Ten 2012 Hall of Fame inductees selected

Ten extraordinary lawyers and judges comprise the 2012 Class of inductees to the Maricopa County Bar Hall of Fame. Eight are from the modern era and two—whose main accomplishments occurred before 1964—were selected for the pioneer category.


Pioneer era: Hon. Ernest McFarland and Jubal Early Craig

The Hall of Fame was created in 2008 by the MCBA to recognize the outstanding lawyers and judges who are or were true giants of the profession, primarily in Maricopa County.

Inductees were selected based on criteria which includes: Practiced at least for 10 years; played prominent and important roles that have had an impact on the history and development of our local bar and the legal profession; made significant or unique contributions to the law or the administration of justice; and/or demonstrated significant leadership, advocacy and accomplishments in service to the community or the profession.

These 10 inductees will be honored on Oct. 30 at the MCBA’s Annual Meeting/Hall of Fame Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix. Registration for this event is available now at www.maricopabar.org.


Hon. Glenn Davis receives Mills Member of the Year Award

Hon. Glenn M. Davis, judge of the Superior Court in Maricopa County, is the winner of the 2012 Robert R. Mills Member of the Year Award.

The award was created in Mills’ honor for service above the realm of normal volunteerism. Given annually, with the exception of a recent five-year hiatus, Mills received the first award posthumously in 1984. A prominent trial lawyer with the former firm of Evans, Kitchel and Jenckes, he was an active MCBA member and treasurer of the association at the time of his death at age 51.

Judge Davis, a former president of the MCBA, is recognized in particular because of two major contributions: the establishment of the Maricopa County Justice Museum & Learning Center and Foundation, and the creation of the Maricopa County Bar Hall of Fame.

Judge Davis was instrumental in reviving efforts to create a museum on the Sixth Floor of the Old Courthouse in downtown Phoenix to showcase the legal history of the county and to educate the public about the rule of law and the role of lawyers and judges in the legal system.

In grand opening in May of this year is a tribute to his “unwavering enthusiasm, total commitment, and a willingness to roll up his sleeves and …make things happen,” wrote a nominator. “He truly embodies the ideals that we strive for as a profession.”

Judge Davis was also the driving force behind the creation of the Maricopa County Bar Hall of Fame in 2008 and has chaired its selection committee each year since. Because of his vision and dedication, more than 90 Arizona legal greats have been honored for their extraordinary contributions to the justice system and the community. All will have a permanent place in the Justice Museum.

Judge Davis, presently assigned to Family Court, has been a judge of the Superior Court since 2006. He had previously served on the Board of Directors.

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**The best law firm in the state**

I’ve heard that it’s good to be king. Well, it’s good to be MCBA President too. For example, this year I’ve had the opportunity to meet and work with some fantastic people. Plus, each month I get to write whatever I want in this column.

Another benefit of the position is the honor of participating in the investiture ceremonies of our Superior Court judges. For those of you who have not had the pleasure of attending such an event — you are missing out.

The ceremony begins with the procession of several sitting judges and commissioners. As they enter, there is a feeling of dignified camaraderie given the number of judicial officers who are there to formally welcome the newest member of their group.

In keeping with the stateliness of the occasion, the attendees remain standing for the pledging of allegiance, which is especially charming when led by the grade-school child of the new judge. After opening remarks, the new judge is sworn into office. Each judge’s reaction to this part of the ceremony differs, but all repeat their oath with inspiring sincerity.

After the presentation of the ceremonial gavel, we get to one of the best parts of the event – the roast. It’s not quite the Friars Club, but it’s pretty entertaining just the same. This is when former colleagues get to exalt and embarrass the guest of honor. Through personal stories, sometimes accompanied by telling photos, the attendees learn about the judge’s path to the bench and the comical as well as significant events that happened along the way.

Finally, the new judge has his or her turn to speak. Though I enjoy the roasts, the judicial acceptance speeches are my favorite; this is where we learn the most about them, through their own words. Consistently, the new judges express heartfelt gratitude to the people who have supported them through the process as well as those who will help in the future. They show reverence for the importance and responsibility of the judiciary. And though their resumes indicate they are imminently qualified for the job, they accept their new title with grace and humility.

The reason I view these investitures as a presidential perk is because they remind me of why the Maricopa County Superior Court has been called “the best law firm in the state.” The individuals who sit on our bench are dedicated to the law and sincerely interested in seeking justice for everyone who enters their courtroom.

When they don the robe, they also inherit significant caseloads, and many do so despite a drop in salary. Still they retain their humor and band together to support one another just like members of a quality law firm. Most importantly, they do their best to get the law right and to set aside any personal opinions or prejudices that could interfere.

