



BAR COMMUNITY

NEWS FOR MEMBERS

PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The State Bar Appointments Committee is currently accepting applications from *active (and in some cases, judicial) members in good standing* to fill the following upcoming vacancies. Application forms are due at the State Bar office by **Monday, November 1, 2010**, and can be obtained by calling Nina Benham in the State Bar's Phoenix office at (602) 340-7329 or Amy Ihrke in the State Bar's Tucson office at (520) 623-9944. An application form also can be downloaded from the Bar's website www.myazbar.org (refer to *Appointments Committee News*).

The Standing Appointments Committee and the Board of Governors consider all aspects of diversity in their recommendations and appointments.

Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct Application Deadline: Monday, Nov. 1, 2010

Purpose: This 11-member commission (six judicial members appointed by the Arizona Supreme Court; three non-lawyer public members appointed by the Governor; and two State Bar members appointed by the Board of Governors) addresses issues concerning the interpretation of the Canons of Judicial Ethics and investigates complaints against members of Arizona's judiciary. Additional information regarding the commission may be found at Article 6.1 of the Constitution of the State of Arizona.

Openings: One appointment will be made by the State Bar's Board of Governors. Sheila S. Polk (Yavapai County Attorney, Prescott) is completing her first six-year term and is not seeking reappointment. The State Bar's other representative is Catherine M. Stewart (Arizona Attorney General's Office, Tucson).

Criteria/Qualifications: Applicants must be active members of, and in good standing with, the State Bar of Arizona. Applicants must be admitted to practice law before the Arizona Supreme Court for not fewer than five years.

Term: Six years commencing January 2011.

DNA—People's Legal Services, Inc. Board of Directors Application Deadline: Monday, Nov. 1, 2010

Purpose: This 24-member board provides direction to the largest Native American legal services program in the country. The State Bar of Arizona is allotted three seats on the board. Since its inception in 1967, DNA, a non-profit corporation, has pursued an aggressive program of legal advocacy for the disadvantaged, has actively promoted community legal education, and has been instrumental in the advancement of the Navajo Nation's court system, which serves as a model for tribes across the nation.

Openings: Two appointments will be made by the State Bar's Board of Governors. Craig W. Soland (Arizona Attorney General's Office, Phoenix) is completing his second term and, pursuant to a Board of Governors' policy, is ineligible for reappointment. Milagros A. Cisneros (Federal Public Defender's Office, Phoenix) is completing her first term and is eligible for, and is seeking reappointment to, a second term. The State Bar's other representative is Amanda J. Sampson (Pasqua Yaqui Tribe, Attorney General's Office, Tucson).

Criteria/Qualifications: Applicants must be active members of, and in good standing with, the State Bar of Arizona. Judicial members are also eligible to apply. The board meets four times per year, usually on a Saturday, in Window Rock, Ariz. Expenses are paid (by DNA) for all meetings, but there is no other compensation for service as a Board member.

Term: Four years commencing December 2010.

Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education Board of Directors Application Deadline: Monday, Nov. 1, 2010

Purpose: This working board, which includes public members, provides governance to the Foundation's mission: "promoting access to justice to all Arizonans." The Foundation works toward this mission through promoting partnerships; initiating award recognitions; and offering technical and financial assistance to organizations, schools, groups, and individuals providing free legal services and administration of justice to those most in need and those offering law-related education programs. The Foundation's funding comes from federal and state grants, private contributions, and revenue from the Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program (Rule 44, ARIZ.R.S.CT.). The State Bar of Arizona has six seats on this 25-member board.

Openings: Four appointments will be made by the State Bar's Board of Governors. The Hon. Roxanne Song Ong (Phoenix Municipal Court) is completing a second term and, pursuant to a Board of Governors' policy, is ineligible for reappointment. Hon. Thomas J. Berning (Tucson City Court), Commissioner Frank A. Johnson, Jr. (Maricopa County Superior Court) and Robin R. Mitchell (Arizona Corporation Commission) are completing their first three-year terms and are eligible for, and are seeking, reappointment to a second three-year term. The State Bar's other representatives are Rodney B. Glassman (Solo Practitioner, Tucson) and Faith C. Klepper (Solo Practitioner, Phoenix).

