



BAR COMMUNITY

NEWS FOR MEMBERS

PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The State Bar Appointments Committee is currently accepting applications from active members in good standing to fill the following upcoming vacancies. Application forms are due at the State Bar office by the deadlines noted below, and can be obtained by calling Nina Benham in the State Bar's Phoenix office at (602) 340-7329. An application form also may be downloaded from the Bar's website www.azbar.org (click on: For Lawyers/Sections and Committees/Committees/Appointments).

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

DNA-People's Legal Services, Inc. Board of Directors

Application Deadline: Wednesday, November 5, 2014

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: Three appointments will be made by the Board of Governors. Milagros A. Cisneros (Federal Public Defender's Office, Phoenix) is completing her second term and, pursuant to a board policy, is ineligible for reappointment. Amanda Sampson Lomayeva (Keams Canyon, Ariz.) has been appointed Chief Judge of the Hopi Tribal Courts and has resigned from the DNA Board to focus on her new judicial role. Thomas L. Murphy (Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, Ariz.) is completing his first term and is eligible for, and is seeking, reappointment to a second four-year term.

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 DNA 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.

Length of Term: Two appointments with four-year terms commencing December 2014; one appointment to fill an unexpired term through December 2016.

Judicial Nominating Commissions Application Deadline: Friday, November 21, 2014

Purpose: The four non-partisan commissions are chaired by the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court (or his designee). Primary responsibility is to screen, interview and recommend judicial candidates to the Governor of Arizona for the Governor's final selection to fill judicial vacancies.

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

No more than three of the five attorney-commissioners may be from

the same political party. None of the attorney or non-attorney members of the commissions shall hold any governmental office, elective or appointive, for profit, and no attorney member is eligible for appointment to any judicial office of this state until one year after membership in the commission terminates. The commissions meet as necessary when judicial openings occur.

Arizona's Constitution (Article 6, Section 36.C. and Section 41.D.) provides for ethnic and gender diversity on the commissions. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply for positions on the judicial nominating commissions.

Term: Four years. The Governor's appointees must be confirmed by the Arizona State Senate.

Openings:

Arizona Commission on Appellate Court Appointments—Two. Applicants may not be registered Republicans (three of the five lawyer-commissioner seats are currently filled by registered Republicans, the maximum number defined in the Constitution). Commissioners Todd S. Kartchner (Fennemore Craig PC, Phoenix) and Monica B. Klapper (U.S. Attorney's Office, Phoenix) were appointed to staggered one-year terms and are eligible for, and are seeking, reappointment to full four-year terms.

Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments—Two. Applicants must reside in either Supervisorial District (SD) 3 or SD 4. There are no applicant restrictions with regard to one's political party affiliation. SD 3 Commissioner Thomas Richardson (Friedl Richardson, Phoenix) is completing his first term and is eligible for, and is seeking, reappointment to a second term. SD 4 Commissioner Manny Bustamante (Bustamante & Kuffner PC, Phoenix) is completing his second term and pursuant to a Board of Governors' policy is ineligible for reappointment.

Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments—Three. Applicants must reside in SD 1, SD 2 or SD 3. There are no applicant restrictions with regard to one's political party affiliation. SD 1 Commissioner Stephen M. Weiss (Karp & Weiss PC, Tucson) was appointed to a staggered one-year term and is eligible for, and is seeking, reappointment to a second term. SD 2 Commissioner John C. Hinderaker (Lewis Roca Rothgerber LLP, Tucson) and SD 3 Commissioner Stephen J. Gonzalez (Stephen J. Gonzalez PC, Tucson) have or are completing second terms and pursuant to a Board of Governors' policy are ineligible for reappointment.

Pinal County Commission on Trial Court Appointments—Two. Applicants must reside in SD 1 or SD 2. There are no applicant restrictions with regard to one's political party affiliation. The SD 1 seat is currently vacant. SD 2 Commissioner Kate E. Milewski (Pinal County Public Defender's Office, Florence, Ariz.) is completing her first term and is eligible for, and may seek, reappointment to a second term.