I think it’s especially important to remember and reflect upon the quality of our bench right now, in the face of Ballot Proposition 115. The current judicial selection process in our county may not be perfect — some would say that it is already too political. But many, myself included, believe that certain changes proposed by Proposition 115 threaten to erode the independence of the judiciary.

If you are not familiar with Proposition 115 or would like to know more, you are in luck. The MCBA will be hosting a forum on Sept. 25 featuring speakers both in support of and opposed to the constitutional amendment. I hope to see you there! ■

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**Three Arizona Supreme Court nominees sent to governor**

Members of the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments on Aug. 20 nominated three judges from among nine candidates for positions on the Arizona Supreme Court.

They are Hon. Ann Scott Timmer, judge of the state Court of Appeals; Maricopa County Superior judge, Hon. Douglas Rayes; and Court of Appeals judge, Hon. Diane Johnsen. Timmer and Rayes are Republicans and Johnsen is a Democrat.

Constitutional provisions give Gov. Jan Brewer 60 days to make her choice from that list.

The judge chosen will replace Justice Andrew Hurwitz, who resigned in June after the U.S. Senate confirmed his appointment to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals by President Obama.

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**Get inside knowledge at MCBA’s Meet the Judges Series CLE**

By Aaron Nash, Board Member,
Public Lawyers Division

The popular “Meet the Judges” CLE lunchtime series returns this year with an opening presentation from the Arizona Supreme Court’s Hon. Andrew Hurwitz, who was recently appointed to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The weekly CLE series will follow on Fridays in September and October. This year the series will conclude in November with a presentation for those who are interested in what it takes to become a judge.

The weekly CLEs are scheduled by case type and will be attended by judicial officers ranging from newly-appointed judges to judges and commissioners with decades of experience on the bench and as presiding judges of different case types.

Likewise, all range of attendees are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity to hear from the judicial officers regarding what they believe makes for effective representation. Law school students and faculty, new lawyers who just took or passed the bar exam and practitioners with decades of court experience are encouraged to attend.

Topics expected to be covered include peer-to-peer relationships, professional reputation, jury management, court calendar and hearing scheduling, and other practical tips for successfully arguing cases and making persuasive written and oral arguments.

Take advantage of this opportunity for face-to-face time with your judicial officers to ask questions specific to courtroom interactions and to find out what drives the management and caseload of one of the nation’s largest court systems.

The concluding CLE will address the personal and ethical aspects of becoming a judge. This CLE is a must-attend event for anyone thinking about becoming a judge or who has ever been curious what it takes to get on and stay on the bench.

Panelists include judges who have been appointed to the bench at the municipal, superior, and appellate level as well as members of the commissions who narrow the field of applicants and nominate candidates for appointment.

See the MCBA CLE listing on page 11 of this issue in this paper and online to register and for more details, including the renowned panelists who have committed to providing these limited and beneficial events.

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**Answering the FAQs about acronyms**

To make an acronym plural, add an “s” without an apostrophe. Many writers mistakenly add an apostrophe to make a plural noun, which is incorrect and may confuse the reader. In fact, many grammar sites name this error as one of the most frequent errors in writing.

1. Acronyms as nouns. Acronyms are generally an abbreviation formed by taking letters from each word in a phrase. Acronyms are easy to spot because they are presented in all capital letters without periods. What is not so easy about acronyms is how to use them if their form is changed in the sentence. Following are some guidelines for altering acronyms into different parts of speech.

2. Acronyms in possessive form. To form the possessive of an acronym, add an apostrophe and “s” for a singular acronym. Acronyms are generally an abbreviation formed by taking letters from each word in a phrase. Acronyms are easy to spot because they are presented in all capital letters without periods. What is not so easy about acronyms is how to use them if their form is changed in the sentence. Following are some guidelines for altering acronyms into different parts of speech.

3. Acronyms as verbs. Some acronyms have common usage as verbs, such as OK, ID, or IM. The widely accepted form for the past tense of an acronym-verb is to use an apostrophe and add a “d.”

The president OK’d the final changes to the report.

I suggest using acronyms as verbs sparingly and only where that usage is expected by the reader.

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Technology for young lawyers

Technology is a part of our lives – there is no getting around it these days. In fact, at the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago this last August, one of the proposed resolutions centered on mandating a certain level of CLE to include technology-related topics such as instruction on preservation, recovery and discovery of electronically stored information. While attendees generally thought such CLE was a good idea, the resolution ultimately failed because as one opponent stated, “Lawyers HATE mandates.”

