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## Justice Ruth McGregor Elected to National Board of Trustees of the American Inns of Court

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—**Justice Ruth McGregor**, member of the Arizona Supreme Court, has been elected to the National Board of Trustees of the American Inns of Court. Chosen as an At-Large Trustee during nationwide balloting of American Inns of Court members earlier this year, Justice McGregor began her four-year term July 1, 1998.

Justice McGregor is a past president of the Arizona Inns of Court (1991-1992) and Chair of the National Nominating Committee (1995-1998). Prior to her appointment to the Arizona Supreme Court, Justice McGregor was a member of the Arizona Court of Appeals, serving since 1989. Before her appointment to the bench, Justice McGregor spent 15 years in private practice with the Fennemore Craig law firm. In addition, she served as a law clerk to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor during the 1981 term of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Justice McGregor also has been active in many legal organizations throughout her career. She is a member of the State Bar of Arizona, the American Bar Association, the Maricopa County Bar Association and the Arizona Women Lawyers Association, and is a founding fellow of the Arizona Bar Foundation. She is a member and past president of the Arizona Judges' Association and member and executive committee woman of the National Association of Women.

Justice McGregor also has been appointed to numerous judicial committees of the Arizona Supreme Court, including the Commission of Judicial Conduct from 1991 to 1997, the Disciplinary Commission of 1984 to 1989, the Special Committee to Study Appellate Delay and Procedures in 1995, and the Special Committee to Study Civil Litigation Abuse, Cost and Delay from 1990 to 1994.

After receiving her undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa (B.A., summa cum laude, 1964), Justice McGregor received her law degree from Arizona State University College of Law (J.D., summa cum laude, 1974). For more information, call (202) 544-1441.

### Annual Directory Update

We would like to thank the members who helped us evaluate the effectiveness of the geographical listing in the 1998/1999 Annual Directory. After careful review, the Bar decided not to include this section in this year's directory in order to minimize costs. However, members can obtain updated copies of this section by calling membership services at (602) 252-4804. This information also can be accessed online, at [www.azbar.org](http://www.azbar.org), using our member finder feature. Additional features to the directory will entail fax numbers and e-mail addresses being included with each alphabetical listing.

**Municipal Judge Elizabeth Finn Wins the 1998 Franklin N. Flaschner Award**  
CHICAGO—Nineteen-year Phoenix Municipal Court Judge Elizabeth Finn is the winner of the 1998 Franklin N. Flaschner Award, a national award given by the American Bar Association Judicial Division National Conference of Special Court Judges recognizing an outstanding judge serving in a court of limited or special jurisdiction.

In nominating Judge Finn for this award, Chief Justice Thomas Zlaket of the Arizona Supreme Court said she is considered a leading judicial expert in the area of domestic violence and is the most knowledgeable judge in the state on laws that govern DUI. For 10 years she has been teaching about this topic, and she works closely with the Supreme Court and the Governor's Office of Community and Highway Safety to sponsor conferences and other events that keep judges abreast of new developments.

Her involvement with domestic violence issues has led to legislative implementation of new

domestic violence laws and to the Arizona Supreme Court's adoption of new court procedures and forms regarding protection orders, which facilitated their inclusion into the NCIC database and coordination with the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Most judges and court staff know Judge Finn and appreciate what she has contributed to the system, but her work will stand over time," wrote Judge Zlaket. "Many, many individuals will benefit from Judge Finn's work without ever knowing who she is or what she did for them. Victims, perpetrators, court staff, law enforcement, judges, prosecutors, public defenders and others will be impacted by her work. She sets an example that will be hard to follow. Arizona courts and citizens are fortunate to have her."

### ABA Tort and Insurance Practice Section Announces 1998 Award Recipients

CHICAGO—The American Bar Association Tort and Insurance Practice Section announces the recipients of its 1998 awards, presented during the section's Annual Luncheon August 3, during the 1998 ABA Annual Meeting.