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Bishop Law Office, Phoenix, welcomed **Daniel P. Beaks** as a partner with the firm. He will practice in all areas of family law with a special focus on family law appeals and complex parenting issues.

Joseph "Joe" S. Kelly, Jr., retired from **State Farm Insurance** after

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23 years of service in their in-house law firm, effective Sept. 1, 2014. He practiced for over 40 years, including work with the Iowa's Attorney General's office, U-Haul International, private practice, and then State Farm. After traveling and relaxation, he plans to teach, continue his duties as a pro tem judge, and

be available to do private arbitrations, mediations and case evaluations. He thanks all the members of bench and bar for their professional courtesies over the years. He can be reached at 480-250-0118 and jskellylaw7@gmail.com.



Ballard Spahr expanded its Phoenix office with the addition of litigators known for their work in media and constitutional law, complex commercial litigation, and bankruptcy. Joining the firm as partners are **David J. Bodney**, a nationally recognized First Amendment litigator who will lead the firm's Media Law Group, and **Craig Solomon Ganz**, who handles corporate restructuring, complex commercial litigation, and bankruptcy issues. Joining the firm as of counsel is **Chris Moeser**, who also practices media and constitutional law.



Michael Fleishman recently joined the Tucson office of **Breen Olson & Trenton LLP** after six years in solo practice. His practice areas include: real estate; tax lien foreclosure; business organization, litigation, and suc-

cession; church and non-profit organization, succession, and litigation; and personal injury. He is also the co-owner of **Wheelhouse, LLC**, a tax lien management company that currently manages two tax lien investment funds.



Jones Skelton & Hochuli announced the addition of two associate attorneys, **Justin Ackerman** in the Appellate Department, and **Alejandro Pérez**, with a focus in civil litigation practice on employment law, governmental

entity defense, professional liability, and bad faith and extra-contractual liability.



Abengoa T & I announced the hiring of **Patrick Camunez** as Associate Corporate Counsel. He will lead the company's labor & employment law efforts.



Meredith K. Marder joined the Tucson office of **Farhang & Medcoff**, on the firm's Corporate, Real Estate and Litigation

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teams. Marder graduated *cum laude* from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in 2009, and served as law clerk to Hon. A. John Pelander on the Arizona Supreme Court during the Court's 2009-2010 Term.



Three new partners were announced at **Osborn Maledon PA**, Phoenix, effective Nov. 1, 2014: **Chelsea Sage Gaberdiel**, **James Rogers** and **Christina Rubalcava**.

Gaberdiel is a litigator whose practice focuses on civil litigation and attorney ethics and regulation. Rogers' legal experience includes representing clients in civil litigation, appellate and professional liability matters. Rubalcava focuses on civil litigation, education law, procurement and other public entity matters.



Arizona Summit Law School recently appointed **Keith Swisher** as the school's Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Swisher replaces retired Judge Penny Willrich, who is

concluding her term in the position and returning to faculty as a full-time professor of law, beginning fall 2014.



Hilary L. Barnes and **Michael A. Jones** were elected as members at the bankruptcy law firm **Allen Maguire & Barnes PLC**, a full-service bankruptcy firm with offices in Phoenix, Yuma and Prescott.

Allen Maguire & Barnes, formerly Allen Sala & Bayne, was renamed to reflect the addition of Barnes, a name change for member Dawn Bayne, and the departure of co-founder Paul Sala, who was appointed as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Arizona effective July 1, 2014. The firm was founded in 1999 by Sala and his colleague Thomas H. Allen.



Gallagher & Kennedy announced that **Nancy C. Pohl** joined the firm as a shareholder in the Tax and Wealth Management practice groups. She focuses her tax practice in federal tax law, with an emphasis in tax planning, tax-exempt organization, general business planning and federal tax controversy.

Geoffrey M. Ossias joined the Phoenix office of **DLA Piper** as a partner in the firm's corporate and finance practice. He focuses his practice on emerging companies in a broad range of technology-driven sectors, including health-care, e-commerce, renewable energy and financial services.

Victoria Stazio joined the Phoenix office of **Fennemore Craig** as an associate, practicing in the areas of health care litigation, professional liability, long-term care and catastrophic injury defense.