Regardless, as young lawyers we should embrace technology and make a concerted effort to take advantage of those technologies that can enhance our services and make our practices more efficient.

Below, you’ll find some worthy Apps as well as a CLE opportunity to incorporate or improve the use of social media in your practice.

Five Apps for Attorneys

1. Dragon Dictation ($4.99) - Purportedly you can easily speak and instantly see your text content for everything from email messages to blog posts on your iPad. iPhone or iPod touch. Supposedly it is up to five times faster than typing on the keyboard.
2. Dropbox (free) - Dropbox is a cloud service. The Dropbox app allows you to use your iPad to access Word, Excel, PDF, and other documents that have been stored “in the cloud.”
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4. Note Taker HD ($4.99) - While Note Taker lets you create pages by writing on the screen with your finger or an iPad-compatible stylus. You can just keep writing and Note Taker automatically adds new writing next to the old.
5. TrialPad ($89.99) - This document-management and presentation tool was developed for the legal profession for use in a trial, hearing, or ADR setting. TrialPad allows you to organize, manage, annotate, and store your documents and video while leveraging the portability of your iPad.

MCBA YLD Annual Meeting

Be on the lookout for more information about our newly implemented YLD Annual Meeting. This year it will be held on Oct. 24, 2012 at the MCBA office. This Annual Meeting will be FREE for all MCBA YLD members.

Remember, if you are a member of the MCBA and have either practiced for less than 5 years or are under 36 years old, you are automatically a member of the YLD.

Besides being a great way to socialize and network with other YLDers, there will be an informative and lively panel discussion on how social media can be used for and against you in today’s legal profession.

I hope to see everyone there.

What’s in a name….or title

As the paralegal profession continues to grow and evolve, so does the definition. For the majority, “legal assistant” and “paralegal” have been used interchangeably. The results of a poll conducted by Legal Assistant Today were overwhelming that there is a desire to have a more distinct line between the titles of paralegal and legal assistant.

I believe that there is a growing trend to make this distinction between the two, and more firms are doing so as well. However, the qualifications to be considered a paralegal vary from firm to firm. While both a paralegal and a legal assistant are supervised by an attorney, the paralegal title has grown to be someone with a higher level of education and training than a legal assistant.

One way to set yourself apart from other people in your field is taking one of the voluntary certification exams. Although these exams are not recognized by most states and employers, it does make a distinct difference between you and other paralegals. It’s a title that not everyone who calls themselves a paralegal has.

Education, experience, and professionalism are things that do not, collectively, the same among those who call themselves a paralegal. Which makes me ask, do the liberal criteria of what a paralegal is fairly defined everyone in this career?

In a previous article of mine, I made a comment about nurses, who I suspected were not asked if they were going to medical school as often as paralegals are asked if they are going to law school. I sent that question out to my nursing friends, and all of them indicated that no one has ever asked if they were going to medical school.

My thought about this is (1) their profession is much older than that of a paralegal, and (2) they are licensed and regulated. Paralegal regulation is a hot topic in the paralegal community; it has been for years and will continue to be one. There is no clear cut consensus about this topic among paralegals, including various national associations. In fact, the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) supports no regulation of paralegals, and the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA) considers paralegal regulation to be beneficial.

As the paralegal profession has grown, so have the responsibilities of paralegals. Which begs the question: Are paralegals just part of the support staff assisting attorneys, or should they be considered a self-regulating profession that requires separate regulation and supervision? THAT is the main debate regarding regulation.

Paralegals are an important part of the legal community. What once was the job of the attorney is now often passed along to their paralegal. This not only allows attorneys to assist more clients, but it also makes it more cost effective for the client. Paralegals do the bulk of initial document drafting for the attorney they work with. This allows the attorney to spend time on revising and finalizing the documents instead of starting from scratch.

Due to the economy of the last few years, what once was the job of a paralegal has sometimes been transferred to first year associates because of the workload and billing requirements at some firms.

Those that would like to see mandatory licensure of the paralegal profession believe this would assure that clients receive a more qualified service by paralegals. And it would distinguish paralegals from legal assistants and legal secretaries. This might also set a mandatory standard of education and experience in order to be considered a paralegal.

Private organizations, state and county organizations, as well as some state legislators have begun to address this topic. However, with regulation comes another set of responsibilities, and questions. Would paralegals still be under the supervision of attorneys if they are regulated? How would regulation affect the way paralegals are hired and how many a firm hires?

