$5,660,191.³

Notable funders include the **Bezos Family Foundation**, the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**, **Bloomberg Philanthropies**, the **Gates Family Foundation**, and the **Poynter-Koch Media Fellowship**.⁴

CSIS Media Blitz/PR Campaign

Since at least 2018 Spaulding, Parker & Rishikof have been on a “blitz”, to educate about Russia interference with our elections & Judicial system, and framed it as the need for civic education. Many more works, podcasts, etc & orgs not listed

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An Expert Report

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This report, informed by a CSIS-convened Experts Group, calls for a whole-of-nation approach to address the threat to, and improve the resilience of, the country's democratic institutions. The report proceeds in four sections. First, it outlines the nature of the threat posed by the Russian government, building upon what Russia has done in other countries, as well as in the United States. The second section describes how technology has magnified this threat. The third section examines essential elements of a "National Strategy to Counter Russian and Other Foreign Adversary Threats to Democratic Institutions." The final section is a call for action.

Foreword

American democracy is under attack from Russia. This is a long-term campaign that did not begin or end with the 2016 election. Putin's objective is to weaken us by sowing chaos and discord, and to undermine the appeal of democracy itself. If he can show that American-style democracy, both in the United States and in other liberal democracies, is incompetent, illegitimate, and hypocritical, he can use that narrative to undermine its potential appeal among Russia's population and in other countries around the world where we compete for influence. Other nations with similar interests are likely to follow suit, waging their own campaigns against democratic institutions.

Participants and Contributors

The titles and affiliations of the following participants and contributors appear in Annex A.

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<https://www.csis.org/analysis/countering-adversary-threats-democratic-institutions>

September 17, 2018: How Putin Work to Weaken Faith in the Rule of Law and Our Justice System' Harvey Rishikof and Suzanne Spaulding

How Putin Works to Weaken Faith in the Rule of Law and Our Justice System

Suzanne Spaulding, Harvey Rishikof | Monday, September 17, 2018, 9:20 AM

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In the summer of 2016, [a Facebook group called "Secure Borders"](#) began fanning the flames of rumors that a young girl had been raped at knifepoint by Syrian refugees in Twin Falls, Idaho. The group accused government officials, including the prosecutor and judge in the case, of conspiring to protect the immigrant community by covering-up the true nature of the crime.

[The Defending Democratic Institutions Project](#) at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) has studied how Russia continues its attack on democracy by pushing a narrative weakening faith in the rule of law as administered by the justice system in both the United States and Europe. While policymakers on both sides of the Atlantic have made important strides in confronting election manipulation and related attacks—and, increasingly, understand that information warfare is targeting public attitudes beyond elections—they have not yet come to grips with the threat to the justice system specifically and have not taken adequate steps to protect against it.

Efforts to counter information operations more broadly, such as those recommended by a bipartisan group in a CSIS report on ["Countering Adversary Attacks on Democratic Institutions,"](#) are a good start. But more focused action is needed to protect the justice system. To advance this goal we have worked with organizations like the American Bar Association, the Federal Judicial Center, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the National Center of State Courts and others to raise awareness among federal and state judges and justices about the ways Russia, and potentially other malicious actors, undermine trust in the courts.

The idea of a system built on the rule of law and justice delivered by a fair and impartial judiciary is a critical pillar of democracy and one of its greatest strengths. To erode confidence in this idea is to erode confidence in the institutions of justice. Mistrust begins to drive a wedge between the government and the governed, undermining a key element of democracies. If the goal of Russia's leadership is to cheapen the appeal of liberal democracy in the eyes of the Russian population as well as those of

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January 2020: ABA Podcast: Hacking Democracies: Elections and Beyond

<https://soundcloud.com/nsltoday/hacking-democracy-annual-meeting>

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The Committee on the American Judicial System

Protecting judicial independence and the rule of law. Preserving fair and impartial courts. Responding to unjust criticism of the judiciary and the media.