Susan E. Wells and **Renee B. Gerstman** announced the formation of their new business law firm **Wells & Gerstman PLLC**, located at 5110 N. 44th Street, Suite L200, Phoenix 85018.

The attorneys will continue to counsel their medium and small business clients in their business and commercial real estate transactions and as outside concierge general counsel. Gerstman will also assist their clients and third parties resolve their disputes as a neutral evaluator, mediator and arbitrator. Wells will also assist their franchisor, franchisee and landlord clients with their franchise-related matters.

Rose Law Group pc announced the addition of attorney **Kelly Mendoza**, who has extensive experience in family law.

HONORS AND AWARDS



Shirley Mays, Dean of the Arizona Summit Law School, was named to Arizona Business Magazine's 2014 **Fifty Most Influential Women in Arizona Business**. The list recognizes women leaders from a wide variety of industries throughout the state.

Also named to the list was **Karen Dickinson**, an international business attorney and shareholder at Polsinelli. Dickinson also serves as the chair of the Arizona District Export Council, a position appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

Greenberg Traurig associate **Dana Hooper** was named to the board of directors of the

Phoenix Women's Sports Association, a non-profit group dedicated to helping underserved girls participate in sports.

At the firm, Hooper focuses her practice in the areas of employment law, commercial litigation and sports law. She also is certified as an athlete's agent.



Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, announced that the **National District Attorneys Association** presented the annual "Home Run Hitters" award to Deputy County Attorney **Rick Unklesbay**, Deputy County Attorney **Nicol Green** and Detective **Keith St. John**, who worked hard to achieve a successful outcome on *State v. Pamela Phillips*.

The Pima County Attorney also announced that the **Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council** presented Deputy County Attorney **David Berkman** with the Prosecutor Lifetime Achievement award and Deputy County Attorney **Deborah Lee** with the David R. White Excellence in Victim Advocacy award at APAAC's 2014 annual training conference.



The **Scottsdale Bar Association** announced that the recipient of the 2014 Award of Excellence is attorney **Helene S. Fenlon**. The award is given annually to an individual who either resides or works in Scottsdale, who has given outstanding service to the legal community. Ms. Fenlon received the Award on August 14 at the reception at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club in Scottsdale.

Andrew Federhar, a shareholder in the Phoenix office of Fennemore Craig, was appointed to the **Business Court Advisory Committee** for the Superior Court of Arizona. The committee examines the current processes for resolving business cases in the Superior Court of Arizona, business court

models operational in other jurisdictions, court rules, and procedures. It makes recommendations on court rules, discovery, alternative dispute resolution, judicial staffing and resources.

Federhar focuses his practice in professional liability, procurement, health care, telecommunications, municipal law, appeals and complex commercial litigation. He earned his J.D. and B.A. from the University of Arizona.



Todd Jarvis of Breen Olson & Trenton LLP became a member of the **Patent Bar**. He has 10 years' professional experience in the computer and software industry, a B.S. in Bioinformatics and a Master's degree in genetics.



Elizabeth S. Fella, an associate in the Tucson office of Quarles & Brady LLP, was selected

for the **Greater Tucson Leadership's Class of 2015**. Every year, the Greater Tucson Leadership seeks candidates with demonstrative leadership potential and unique perspectives, and selects approximately 35 individuals to participate in the program. To date, GTL has graduated over 900 participants.

Fella is a member of the Commercial Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Creditors' Rights Practice Group.



This fall, **Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton** joins the faculty of **Arizona Summit Law School** as an adjunct distinguished lecturer-in-residence. With his experience as a practicing attorney and public servant, he will teach Designing Land-Use Policies, which covers the intense legal and social conflicts associated with land and its use.

RECENTLY DECEASED

- Brian L. Henry**, Phoenix
- Danny L. Klein**, Scottsdale
- David G. Licht**, Beverly Hills, Calif.
- Alfredo C. Marquez**, Ramona, Calif.
- Melvin J. Owens**, Phoenix
- James Meador Smith**, Phoenix