Needless to say, I know that this article only scratches the surface of this issue. I’m not sure how you feel about this issue, and I’m not sure how I feel about it either. In some regards, part of me would love to see some regulation because I truly feel like this is my career, not a responsibility. I feel that regulation/licensing might be something that would help support that. I guess only time will tell.

13th Annual Paralegal Conference

This month on Sept. 28. By now you should have received an email regarding registering and also received a registration form in the mail. You don’t want to miss out on this great event! More information can be found on the Paralegal page of the MCBA website at www.marcopabar.org.

Congratulations Winners! We had 21 people apply for the raffle to attend this year’s conference for free. Congratulations to student members, Mark Molina and Christopher Mendoza, and the paralegal members, Marian McCutchen, Tina Ziegler, and Barbara Morris for winning free admittance into this year’s conference.

Get Involved with the Paralegal Division in 2013! The open positions for next year’s Board of Directors are President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and three General Board positions. We can always use help, fresh faces, and fresh ideas in the division. If you’re interested in getting more involved with the Division, becoming a member of the Board, or just helping out in any of the various committees—or if you have any questions—please contact me, Cami Barnella, at barnella@sackstierney.com or Sarah Fluke at sflake4201@gmail.com.
Legal Briefs • News to Use and Inform

By Stacy Nykorchuk and Isolde Davidson

Camer in the courtroom pilot continues

One year into a three-year pilot program, 14 federal trial courts have posted a total of 39 court proceedings onto the Federal Judiciary’s website. The posted videos of civil proceedings have received over 28,000 views, signaling an interest in public access to court proceedings. None of the courts participating are in Arizona, however the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals does allow for camera coverage. More information can be found at: http://news.uscourts.gov/cameras-pilot-one-yearLater

Equity gap persists for women at large firms

Virtually every law firm claims to be committed to helping women succeed, and they all seem to offer an array of programs geared toward women, such as affinity groups, business-development training and work-life balance initiatives. But are large firms committed to promoting women into equity partnerships? The National Law Journal’s study of the largest firms in the U.S. by headcount shows that women represent only 15 percent of equity partners — and they account for more than 25 percent of equity partners at just five of the surveyed firms.—From the National Law Journal

Bankruptcy Noticing Center to process returned mail

With the goal of saving over one million dollars and processing around 700,000 pieces of returned mail annually, the Bankruptcy Noticing Center will take over handling of returned mail effective October 15, 2012. Currently, such mail is handled by contractors, the courts, or the debtor’s attorney. The new system will use a unique bar code on each piece of mail to identify what has been returned by the post office and send an email to the debtor’s attorney that the communication was undeliverable. The document will then be securely destroyed. More information can be found at: http://news.uscourts.gov/return-

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Realtime court reporting training will help expand its use in Maricopa County

By Court Reporter Mike Benitez

In June, members of the Court Reporting Department had the privilege of participating in a program known as TRAIN – Taking Realtime Awareness and Innovation Nationwide. TRAIN is a program established by the National Court Reporters Association to help court reporters overcome reluctance to provide realtime services.

Realtime court reporting is a process whereby each steno keystroke made by a court reporter is transmitted to a computer, translated into English, and immediately displayed on the computer screen, thus allowing instant access to the written court record by judges, lawyers and litigants. Realtime allows both bench and bar to make quick, effective decisions regarding rulings and trial strategy with the knowledge that they are doing so with the aid of a timely and accurate transcript.

“The TRAIN seminar was inspirational and motivating because I learned so much about the importance and future of realtime reporting here at Maricopa County Superior Court,” said court reporter Vanessa Gartner.

Court reporters have been using stenographic machines in courtrooms and attorney conference rooms for more than 100 years, and the profession has an even longer history with pen and paper with them having been around for that long, coupled with the development of other technologies for keeping the court record, some people have perhaps come to see court reporters as obsolete.

As technology has continued to make exponential advancements—especially when it comes to computers—court reporters have quietly made some of the same breakthrough advances in the use of complex software designed specifically for, and sometimes by, court reporters. As a result, realtime court reporting has become the game-changing method for making the official court deposition record, and it is the desired method by many judges and lawyers, especially in the setting of complex litigation.

Court reporter reluctance to provide realtime reporting has often been due to lack of resources and information regarding technology and skill levels required. Thanks to their teaching skill and expertise in the realtime field, Terry and Cook were most effective in providing the resources and assurance to department members that they can produce an effective realtime record.

“It was great to go to one spot for two days of the Committee on Judicial Education and Training (COJET) credit that applied directly to my profession and focused on doing our job at a higher level and keeping up with the latest technology in the reporting field,” court reporter Terry Masciola said.