The Background and Mission of the Committee

The Litigation Section is proud to be the home of the Committee on the American Judicial System. The Committee was created in the 2019-2020 bar year to continue the important mission and work started by the ABA Standing Committee on the American Judicial System and its Subcommittee on Federal Courts and Subcommittee on State Courts. The Standing Committee was sunset in August 2019. In 2022-2023, the Committee on the American Judicial System is chaired by Kenneth R. Berman, Barbara J. Dawson, and Hon. Virginia Kendall. The mission of the Committee is: (i) protecting judicial independence and the rule of law; (ii) preserving fair and impartial courts; and (iii) responding to unjust criticism of the judiciary and the media.

First appearance February 15th, 2020

https://web.archive.org/web/20200201000000*/https://www.americanbar.org/groups/litigation/initiatives/committee-on-american-judicial-system/

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ABA Journal October 5, 2020

<https://www.abajournal.com/news/article/arizona-task-force-releases-recommendations-for-how-courts-can-counter-disinformation>

“The Center for Strategic and International Studies and the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security have previously launched a campaign to help educate courts and lawyers throughout the country about the disinformation threat and how to effectively respond.”

“Additionally, at the ABA Annual Meeting in August, the House of Delegates approved Resolution 300B, which urges every level of government in the United States “to promote digital literacy, civic education and public awareness to build societal resilience to domestic and foreign malign disinformation operations.”

ABA Journal October/November 2020

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National Security Lawyers Say Russia Is Ramping up Attacks on the American Judiciary-- And Meeting Resistance

Donald Trump asked Russia to find Hillary Clinton's emails during the 2016 election, and special counsel Robert Mueller alleged Russians began attempting to gain access to Clinton campaign email accounts shortly thereafter. The ultimately successful email hacking was one element of wide-ranging Russian efforts to interfere in the last American presidential race, and the U.S. intelligence community has warned that Russia is reportedly meddling in the current election cycle as well.

But national security lawyers say the Kremlin also is using both social and state-sponsored media to spread disinformation about the justice system with the goal of weakening American confidence in the rule of law.

“I think their clearest objective is to convince people that our institutions, including our justice system, are irrevocably broken,” says Suzanne Spaulding, senior adviser for homeland security and director of the Defending Democratic Institutions project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

In hopes of blunting the impact of Russia's information warfare and similar efforts by other actors, the center where Spaulding is based and the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security have begun a multipronged *21 campaign to educate courts and lawyers about the ongoing threat and how to effectively respond.

Leaders of the initiative are carrying out their efforts through workshops hosted by the National Center for State Courts and speaking engagements in front of a wide array of legal organizations, including the ABA.

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Russian attacks

Spaulding, a former chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security, along with co-authors Devi Nair and Arthur Nelson, published a May 2019 report titled *Beyond the Ballot: How the Kremlin Works to Undermine the U.S. Justice System*.

The authors write that the Russian disinformation attacks typically try to exploit four different frames supporting the overall message that the U.S. system is not independent or impartial. These frames include suggesting the justice system “tolerates, protects and covers up crimes committed by immigrants” and “is a tool of the political elite.”

Fighting back

To combat Russian and other disinformation campaigns, CSIS and the ABA have teamed up with the National Center for State Courts to host virtual workshops for state court leaders and employees across the country. The participants from each state are urged to form rapid-response teams and develop playbooks outlining how they will confront both foreign and domestic information warfare. The workshops, which include tabletop exercises, emphasize that it's best to focus on the facts when responding to disinformation with messages distributed to the public and media.

“There is no way you can put the genie back in the bottle after the tsunami has hit the shore,” says Mary McQueen, president of the NCSC. “What we can do, though, is say, ‘This is how courts *22 work. This is how they evaluate the information. This is a jury trial where your colleagues out in the community are making decisions about this case.’”

Additionally, the NCSC commissioned focus groups last year that demonstrated members of the public are receptive to messages about how courts uphold key American values, according to Jesse Rutledge, the NCSC's vice president for external affairs. “If you talk about courts as guardians of constitutional rights, that is something every American can relate to,” Rutledge says. “So we will focus on emphasizing values-based messaging as how courts should be seeking to address these attacks.”

