APPLICATION ADDENDUM FOR APPOINTMENT TO JUDICIAL OFFICE MOHAVE COUNTY - DIVISION 8

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Note: Canon 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct applies to candidates for judicial office. See <u>Ariz. Sup. Ct. R. 81</u>, Application.

- In order to be considered for appointment as a judge to Division 8, you must complete both the "Application Form for Special Judicial Officer Position Appointments" produced by the Mohave County Superior Court and this application addendum.
- Completely answer all questions. If a question does not apply, write "Not applicable" in the space provided. If information is not available, write "Not available" and state the reason(s) the information is not available. Sign the Waiver of Confidentiality and Release of Information Sheet.
- 3. If you wish to be considered for appointment by the Presiding Judge as a court commissioner in addition to appointment by the Governor to Division 8, you must submit the application to the Mohave County Superior Court as required for its commissioner selection process. Court staff will forward the completed application to the Governor for consideration.
- 4. If you wish to be considered for appointment by the Governor **only**, you must submit the application by emailing a signed PDF copy to <u>azgovlegal@az.gov</u>.
- 5. The deadline for applications is <u>5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2025.</u> Applications should be submitted by the stated deadline.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR LETTERS OF REFERENCE AND TELEPHONE CALLS

The Governor's Office welcomes and needs written assessments of the applicants' skills, expertise, ethics, and any other characteristic relevant to an individual's qualifications to be a judge. Many applicants solicit letters of reference. "More" is not necessarily "better." Applicants are encouraged to solicit ten to twelve <u>substantive</u> letters of reference from those with significant experience with and insight into a candidate's professional experience and qualifications. This number provides sufficient insight into the applicant's potential for serving as an outstanding judge.

Letters regarding applicants should be emailed to <u>azgovlegal@az.gov</u> by <u>5:00 p.m. on</u> <u>August 11, 2025</u>. All letters timely submitted to that address will be considered.

SUMMARY OF THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS

- 1. <u>Application Period</u>: The Governor's Office announces the vacancy. The press release announcing the vacancy provides specific information about the process for the particular vacancy and advises where application forms can be obtained and the deadline for submitting applications.
- 2. <u>Application Review</u>: The Governor's Office reviews all applications received and the results of any investigation conducted by staff and selects applicants to be interviewed.
- 3. <u>Notification to Applicants</u>: Applicants selected for interview are notified by email of the date, time, and location of the interviews. Applicants not selected for interview are notified by email.
- 4. <u>Public Notice</u>: The Governor's Office announces the names of the applicants to be interviewed and invites oral or written public comment regarding their qualifications.
- 5. <u>Investigation</u>: Further investigation of the applicants to be interviewed is conducted. The Governor's Office seeks comments from judges, attorneys, and the community.
- 6. <u>Initial Interviews</u>: Selected applicants will be interviewed by Governor's Office staff in a public session. In fairness to other applicants, an applicant should not attend earlier scheduled interviews of other applicants or otherwise seek out or accept information about the content of such interviews.
- 7. <u>Interviews with the Governor and Appointment</u>: The names of at least two applicants are selected for interviews with the Governor. The Governor will make her appointment following the interview. The appointee will be notified by telephone

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and letter. Applicants not selected will be notified by email.

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Applicant Name: _____

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Please select one by initialing:

- I wish to be considered for appointment as a court commissioner AND to Division 8. I recognize that I must submit my application to the Mohave County Superior Court for consideration.
- I wish to be considered for appointment ONLY to Division 8. I recognize that I must submit my application directly to the Governor's Office for consideration.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

1. Describe the nature of your law practice over the last five years, listing the major areas of law in which you practiced and the percentage each constituted of your total practice. If you have been a judge or commissioner for the last five years, describe the nature of your law practice before your appointment to the bench.

2. Identify all areas of specialization for which you have been granted certification by the State Bar of Arizona or a bar organization in any other state.

3. Describe your experience as it relates to negotiating and drafting important legal documents, statutes and/or rules.

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BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

4. Are you now an officer, director, majority stockholder, managing member, or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise? _____ If so, give details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title or other description of your position, the nature of your duties and the term of your service.

Do you intend to resign such positions and withdraw from any participation in the management of any such enterprises if you are appointed? _____ If not, explain your decision.

5. Have you ever filed for bankruptcy protection on your own behalf or for an organization in which you held a majority ownership interest? _____ If so, explain.

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6. Do you have any financial interests including investments, which might conflict with the performance of your judicial duties? _____ If so, explain.

PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE

7. Provide information about any activities in connection with pro bono legal services (defined as services to the indigent for no fee), legal related volunteer community activities, or the like.

8. Describe the nature and dates of any relevant community or public service you have performed.

9. List any elected or appointed public offices you have held and/or for which you have been a candidate, and the dates.

Have you ever been removed or resigned from office before your term expired?

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

10. The Governor seeks to consider the diversity of the county's population in making her appointment. Provide any information about yourself (your heritage, background, life experiences, etc.) that may be relevant to this consideration.

11. Attach a brief statement explaining why you are seeking this position.

12. If you are currently serving as a judicial officer in any court and are subject to a system of judicial performance review, please attach the public data reports and commission vote reports from your last three performance reviews.

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List your present and any former political party registrations and approximate dates of each: 13.

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WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, _______, hereby authorize the committees of the State Bar of Arizona, all bar associations, references, employers, credit reporting agencies, business and professional associations, and all government agencies to release to the Governor's Office any information requested by the Governor's Office in connection with the processing of my request for consideration as a candidate for judicial office. I understand that the fact that I have applied and all responses provided in the application addendum are not confidential and the information provided may be verified and is subject to public disclosure.

Upon submission of this application to the Governor's Office (including by submission through the Mohave County Superior Court), I expressly consent to the release of my name and the contents of this application addendum to the public. Furthermore, I waive the benefits of any statute, rule, or regulation prescribing confidentiality of records or information that is disclosed.

All of the statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and submission expresses my willingness to accept appointment to the judicial position for which I have applied, should I be selected by the Governor of the State of Arizona.

(Signature)

(Date)

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