Among the recipients was Professor Roger C. Henderson of the University of Arizona College of Law in Tucson, who received the 1998 Robert B. McKay Law Professor Award. The award, given annually by the section, recognizes commitment to the advancement of justice, scholarship and the legal profession demonstrated by outstanding contributions to the fields of tort and/or insurance law. Henderson has spent nearly three decades educating future lawyers in torts, insurance and evidence at law schools across the country. An author of numerous publications, articles and reports, he also has spent a great deal of time speaking on tort and insurance issues to groups ranging from local bar associations to state legislatures. Information: (312) 988-5237.

### Arizona Association of Defense Counsel Announces New Officers

PHOENIX—Arizona Association of Defense Counsel (AADC), a professional trade association composed of more than 900 defense attorneys practicing primarily in the area of civil defense litigation, announces its officers and board of directors.

The 1998/99 Officers are as follows: Thomas P. Burke II, Burke, Panzarella & Rich, President; Francis J. Balint Jr., Bonnet, Fairbourn, Friendman & Balint, P.C., President-Elect; Marshall Humphrey III, Bury, Moeller, Humphrey & O'Meara, Secretary; and Elizabeth Savoini Fitch, Turley, Swan & Childers P.C., Treasurer.

The board members are William H. Anger, Daryl A. Audlett, Thomas G. Bakker, Donald H. Bayles Jr., H. Christian Bode, F. Michael Carroll, Cynthia V. Cheney, Charles V. Harrington, Joseph A. Kendhammer, Carl F. Mariano, Kaye L. McCarthy, Donald L. Myles Jr., Timothy G. O'Neill, Michael R. Perry, Calvin L. Raup, Winn L. Sammons, Robert K. Walker, Donald Wilson Jr., Lawrence F. Winthrop and Richard Woods. For more information, call (602) 212-2505.

### Pima County Bar Association Announces Election Results

TUCSON—The Pima County Bar Association election results are in. Peter Akmajian will serve as President-elect; Robert B. Fleming, Christopher J. Smith and Eugene Zlaket will serve as member, board of directors. Commissioner Karen Nygaard assumes the office of President and Jo Ann Zirkle and Alyce L. Pennington were appointed by the new board to the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. For more information, call (520) 623-8258.

### American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Launches Campaign

CHICAGO—The 1,500-member American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers launched a national public awareness campaign to counter the profound effects of divorce on children.

The effort includes distribution of a free booklet for divorcing parents, “Stepping Back From Anger: Protecting Your Children During Divorce.”

The public awareness effort features 30- and 15-second public service announcements, the “how-to” booklet and an instructional video—all aimed at parents in the throes of divorce. For more information, call (312) 553-0700.

### The American Lawyers Auxiliary Celebrates Its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

CHICAGO—The American Lawyers Auxiliary, a national network of lawyers’ spouses founded to promote understanding of the American legal system, is celebrating 40 years of citizenship education. The ALA’s primary goal is to support law-related education in schools and communities nationwide. For more information, call (312) 988-6387.

## staff highlights

### Barbara Scott Joins the Bar as MCLE/BLS Administrator

PHOENIX—**Barbara D. Scott** joins the State Bar as MCLE/BLS Administrator, overseeing the development and administration of the legal specialization and MCLE programs.

Scott comes to the Bar from New York City, where she practiced as a solo practitioner for more than 15 years. Scott’s law practice involved negotiation of settlements, motion practice and trials.

“Barbara has worked in a number of capacities throughout her career in the legal field, including law clerk, paralegal, associate, office manager and solo practitioner,” says Cynthia Zwick, assistant executive director—member services. “This background has given Barbara a wealth of expertise for her to draw upon as she assumes her responsibilities at the State Bar of Arizona.”

### Patricia Sequin Named Deputy Clerk I

PHOENIX—**Patricia Sequin** has been named the new Deputy Clerk I in the State Bar’s legal department.

Sequin earned a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish from Arizona State University earlier this year. She also attended the University of Texas at Austin from 1987 to 1990.

### Lynda Shely Appointed to ABA Committee

PHOENIX—State Bar of Arizona’s Special Counsel **Lynda Shely** has been appointed to a three-year term as a member of the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Client Protection.

As Special Counsel for the State Bar of Arizona, Shely supports not only our Client Protection Fund Board of Trustees but our Fee Arbitration Committee, the Ethics Committee, the Peer Review Committee and the Consumer Protection Committee.