Among the states, Arizona has taken the most proactive approach to ensuring its preparedness to push back against future disinformation campaigns, according to the NCSC officials. In September 2019, the Arizona Supreme Court announced the creation of the Task Force on Countering Disinformation, which was charged with suggesting technology and resources that could “identify disinformation campaigns early enough to counter them with accurate information.”

The panel was also charged with proposing “approaches to public education and communication that accurately reflect the roles and processes of courts.”

Aaron Nash, the task force's chair, says Arizona's state court system is already working with a company called Critical Mention to help it track social media platforms for potential disinformation campaigns.

Dave Byers, administrative director of the courts in Arizona, adds that the court system is also gathering email addresses and phone numbers to compile contact lists it could use to distribute messages in the event of a disinformation attack involving the justice system.

Meanwhile, the state's disinformation task force is expected to release its final report and recommendations by Oct. 1.

"If another state wants to create a task force or assign people to look at the same issues, they don't have to start from scratch like we've been doing," says Nash, the Arizona Supreme Court's communications director.

As for the federal courts, they have focused on civics education to help combat disinformation. In October 2019, the first national civics outreach conference for the federal judiciary was held at the New York City-based 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, according to a spokesman for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. also highlighted the importance of civics in his 2019 yearend report. "In our age, when social media can instantly spread rumor and false information on a grand scale, the public's need to understand our government and the protections it provides is ever more vital," he wrote.

"The judiciary has an important role to play in civic education, and I am pleased to report that the judges and staff of our federal courts are taking up the challenge," Roberts continued.

At this year's ABA Annual Meeting, not only did the House of Delegates pass the civics education Resolution 300B, but the topic was also discussed during a showcase session titled "Hacking Democracy: Elections and Beyond."

"Without an informed and engaged citizenry, democracy will collapse," Spaulding said during the session.

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March 25th, 2021, uploaded to youtube April 14, 2021, Spaulding appears on webinar with Justice Sotomayor and Justice Gorsuch, promoted by ABA. Topic of discussion was civic education. However, the civics education concern is prompted by the "challenge of the legitimacy of the 2020 election" Justice Gorsuch states that Russia is spreading disinformation on social media (25:36)



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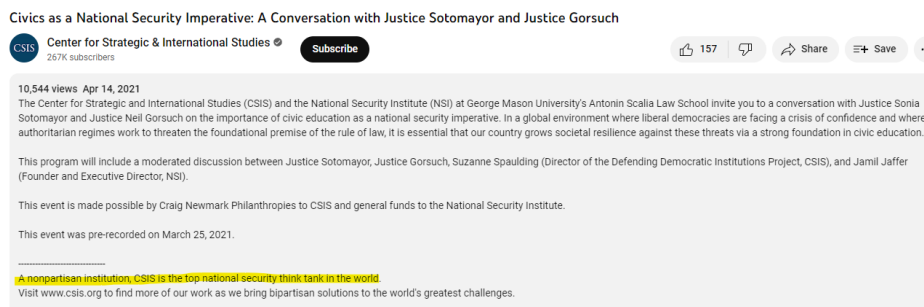
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Civics as a National Security Imperative: A Conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Neil M. Gorsuch

Webinar Program

Aired March 25, 2021. Join SCOLNS members Suzanne Spaulding (CSIS) and Jamil Jaffer (NSI) in a conversation with Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Justice Neil Gorsuch on the importance of civic education as a national security imperative. In a global environment where liberal democracies are facing a crisis of confidence and where authoritarian regimes work to threaten the foundational premise of the rule of law, it is essential that our country grows societal resilience against these threats via a strong foundation in civic education. This program will include a moderated discussion between Justice Sotomayor, Justice Gorsuch, Suzanne Spaulding (Director of the Defending Democratic Institutions Project, CSIS), and Jamil Jaffer (Founder and Executive Director, NSI).

Considering the YouTube description claims CSIS is the world's leading think tank, it isn't hard to conclude that Suzanne Spaulding convinced at least these two judges that Russia is behind the "undermining our democracy" by getting people to question and have doubts about our elections and our court systems.