Criteria/Qualifications: Open to active members of, and in good standing with, the State Bar of Arizona, from all counties across the state. Judicial members are also eligible to apply. Representation from Northern Arizona would increase the Foundation board's geographical diversity. Applicants should have an awareness of access to justice issues and demonstrated commitment to supporting equal access to justice for all Arizonans. The board meets approximately six times per year. In addition, board members serve on standing Foundation committees.

Term: Three years commencing January 2011.

PEOPLE, PLACES, HONORS, AWARDS



James L. Ugalde and Arturo A. Thompson joined **Quarles & Brady LLP** as associates in the Commercial Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights Group.



Ford & Harrison LLP, a national labor and employment law firm, hired **David I. Weissman** as a partner in the firm's Phoenix office. Most recently, Mr. Weissman was General Counsel of Ristal, Inc. d/b/a SelectShops, an Internet retailer specializing in products for new homeowners. He also served as Vice President and General Counsel at Sleep America LLC and practiced with Jenner & Block and Sachnoff & Weaver (now Reed Smith) in Chicago.



Bryan Cave LLP partner **Tia Cottey**, formerly of the Atlanta office, joined the firm's Phoenix office. She is a member of the Real Estate; Banking, Business and Public Finance; Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditors Rights Groups; and the Real Estate Capital Markets Industry Practice Team.

Quinn Wheeler also joined **Bryan Cave** as counsel in the Phoenix office. He practices with the firm's Real Estate & Banking and Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditor's Rights Groups.

Allan W. Watts also has been named counsel at **Bryan Cave**. He is a registered patent attorney and a Registered Professional Engineer in Arizona. He joins the firm's Intellectual Property Client Service Group.



Diane L. Drain has joined the faculty at the **Phoenix School of Law** as Adjunct Professor of Law. She will teach bankruptcy law. Her practice focuses primarily on creditor and debtor's rights in bankruptcy and real property default management.

Also joining the faculty as an Adjunct Professor of Law is lawyer **Jim Fassold**, who will teach trusts and estates. He and his partner, **Alisa Gray**, also will conduct workshops on work/life balance for PSL students.



Mona Stone has joined **Sanders & Parks, PC**, Phoenix, as a shareholder. Formerly a partner with **Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP** in Chicago, she recently was named one of the "Top 40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 To Watch." She will focus her practice on complex commercial litigation, labor and employment matters, and insurance-related litigation and will head the firm's Employment Law Section.



Greenberg Traurig, LLP announced that **Michael R. McCoy** joined its Phoenix office as of counsel in the Corporate and Securities Group. Prior to joining the firm, McCoy was an attorney with **Bryan Cave LLP**. In addition, he practiced for more than three years in the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Corporation Finance.



Daniel Rothenberg was named Executive Director of the **Center for Law and Global Affairs** at the **Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law**. Previously, the anthropologist and human rights scholar was Managing Director for International Projects at the International Human Rights Law Institute in Chicago.



John H. Sundt has joined **Rusing & Lopez PLLC** as an attorney in the transactional department. He received his J.D. at Southern Methodist University in 1987 and is an active member of both the Arizona and the Texas Bar Associations. His area of practice will include complex commercial litigation and contract transactions.

Jennifer J. Axel joined **Polsinelli Shughart** as an associate in the Business Litigation Group in the Trial Department. She previously practiced as an assistant vice president/corporate counsel for a large regional bank in Scottsdale.

