

Chief Justice's Outstanding Contribution to the Arizona Courts Award



Judge Robert L. Gottsfield, retired

Robert L. Gottsfield retired after 35 years on the Superior Court in Maricopa County in March 2015. From 1960-63, he was staff attorney for the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department, in Albany, New York. He practiced mostly in civil litigation, banking, creditor rights, and bonds in Phoenix with Rawlins, Ellis, Burrus and Kiewit from 1963-80. Governor Babbitt appointed Gottsfield to the Maricopa County bench in 1980, and he has served the past 35 years on most bench assignments.

As of April 2015, the retired judge is serving as co-coordinator of Andre House Legal Services with Janis

Garcia, an elder law attorney. Two other nearby organizations will benefit from their expertise. St. Joseph the Worker, an employment services organization, and Central Arizona Shelter Services, which provides housing and other programs will be aided in this new partnership. They will also work with the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education and State Bar's Military Legal Assistance Committee in linking veterans with pro bono representation.

Judge Gottsfield's commitment to the practice of law included serving on more than 100 CLE panels and writing 138 articles on the law for various publications. He was a co-founder of the State Bar's Dispute Resolution Committee, which is now a section of the State Bar. Judge Gottsfield was inducted into the Maricopa County Bar Association's Hall of Fame in 2012 and in 2013 earned the State Bar's James A. Walsh Outstanding Jurist Award. He is a longstanding member of the Supreme Court's Wendell and Publications committees, while also serving as a Mentor Judge twice a year at New Judge Orientation.

Service to the community outside the practice of law has also marked Judge Gottsfield's storied career. For more than 35 years, he has been involved with the YMCA's Arizona Youth and Government Program. He was a founder of the Phoenix University Club and the Maricopa County Justice Museum and Learning Center. Since 1990, his Monday evenings have been reserved for volunteer work at Andre House, where Judge Gottsfield works with other volunteers serving meals to the homeless, disadvantaged, and working poor.

Gottsfield's career began with his undergraduate studies at the State University of New York, Binghamton where he earned his Bachelor's degree Magna Cum Laude. He earned his Juris Doctor from Cornell Law School and a Master's of Counseling from Arizona State University.

A graphic for the 2015 Distinguished Service Awards. It features a collage of images: a group of diverse people (a man, a woman, a baby, a young man) at the top, a woman in a judge's robe on the right, and a man in a judge's robe at the bottom left. The background is red with the Arizona State Seal and the text "ADVANCING JUSTICE TOGETHER". Below the images, it says "2015 Distinguished Service Awards Presented Wednesday, June 17 JW Marriott Camelback Inn • 5402 East Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale".

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Welcome

**Administration of Justice Award
presented by David K. Byers**

**Judge of the Year Award
presented by Vice Chief Justice John Pelander**

**Pro Bono Award
presented by Chief Justice Scott Bales**

**Chief Justice's Outstanding Contribution to the Arizona Courts
Award presented by Chief Justice Scott Bales**

Administration of Justice Award

Selected Achievements:

Administers ten separate juvenile justice divisions, including Arizona's only court-run charter high school
Oversees \$10M annual budget, 137 employees, a 68-bed detention facility and numerous volunteers
Hired as probation officer for Yuma in 1991, became Probation Supervisor in 1994
Assigned to oversee Juvenile Detention Department in 1996 and became Director in 1997
Serves or served on Statewide Risk/Needs Assessment Committee, Detention Standards Committee, Detention Curriculum Sub-Committee, and several statewide budget committees
Past Chair of Committee on Probation Education and Committee on Probation
Past President of Arizona Chief Probation Officers Association
Regional representative for American Probation and Parole Association



Tim D. Hardy
Director, Yuma
County Juvenile
Justice Center

Judge of the Year Award

Selected Achievements:

Presiding Judge for Pima County since May 2011
Pima County Superior Court Presiding Juvenile Court Judge from June 2009 to May 2011
Pima County Superior Court Presiding Family Law Court Judge from January 2007 to March 2009
Appointed to the bench January 2006
Member: Arizona Judicial Council, Steering Committee on Arizona Case Processing Standards, Commission on Victims in the Courts, and Task Force to Review the State Bar's Role and Governance
Former member: Committee on Juvenile Courts, Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review, Child Support Guidelines Review Committee, New Judge Orientation Committee, and Domestic Relations Committee
Member, Board of Directors, James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, Law College Association
Member, Board of Visitors for College of Law, University of Arizona



**Judge Sarah R.
"Sally" Simmons**
Presiding Judge,
Superior Court in
Pima County

Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award

John Bouma stepped down as Chairman of Snell & Wilmer in March 2015, after more than 30 years at the helm of a firm that has expanded to more than 1,000 attorneys and staff. Throughout his term as Chairman, Bouma supported and encouraged his colleagues to perform pro bono service and to be active and visible in the community.

Selected Achievements:

Co-founded the Arizona Equal Justice Campaign in 2001; co-chaired since formation, raising \$5.15 million for Arizona's three major civil legal aid programs
As Chairman of Snell & Wilmer, by personal example, encouraged the firm's attorneys and staff to regularly staff Volunteer Lawyers Program intake interviews and to accept and handle pro bono matters
In 2014, more than 9,200 pro bono hours, equating to more than \$3.8 million of gratuitous legal services, were provided from Snell & Wilmer's Arizona offices. Over its several offices, more than 19,500 pro bono hours (\$7.9 million) were provided by the firm
While Chairman, the Volunteer Lawyers Program repeatedly recognized the firm as Large Law Firm of the Year and with the Sustaining Award of Excellence for its outstanding pro bono service and support
President of Arizona Bar Foundation from 1987 to 1988
Chaired the Access to Justice Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers from 1994 through 1997
Recipient of Community Legal Services Decade of Dedication Award in 1998 and the Foundation for Justice Award from the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education in 2011
A founder and advisor to the Partnership for Drug-Free Arizona
Serves on the Board of Directors of Valley of the Sun United Way since 2006



John J. Bouma
Partner
Snell & Wilmer, LLP
Chairman 1983-2015

Congratulations to all the winners from Chief Justice Scott Bales, Vice Chief Justice John Pelander and Justices Rebecca White Berch, Robert Brutinel, and Ann A. Scott Timmer.