Civics as a National Security Imperative: A Conversation with Justice Sotomayor and Justice Gorsuch

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The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and the National Security Institute (NSI) at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School invite you to a conversation with Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Justice Neil Gorsuch on the importance of civic education as a national security imperative. In a global environment where liberal democracies are facing a crisis of confidence and where authoritarian regimes work to threaten the foundational premise of the rule of law, it is essential that our country grows societal resilience against these threats via a strong foundation in civic education.

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This event is made possible by Craig Newmark Philanthropies to CSIS and general funds to the National Security Institute.

This event was pre-recorded on March 25, 2021.

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August 8, 2022: Democracy in Peril - How Can We Change the Course for America?
Panel discussions of elections and the judicial system



August 08, 2022

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Panelists examine the future health of American democracy and of those around the world in light of an erosion of public trust and confidence in our governmental institutions and in traditional news reporting.



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Election experts offered ways that lawyers can assist in ensuring fair and free voting throughout the country:

- Help to carefully craft federal legislation.
- Hold lawyers accountable who make false statements about election procedures and outcomes.
- Provide pro bono support to state officials who uphold election laws.
- Be a trusted voice and resource for election information in your community.
- Serve as election workers.
- Encourage state bars to offer CLE hours to attorneys who serve as election workers.

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“When I stepped down in January 2017 as the Department of Homeland Security’s Under Secretary responsible for cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection, the United States had just finished the 2016 election. The intelligence community assessed that what we saw in 2016 was part of a much longer-term, broader, and ongoing campaign by Russia to undermine public trust in American democracy and its institutions: “Russian efforts to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election represent the most recent expression of Moscow’s longstanding desire to undermine the U.S. liberal democratic order.” *Off. of Dir. of Nat’l Intel., Background to “Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections”: The Analytic Process and Cyber Incident Attribution* (Jan. 6, 2017).”; “As part of Russia’s attacks on American democracy, the Kremlin has worked to undermine public trust in a key pillar of government: the justice system.”

65 Project

The 65 Project is a campaign targeting lawyers who aided attempts by then-President Donald Trump and his supporters to overturn the 2020 election results using advertisements, threats of disbarment, and changing rules within the [American Bar Association](#), ostensibly to deter future similar efforts.

Website: <https://the65project.com/>

Formation: 2022

Managing Director: Michael Teter

Type: Legal advocacy

The 65 Project was “devised” by Democratic consultant and former [Clinton administration](#) official Melissa Moss. It is a project of Law Works, a group with no website or public financial disclosures. ¹ LawWorks has previously received grants from public policy-oriented foundation [Democracy Fund](#) and is a fiscal project of the [Franklin Education Forum](#), a nonprofit organization that provides training and support to, “advance and broaden the appeal of the progressive cause.” ^{2 3}

The name “65 Project” refers to the number of lawsuits filed by supporters of President Donald Trump to overturn the 2020 presidential election. ⁴

Campaign

In March 2022, the 65 Project launched by filing ethics complaints against 10 lawyers who worked on lawsuits to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election in favor of Trump. The group seeks to disbar 111 lawyers from 26 states in total. The targeted lawyers include President Trump’s legal advisors such as Sidney Powell and Jenna Ellis, lawyers who were purported “alternate electors” for Trump, and attorneys who allegedly supported the January 6, 2021 storming of the U.S. Capitol. ⁸

The group will air ads in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, all battleground states. The 65 Project will also encourage the [American Bar Association](#) to codify rules banning frivolous attempts to overturn elections. ⁹

The 65 Project expressed plans to spend \$2.5 million on its campaign in its first year. ¹⁰

Criticisms

Though the 65 Project claims to be bipartisan, ¹¹ it is not targeting any Democratic-aligned attorneys who have challenged election laws or results in the past, and is being exclusively led by Democrats and