U.S. Attorney **Dennis K. Burke** announced the appointment of **John Evans** to serve as senior

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adviser to the U.S. Attorney. Evans has served as the chief of the Criminal Trials Unit for the Arizona Attorney General in Tucson for the past 15 years. He has litigated criminal and civil cases in Arizona for more than 30 years.

Ann-Marie Anderson joined **Rose Law Group**, Scottsdale, and will focus on corporate transactions, commercial litigation and real estate development, dispositions and acquisitions. This addition will support Rose Law Group's Renewable Energy Practice.

Jason Specht has joined the Phoenix office of **Fennemore Craig** as a litigation associate, focusing his practice on commercial litigation, business and personal injury torts and appeals.



Edward Comitz and **Michael Beethe** have joined to form a new firm called **Comitz | Beethe**. The attorneys are former shareholders of **Bonnett Fairbourn Friedman and Balint, PC**. The new firm is located at the Scottsdale Spectrum, 6720 N. Scottsdale Road, www.cobelaw.com.

After practicing together for 15 years at a Tucson law firm, **Cynthia T. Kuhn** and **Christine W. Young** have formed **Kuhn Young Law Firm, PLLC**. The firm serves individuals and businesses in their complex litigation and business transactional matters. The firm is located at 2200 E. River Road, Suite 126, Tucson 85718, telephone (520) 395-0125.

HONORS AND AWARDS

The **American Bar Association** Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section awarded University of Arizona Law School **Professor Dan B. Dobbs** the Robert B. McKay Law Professor Award, which was created to honor attorneys

committed to the advancement of justice, scholarship and the legal profession, as demonstrated by their contributions to the fields of tort and insurance law. The award was presented during the ABA annual meeting in San Francisco.

Dobbs is a Regents & Rosentiel Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Law at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law.

Judge Louis Frank Dominguez, Phoenix Municipal Court, was awarded a 2009 Trainer Excellence Award from the **Arizona Supreme Court**. He was recognized for his contributions to the goal of excellence in judicial education and for his commitment to serving the Arizona judiciary as faculty.

Clark Hill attorney **Duncan Stoutner** was elected to the board of the **Arizona Psychology Training Consortium**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit subsidiary corporation of the Arizona Psychological Association.



Two Arizona lawyers were recently elected Fellows of the **College of Labor and Employment Lawyers**: **Richard S. Cohen**, partner at Jackson Lewis, Phoenix, and **David F. Gomez**, Gomez & Petitti PC, Phoenix.

The **Arizona Attorney General's Office** was honored with two major awards from the Conference of Western Attorneys General, which was held in Santa Fe, N.M.: Assistant Attorney General Bill Richards received the **Jim Jones Award**, which recognizes the outstanding work of a lawyer on the staff of a CWAG member state, and the Arizona Attorney General's Office website (www.azag.gov) won the award for **Best Overall Website**.

Gallagher & Kennedy shareholder **Dana Belknap** has been selected to present at the Ethics and Law Section during the 2010

Annual Conference of the **American Planning Association** Arizona Chapter.



Roza Ferdowsmaken, a Phoenix Assistant Attorney, has had a selection of her poetry published in *Strangers in the Skies of the Dead* by award-winning small-press publisher **Finishing Line Press** (www.finishinglinepress.com—click on "New Releases"). Her work has earned prizes twice in the ARIZONA ATTORNEY Creative Arts Competition.



Brad Vynalek, a partner with the Commercial Litigation Practice of Quarles & Brady LLP, was appointed to the Fellows, an honorary organization of the **American Bar Foundation**.

Pat Lopez, one of the founding partners of the law firm Rusing & Lopez of Tucson, was selected as the **2010 Tucson Hispanic Businessman of the Year** by the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He will be honored at the Annual Noche de Exitos Gala on Nov. 6, 2010.

Lucas Gjovig, an associate with Duane Morris LLP in Las Vegas, has been admitted to the **Arizona Bar**. He is the firm's first attorney to be admitted in the state. He practices in the area of civil and commercial litigation with an emphasis on business litigation.