The transmission of steno keystrokes to computers has traditionally been by cable, but it can now be performed wirelessly, and that method is the cutting edge of what is being done in the field today. With the use of the new South Court Tower presently in place, realtime technology fits perfectly with the high level of service that trial participants have come to expect from Maricopa County Superior Court.

Our Superior Court system has long been a standard bearer for other state courts in the administration of justice, especially in the areas of performance, information, and technology. Maricopa County has always been home to some of the most talented and well-qualified court reporters in the nation. Those in our system have long understood the critical importance of making an accurate written court record and have felt equally serious about the need to keep abreast of the latest technology and information in fulfilling their professional obligations to the court. With the knowledge gained from the two-day TRAIN program, they can now do much more to help ensure our court’s place as a leader nationwide.

Superior Court hires new court administrator

By Lisa Davis

Presiding Judge Norman Davis has named nationally-renowned court executive Raymond L. Billotte as Superior Court’s next court administrator. He will fill the role vacated by Court Administrator Marcus Reinkensmeyer, who retired in May.

Mr. Billotte, who assumes his new position on September 17th, has 29 years of judicial experience in the Pennsylvania court system, most recently as the District Court Administrator for the Fifth Judicial District in Pittsburgh, PA.

“I am greatly impressed with Ray’s experience, competence and vision for court improvement and administration, and I am equally impressed by his personable and caring personality,” Judge Davis said.

As District Court Administrator for the Fifth Judicial District in Pittsburgh, Billotte was responsible for the overall administration and management of the general and limited jurisdiction courts, comprised of 94 judicial officers and more than 1,200 court employees.

Though I am saddened to leave my friends and colleagues in Pittsburgh, the outstanding reputation of the court in Maricopa County, the ability to work with highly skilled, innovative judges and employees, and the court’s commitment to advancing the administration of justice attracted my interest and respect,” Mr. Billotte said.

“I am honored to be joining a court with such impressive achievements and see this as a challenging opportunity to further the performance excellence of the judicial branch of Arizona in Maricopa County.”

Billotte earned a Master’s Degree in Public Management from Carnegie-Mellon University’s School of Public Policy and Management, and he received his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Lock Haven University in Lock Haven, PA. He is also a graduate fellow of the Institute for Court Management’s Court Executive Development Program.

“I am excited by the opportunity to be part of a highly accomplished court and continue to enhance its national reputation as a leader in providing fair and equal justice, innovative solutions, and services to the community,” Billotte added.

“I am committed to the principals of trust, integrity, cooperation and innovation that reinforce a collaborative working spirit with all members of the organization, our justice system partners, and the executive and legislative branches of government.”

Since 2010, Billotte has served as a member of the board of directors for the National Association for Court Management. NACM is the largest organization of court management professionals in the world, with members from all levels and types of courts.
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On some occasions, justice dictated a severe punishment and on others justice dictated a dismissal. As a prosecutor, I went where the facts and the law dictated. A judge must make unbiased decisions based upon the facts and the law without the influence of outside pressures. Certainly, as a prosecutor I had to make many such decisions.

Q. Who has been the biggest inspiration in your legal career?

A: I have been fortunate to have many mentors throughout my career who have all provided wonderful advice and guidance. While there are too many to mention, there are a few whom I will reference here.

First, Joe Heilman was one of the best trial lawyers and one of the most ethical lawyers that I have ever observed. In addition, Joe always maintained a professional demeanor, which I try to emulate. Next, Cindi Nannetti has been a great coach and advocate for me throughout the years. I would be remiss if I did not also note that Rick Romley taught me a great deal about leadership and about doing the right thing regardless of the implications of same. Finally, I want to acknowledge Robert Chavez, a former colleague of mine in private practice, who sadly passed away suddenly a few years ago. Robert provided me with great counsel and advice when I transitioned to civil litigation.

Q. What's your favorite quote? (This can be something one of your children said to you, what you said to them, a line from poetry or something you wish you hadn't said).

A: Anything in Latin sounds smart, but I prefer the following:

“Smoking kills. If you’re killed, you’ve lost a very important part of your life.”
– Brooke Shields

“I have opinions of my own, strong opinions, but I don’t always agree with them.”
– George Bush

“The word ‘genius’ isn’t applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein.”
– Joe Theismann

“I’ve never really wanted to go to Japan, simply because I don’t like eating fish. And I know that is very popular out there in Africa.”
– Britney Spears

“Judge, Man, whatever.”
– Kurt Altman to Hon. Michael Yarnell (Ret.)

