

GILA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

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The State Bar of Arizona's Juvenile Law Section has awarded Gila County Judge Peter Cahill the 2015 "Terry L. Chandler Award for Excellence in the Field of Juvenile Law."

This award, given annually since 1998, is named in honor of the founder and first chair of the State Bar's Juvenile Law Section, Terry Chandler.

Judge Cahill is Gila County's Presiding Judge and Presiding Juvenile Court Judge. From 2011 through 2015, he chaired the Arizona Supreme Court's Committee on Juvenile Courts.

Gila County's Juvenile Court received the Arizona Judicial Branch's *Providing Access to Swift, Fair Justice* Achievement Award in 2008 recognizing Judge Cahill's commitment to increasing the quality of services provided to families and children in Gila County. (See attached.) In July 2015, Judge Cahill and his former law clerk, Lisa Pferdeort, will give the keynote presentation at the annual meeting of the Conference of Chief Justices in Omaha, Nebraska, a meeting of the highest judicial officers of the fifty states and the U. S. territories.

Award Committee chair, C. Eileen Bond, commented:

Judge Cahill will receive this Award because of his long history of advocating for the rights and best interest of children from the perspective of children's counsel, parent's counsel and judge. He has worked tirelessly to improve the administration of juvenile justice both in the Gila County Superior Court and at the state court administrative level. He has worked to assure that the people who participate in the juvenile justice system receive the training they need to do their jobs at the highest possible level. Through his research on the landmark *In re Gault* US Supreme Court decision he seeks to assure that the history of juvenile justice in Arizona is known and respected. It will be my honor to deliver the 2015 Terry Chandler Award to my colleague and long-time friend Hon. Peter Cahill at the Arizona State Bar Convention on Friday June 26, 2015.

Judge Chandler, a retired Pima County judge and former chief criminal deputy in the Gila County Attorney's Office, is married to Judge Cahill.

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