William S. Papazian, CEO and General Counsel of Lightstone Solutions, LLC, was awarded the Spirit of Philanthropy Award by the **Association of Fund Raising**.

Gallagher & Kennedy, PA was recognized for its fundraising efforts on behalf of the **Valley of the Sun United Way**. The firm came in first for Top Campaigns 2009 in the 100–249 employees category, with a campaign total of \$121,642.

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Bryan Cave associate **Megan Lennox** has been appointed as a member of the board of directors for **Valley Forward**, and as a member of the board of trustees of the **Maricopa County Bar Foundation**, the charitable arm of the Maricopa County Bar Association.

She also served as chair of “An Evening of Thanks & Giving” benefiting **UMOM New Day Centers**, Arizona’s largest shelter for homeless families.



Michel J. Ayer, an attorney in the Phoenix office of Quarles & Brady, was elected onto the Central Arizona Board of Directors of **Habitat for Humanity**. He is a member of the firm’s Real Estate Group.

Gallagher & Kennedy shareholder **James G. Busby Jr.** was appointed to the **Arizona State Senate Property Tax Appeals Study Committee**. His practice involves all areas of state and local tax law.

The Phoenix City Council reappointed **Richard D. Fincher** to a third term as Chairman of the **Phoenix Employment Relations Board**, a city agency that administers the city labor-management ordinance.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Robert J. Corcoran, Phoenix
William A. “Bill” Holohan, Peoria, Ariz.

PEOPLE ITEM SUBMISSIONS

Send items for the People column to arizona.attorney@azbar.org.

Items run free of charge, but because we receive many submissions, we cannot guarantee when an item will run. If you also send a photo with the item, we try to use it, depending on that month’s space and the photo quality (high-resolution required).

CORRECTION:

In the September People column, we provided the incorrect law firm for an attorney. The correct information follows. We apologize for the error.

The **American College of Trial Lawyers** announced that **Bruce S. Griffen**, an attorney at Aspey, Watkins & Diesel, PLLC, was inducted into the Fellowship.

IN MEMORIAM



Robert J. Corcoran, retired Arizona Supreme Court Justice, died on July 27, 2010, in Phoenix at the age of 76. Born in Queens, N.Y., to John Joseph Corcoran and Sarah (Slattery) Corcoran, Bob earned a B.A. in History from Iona College in 1954 and his J.D. from Fordham University in 1957. After beginning his legal career in New York City, Bob moved to Phoenix, joining the law firm of Lewis and Roca. A few years later, Bob joined the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office as a criminal prosecutor. He later joined the firm of Dushoff & Sacks, which eventually became Dushoff, Sacks & Corcoran. While a partner there, Bob served as Arizona Counsel to the American Civil Liberties Union.

In 1965, he reviewed a decision by the Arizona Supreme Court involving a defendant who had not been advised of his right to counsel. Bob referred the case to two leading Arizona attorneys, who took it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court as the landmark constitutional law case *Miranda v. Arizona*. As a result of his efforts in the *Miranda* case, Bob received the ACLU Civil Libertarian of the Year Award.

Bob left private practice in 1976, when he was appointed to the Maricopa County Superior Court under Arizona’s recently enacted merit-selection system. He served on the Superior Court for five years, until he was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals, where he served for seven years. In 1989, Bob was sworn in as a Justice on the Arizona Supreme Court, becoming the first of only two individuals appointed to all three levels of the Arizona state court system under merit selection. To protect the independence of the bar, Bob urged fair and firm enforcement of the Rules of Professional Conduct governing both the judiciary and attorneys. He often advocated for stricter discipline of judges and attorneys.