Q. If you had a day to spend with anyone (living or dead, real or fictional), who would it be and what would you do?

A: I would choose to spend the day with my grandmother, Ann Grossman. She was a tremendous part of my childhood, caused me to be a Yankee fan, and I would love the opportunity to tell her about my children and my life as an adult. She would have been thrilled to learn that her grandson became a judge.

Q. Do you own an iPod? If so, what songs are currently in your playlist?

A: My iPod shuffles through my extensive catalogue of Avenged Sevenfold and Sevendust songs.
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Meet the newest member of the State Bar board representing Maricopa County

By Janet Phillips

Cynicism being an occupational hazard, I wanted to know what made one of our lawyers decide to spend his time sitting at a long table once a month listening to the never-ending problems affecting the practice of law in Arizona and evaluating alternatives for the future management of the legal profession.

Instead, he could be spending that time accumulating billable hours, or even better yet, scuba diving or contemplating his navel under a pine tree on a mountaintop. That conundrum becomes especially perplexing when that lawyer is, shall we say, a "senior" member of the bar, who has already been a public lawyer, a Superior Court judge and now is engaged in a successful, time-consuming solo practice.

This is not someone who needs a spot on the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Arizona to list as an achievement on his resume. He doesn't need this job as a stepping stone to anywhere, because he's already there. So what's in it for him?

Talking with David Derickson, who was elected to the board of governors in June, it soon became obvious that the answers to my questions were "nothing" and "nothing." This is a man who ran for his seat on the board out of a passionate love of the profession, unfailing respect for the attorneys who toil in it, and compassionate concern for the rest of the residents of this state.

For ten years after his graduation from the University of Arizona College of Law in 1969, Dave polished his trial skills and knowledge of criminal procedure in the criminal courts of Maricopa County. He first did a three-year stint as a PD, and then, in 1977, after four years of building his reputation alongside his iconic partners, Tom Henze and the late James Kemper, he made the big time by representing James Robison when he was charged with first-degree murder in the car-bombing of local lawyer Don Bolles.

Two years later, when Dave was only 34, he was honored by Governor Bruce Babbitt with an appointment to the Arizona Board of Governors for six years. She is currently returning from a 12-year hiatus at the bar – by assisting, improving, not by advertising it. There's nothing funny about doing immeasurable good on behalf of the society we inhabit. But he suggests that we're "not doing a particularly good job of advertising it."

Even though he quit the bench because of its limited income potential, he didn't go back to private criminal defense work for selfish reasons. As he put it, "I had four young kids who were going to need to be educated." So, like Willie Sutton, he went where he figured the money would be; unlike Willie, he followed the money with nothing but the best of intentions.

Good intentions have survived another 25-plus years of private practice. He has expanded his criminal defense expertise to include other kinds of cases where he can help ordinary people work out their legal conflicts with the government. That includes helping businesses decipher complex administrative rules and regulations; defending those who have been accused of crimes so they can resolve their mistakes and rebuild their lives; assisting people in the pursuit of justice when they have been harmed by others; and, representing professionals who run afoul of their governing boards.

This notion of lawyers as ombudsmen for ordinary people in their confrontations with the overwhelming power segues with Dave's desire to represent Maricopa County lawyers within their professional association. He sees lawyers as mentors for others. Not only should we be using our acquired wisdom and skills to represent members of the public who find themselves confronted by powerful institutions, the state bar should be using its collective talents and knowledge to teach real life coping skills to others in our profession.

"After all, law school teaches us about law, but it doesn't teach us about real life – it doesn't teach us how to apply the principles we learn in school to the realities of what we do as lawyers. And not having learned those realities can result in mistakes being made. And we all make mistakes – judges.

"But that goes to our ability to manage decisions better in the future. Our bar association should be helping lawyers who make mistakes turn their experiences into teachable moments, not black marks to haunt them throughout their professional lives." By doing that, Dave believes we can improve the practice of law. "By our education, our skills, our background, we can demonstrate how other members of the profession have been able to do it and [we can] provide leadership. That's what it takes to improve the public trust in lawyers [and] in the bar – by assisting, improving, not by punishing. That's the new paradigm – becoming problem evaluators, mediators, solvers, not problem creators.

But along with this Dave Derickson, who harbors beneficent notions of lawyer self-regulation, also comes a taskmaster twin that recognizes the colossal responsibilities of the profession. Although not an advocate of imposing mandatory pro bono on the membership, he has no problem exhorting us to step up to the plate and help out those who can't always fight for themselves. "Programs like Law Day are what we need to be doing more of – providing assistance to people who can't afford attorneys – assist those organizations that deal with people who need help. Shouldn't we be advocates for those people? Shouldn't we be the spokesmen for those people? Aren't we the guardians of the law?"