Leadership

Attorney Michael Teter is the managing director of the 65 Project. He was previously a general counsel for [Represent.US](#), a left-of-center campaign finance regulation advocacy group, and he was an assistant attorney general in Utah. From 2006-2008, Teter was a litigation associate with [Perkins Coie](#), a law firm with close ties to the [Democratic National Committee](#). He worked as the Wisconsin state field director for the presidential campaign of [John Kerry](#) (D-MA) and managed the Senatorial campaign of former Sen. [Herb Kohl](#) (D-WI). Early in his career, Teter served as the deputy finance director of the California Democratic Party. ¹³

The 65 Project’s Senior Advisor is [David Brock](#), the founder of [Media Matters for America](#) and [American Bridge 21st Century](#). ¹⁴

David Fink was a former advisor to the 65 Project. Previously a lawyer based in Detroit, in 2022 he persuaded a judge to sanction nine lawyers involved in the “Kraken” lawsuit, including Sidney Powell and Lin Wood. David’s son, Nathan Fink, was a former advisor to 65 Project as well. ^{15 16}

The 65 Project’s advisory board includes former Department of Homeland Security official Paul



<https://www.influencewatch.org/organization/65-project/>

How it works: The 65 Project is targeting 111 attorneys in 26 states who were involved to some degree in efforts to challenge or reverse 2020 election results. They include lawyers at large national law firms with many partners and clients and lawyers at smaller, regional firms.

- It will air ads in battleground states, including Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.
- It also will push the ABA and every state bar association to codify rules barring certain election challenges and adopt model language stating that "fraudulent and malicious lawsuits to overturn legitimate election results violate the ethical duties lawyers must abide by."
- It plans to spend about \$2.5 million in its first year and will operate through an existing nonprofit called Law Works.

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Between the lines: Some of the attorney targets already have been hit with bar complaints. One going after Georgia attorney Brad Carver for his role as an alternate elector was [dismissed for lack of evidence](#). Carver, in an email to Axios, reiterated his position that his involvement was legally appropriate.

- But The 65 Project is focused on starving any future efforts of legal talent as well as focusing on 2020.
- "This is mostly important for the deterrent effect that it can bring so that you can kill the pool of available legal talent going forward," according to a person involved with the effort, who asked to remain anonymous.

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Brock told Axios in an interview that the idea is to "not only bring the grievances in the bar complaints, but shame them and make them toxic in their communities and in their firms."

- "I think the littler fish are probably more vulnerable to what we're doing," Brock said. "You're threatening their livelihood. And, you know, they've got reputations in their local communities."

<https://www.axios.com/2022/03/07/trump-election-lawyers-disbar>

The outcome of dozens of pending ethics investigations could eventually have consequences for the 2024 presidential election and beyond. Advocates say the goal of sanctioning attorneys for "Big Lie" lawsuits is to prevent another wave of Hail Mary litigation based on conspiracy theories in the future.

"The ultimate goal is to deter it," said Michael Teter, managing director of the 65 Project, which has filed nearly 80 ethics complaints with state disciplinary boards. "From our standpoint, we wanted to make sure that lawyers know they're not going to get away with this."

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"These are lawyers who ought to be themselves subject to bar association discipline," Dershowitz, who was part of Trump's legal team for his first impeachment, told "[Carl Higbie FRONTLINE](#)."

Dershowitz said after he pledged to defend any lawyer pro bono who was targeted by the 65 Project for defending Trump or anyone in his circle, the group filed a complaint with the bar association in Massachusetts, where he lives. He said so far, nothing has come of it.

"I've now spoken to three lawyers who were asked to defend either Donald Trump or his co-defendants, and they all are reluctant to do it largely because of Project 65," Dershowitz said. "This is McCarthyism, the worst form of McCarthyism. It violates the code of professional responsibility. And in numerous ways, it puts the profession in a bad light."

Dershowitz said every American is at risk when there is a group of "distinguished lawyers, members of the bar, elite members of the bar, members of law firms, people who have held high office in bar associations, essentially threatening lawyers, threatening their careers, threatening their friendships if they continue to represent people this group doesn't like."

"It is the worst abuse of the legal profession I've seen in 60 years of practicing law, and this is one lawyer who's fighting back," he said.

<https://www.newsmax.com/newsmax-tv/alan-dershowitz-65-project-donald-trump/2023/06/22/id/1124608/>

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