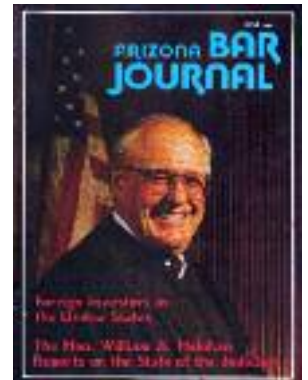
Following his retirement from the Supreme Court in 1996, Bob remained active in the law as an arbitrator. He also volunteered for Hospice of the Valley, a charity near and dear to his heart. Bob’s unwavering belief that “Where law ends, tyranny begins” led him to suggest the carving of that famous phrase above the formal entrance to the Arizona State Courts Building when it was constructed in 1991; that inscription can be seen today above the north entrance.

Bob’s personal life was as rewarding as his professional life. Shortly after moving to Phoenix, he met and married Joan Shields, with whom he happily shared a rich and fulfilling life until her death in 2002. During their 38 years together, he and Joan raised their two children, John and Sarah. Bob and Joan shared a passion for travel, which they were able to fully pursue following their retirements. During their life together, they explored many parts of the world, and visited their children as often as possible, no matter where they were living. In 2005, Bob had the good fortune to meet Joy Revord. Joy was a devoted companion to Bob, was relentless in her efforts to ensure his well-being, and her companionship immeasurably enriched the last years of Bob’s life.

Bob is survived by his son John Corcoran and his wife Katherine (MacRae) Corcoran; his daughter Sarah Corcoran Gorin and her husband Erick Gorin; his five grandchildren, Alana, Bennett, Isabel, Katherine, and Kellan; his companion Joy Revord; and many nieces and nephews. Bob’s family requested contributions be made to Hospice of the Valley (www.hov.org) or Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014).

William A. “Bill” Holohan, a former Chief Justice on the Arizona Supreme Court, passed away peacefully on July 23, 2010, with his family at his bedside. Bill died of complications following surgery. He was 82 and resided most recently in Peoria.

Bill was born in Tucson on June 1, 1928, the only child of Andrew Holohan and Dorothy Bennett Holohan, a member of the Bennett Arizona Pioneer family. He attended grade school and Loyola High School in Los Angeles.



Bill enrolled in the University of Arizona in 1946. Following graduation from law school in 1950, Bill was inducted into the Army, where he served in the Judge Advocate General Corp. He served a tour of duty in Korea, and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Before his deployment to Korea, Bill met his wife of 47 years, the former Kathryn Dewey. Upon Bill's discharge from the military, he and Kay married and moved to Phoenix. Bill's first job was as an Assistant United States Attorney. He was hired by the then-United States Attorney, Jack D.H. Hays, who would later become Bill's life-long friend and colleague.

In 1960, Bill left the U.S. Attorney's Office and entered private practice. He practiced with Lou Whitney, a prominent lawyer, until Whitney's death. He was

appointed to the Superior Court bench in 1963 by Governor Paul Fannin. Bill was elected the presiding judge of the juvenile court by his colleagues in 1969.

In 1972, Bill was appointed by Governor Jack Williams to complete the tenure of retiring Justice Jesse Udall on the Arizona Supreme Court. Bill handily won re-election to this position in 1972. He served on the Court until he retired on January 5, 1989. He was Chief Justice from 1982 until 1987.

Following retirement from the bench, Bill entered private practice for a time with his son, Brian. Bill later accepted the position of Director of the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Counsel, a position he held until he resigned to care for his beloved Kay, who passed away in February 2000.

Bill is survived by four children, Mark Holohan (Tracy), Ellen Lloyd (Russ) of Las Vegas, Brian Holohan, Lori Holohan of Denver, and four grandchildren. Private funeral services were held at St. Paul's Catholic Church. In honor of Bill and his love for his Irish heritage, a wake was held on August 14, 2010, to celebrate the life of this special man.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Child Focus, Inc., a non-profit organization helping youth in foster care. Child Focus is located at 4310 S. Cameron St., Suite 12, Las Vegas, Nev., 89103. Kindly note on your check

so that Child Focus can properly acknowledge your gift.