Although he's not shy about elucidating the shortcomings of the profession, Dave acknowledges that we lawyers already are doing immeasurable good on behalf of the society we inhabit. But he suggests that we're "not doing a particularly good job of advertising it. There's nothing funny about a lawyer joke." He cites the need for the bar to assist with producing better public understanding of lawyering and the important role we play in their lives.

So how much longer is he going to keep up the fight? He's still going strong and doesn't foresee retirement in his immediate future. "I enjoy the practice of law. And [through my service on the Board of Governors] I want our people to enjoy their practice more – too many of them don't."

But after starting his career in state bar politics in his late sixties, he teases that "maybe I'll run for governor [of Arizona] when I'm 75."

Or maybe he is looking to bolster his resume after all?

Janet Phillips has practiced law since 1976 and was a member of the State Bar of Arizona Board of Governors for six years. She is currently returning from a 12-year hiatus at the bar – by assisting, improving, not by advertising it. There's nothing funny about doing immeasurable good on behalf of the society we inhabit. But he suggests that we're "not doing a particularly good job of advertising it."

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Volunteer lawyers program thanks attorneys

Hon. Glenn Davis receives Mills Member of the Year Award

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as a commissioner, was previously a solo practitioner and general counsel to the Arizona State Senate Minority, of counsel to the firm of Goddard & Goddard, and began his career as associate then partner with William Friedl in 1979. He was also an elected member of the Arizona House of Representatives in 1981-1985.

Other activities and recognitions have included: past member, board of directors of the Arizona Trial Lawyers Association; co-chair of the Maricopa County Bench-Bar Conference; former chair, Executive Council for the State Bar of Arizona Juvenile Law Section; recipient of the State Bar of Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education’s “Arizona’s Top 50 Pro Bono Lawyers” award in 2003, the VLP’s “Life Saver Award” in 2002, and the VLP’s “Sole Practitioner of the Year” award in 1994; and the State Bar’s “Chandler Award” in 1999 for contributions in the field of juvenile law.

In June 2003, he was awarded the VLP’s “Lawyer of the Year” award for his efforts in obtaining 100% court appointment of lawyers for children. He was the first lawyer in Arizona to be listed as a certified child advocate.

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FRIDAY  •  OCTOBER 12, 2012  •  3-6 PM  •  PAIGE SPRINGS WINERY

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Cynthia Chandley, Snell & Wilmer, LLP

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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  •  Lunch included

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• Factors considered in deciding between a modification proceeding and decanting
• Selected income, gift, state and generation-skiping tax issues associated with modifications and decanting
• War stories about the actual modification or decanting of trusts from a trustee perspective

PRESENTERS:
James D. Boardman, Northern Trust
Trent Kiziah, USTrust/Bank of America
Joyce Tusby, Harris Bank
Bob Phelps, JP Morgan Private Bank

COST:
MCBA Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Section members: $40
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5-7 PM
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PRESENTERS:
Matt Fedon, Fedon Law Firm, PC
Brent Kleinman, Kleinman Law Firm, PLLC
Rahes Mohamed, Wong Fuji Carter, PC

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This program activity may qualify for up to 1.5 hours toward your annual standard CLE requirement for the State Bar of Arizona.

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Even experienced attorneys make common mistakes in simple estates. This seminar will address these issues:
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PRESENTER:
John R. Becker, Becker and House, Attorneys at Law

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PRESENTER:
Joshua A. Joyce, Arizona Department of Revenue

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PRESENTER:
David N. Horowitz, Collins, May, Potenza, Baron & Gillespie, PC
Norma Izzo Milner, Collins, May, Potenza, Baron & Gillespie, PC
Ellie Izzo, Phi, LPC
Vicki Carpel Miller, BSN, MS, LMFT, PC

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SESSION 1 FRIDAY ■ SEPT. 28
Criminal
PRESENTERS:
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Civil
PRESENTERS:
Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Robert Oberhille, others TBA

SESSION 3 FRIDAY ■ OCT. 12
Juvenile and Family Court
PRESENTERS:
Juvenile: Maricopa County Superior Court judges Helene Abrams and Brad Astrowksy
Family: Judges Sam Myers, Susan Browamich, Bethany Hicks, Glenn Davis, and Danielle Viola

SESSION 4 FRIDAY ■ OCT. 19
Probate
PRESENTERS:
Maricopa County Superior Court judges Geoffrey Fish and Andrew Klein and Comr. Rick Nothwehr

SESSION 5 FRIDAY ■ NOV. 2
So You Want to be a Judge?
PRESENTERS:
Hon. Peter Swann, Arizona Court of Appeals, Div. One
Joe Kanefield, Partner, Ballard Spahr and former general counsel to Gov. Jan Brewer
Hon. David Cananan, Maricopa County Superior Court
Doug Cole, Senior Vice President, HighGround Public Affairs Consultants and member of the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments

VLP ATTORNEY OF THE MONTH
After first VLP case, Claudia Work was hooked on helping families and children

Claudia Work

By Peggi Cornelius, VLP Programs Coordinator

“Advocating for the best interests of children and the rights of parents shouldn’t be mutually exclusive, but it often seems as if it is in our adversarial process,” observed attorney Claudia D. Work, while describing her pro bono endeavors through the Volunteer Lawyers Program (VLP). Work has recently been honored as “Attorney of the Month” for her outstanding service as a volunteer Court Appointed Advisor in custody cases. VLP’s Children’s Law Center was founded in 1998. Within the first year, Work became one of its most active volunteers. She began by representing a client petitioning to become guardian of her grandchild because the child’s mother was incarcerated and the father was absent. Thereafter, accepting pro bono cases to represent children came naturally.

“It gives me the opportunity to focus directly on the best interests of the child, and for the most part, the cases are not too time consuming,” she said.

Work’s own childhood was not ordinary. As the daughter of parents who divorced at the time she was born, Work grew up as part of two families. She and her two older brothers did not always share the same households at the same time, she recalls. “On my father’s side, we had three step-siblings and a half-sister. I lived in four states and attended 13 schools. My parents divorced when I was two years old and my mother went to college to become a lawyer there. She philosophically refers to her decision to return to law school in New Mexico as her “surrender to the universe.”

Her parents’ examples can be seen in Work’s professional life. She has embraced representation of under-served populations, just as she witnessed her mother do in support of migrant farm workers and the underprivileged many years ago.

Whether serving as an educator, committee or board member, she takes leadership roles within local and national organizations engaged in cutting edge legal advocacy, just as she witnessed her father do during a career that took him to service as a court of appeals judge. Everything Work does rests on a foundation of service to individuals. “It’s extremely gratifying to sit across from a client who believes he or she has no remedy and explain that the law is designed to apply to everyone,” she said.

Among her pro bono cases, Work reflects happily on the outcome of one where a mixture of mental illness, drug abuse, and domestic violence made neither parent a good choice as custodian for their children. “I was able to identify relatives who could qualify as in loco parents. The kids are well cared for and still maintain contact with their parents in a manner tailored for their protection.”

From her perspective, Work sees many incentives for lawyers to accept pro bono cases. Pro bono cases provide opportunities to learn diverse areas of law. For younger associates in law firms, pro bono cases broaden involvement in all aspects of a case, going beyond, as she puts it, “memo writing and exhibit wrangling.”

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BOOK REVIEW
Discretion, by Alison Leotta

Reviewed by Suzanne Dohrer
Published by Touchstone/Simon & Schuster

Labor Day just passed. The slower, long days of summer are drawing to a close. To fight off the feeling of things ending, you want to squeeze in one quick last summer read. Do you like detective stories? Mysteries? Want to fight off the feeling of things ending, you need ready for more. This action-packed book covers one week. The novel begins on a Sunday with a beautiful woman crashing to her death from a balcony to the steps of the U.S. Capitol Building. Turns out that woman is a Georgetown student and high-priced call girl, and the story is that of the long-time Congressional Representative of the District of Columbia who just happens to be in a heated bid for re-election. Protagonist Anna Curtis investigates the headline-grabbing crime. She deals with the press and the politics of working in a big government law office, as well as the politics of Congress. Descriptions of the legal motions and court hearings reflect a knowledge-able author. Amidst co-workers, the FBI and local police, Curtis faces dangerous twists and turns in maintaining the expectation, while her romantic office liaison has its own ups and downs.

The smart female protagonist, AUSA Anna Curtis, is a welcome addition to the genre and this, her second mystery appearance, should be a sign of a series ahead. The first mystery that introduces Curtis is Law of Attraction. The office romance-bit detracts from the heart of the story and is predictable. The character development is not deep, but it’s enough. The dialog is well written and the pace of the adventure is exciting, even frenetic at times. The mystery contains enough twists and turns to stay a step or two ahead of even a seasoned mystery reader. Grab the book and sit by the pool or patio, as you bid your summer reading adieu.

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