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Kingman Academy of Learning Students Attending Law Day Mock Trial



Law Day 2025: Celebrating the Rule of Law Through Student Mock Trials

Submitted by Kim Chappelear

In celebration of National Law Day on May 1, 2025, we proudly joined the nation in honoring the foundational role of law in our democracy. This year's theme, "The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One," emphasized the enduring strength of the U.S. Constitution in uniting a diverse nation—and our local observance brought that principle to life

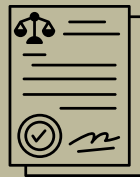
through an engaging and educational mock trial.

Organized in partnership with local educators, the Mohave County Bar Association, court staff, and judges, the Law Day Mock Trial invited Kingman Academy of Learning students from the 8th grade and 4th grade to step into the roles of attorneys, witnesses, and jurors in a fictional case inspired by real constitutional questions.

Guided by court staff, Judge Megan McCoy and Judge Aaron Demke, the students prepared

opening statements, examined witnesses, and made closing arguments over the proceedings. The trial not only deepened students' understanding of constitutional rights but also gave them a firsthand experience of how the legal system works to resolve disputes and protect individual liberties.

We are proud to have celebrated Law Day in such a meaningful and interactive way, helping the next generation appreciate the power of law to unify and protect all Americans.



CASA Appreciation Dinner

Submitted by Kim Chappelear

At our Annual CASA Appreciation Event on May 1, 2025, we paused to recognize the extraordinary individuals who serve as Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers. Their steadfast commitment, compassion, and tireless advocacy on behalf of children in the court system are nothing short of inspiring.

Our CASA volunteers walk alongside children during their most difficult moments, ensuring their voices are heard and their best interests are represented. Their work changes lives—and we are deeply grateful.

We thank each volunteer for their heart, service, and unwavering dedication.



Pictured from left to right:

Kingman City Mayor, Ken Watkins; Deputy Court Administrator, Kim Chappelear; Judge Aaron Demke; Presiding Judge Steven Moss; Presiding Juvenile Judge Rick Williams; CASA Coordinator, Jenn Swapp; CASA Coordinator, Madelyn Romero



Natalie Eggers and Kim Chappelear Complete Arizona Court Executive Program

Submitted by Josh Frisby

Natalie Eggers, Deputy Director of Juvenile Court Services, and Kim Chappelear, Deputy Court Administrator, recently completed the Arizona Court Executive program through AOC Education Services. The program is designed for professional and executive leadership development for

Judicial Officers, Court Administrators, and Chief Probation Officers/Juvenile Court Directors. The Arizona Court Executive curriculum consists of seven courses through the National Center for State Courts' Institute for Court Management and the Arizona Plus Executive Capstone course.

ACE graduates gain advanced leadership capabilities and specialized knowledge in advanced court management principles, strategic planning, and project management while networking with other court

professionals. Some of the courses include Public Relations, Educational Development, Executive Decision Making, Modern Court Governance, and Operations Management among others.

Congratulations to Kim Chappelear and Natalie Eggers as Mohave County's most recent Certified Court Executives and their commitment to innovative leadership and continued professional development!

Congrats

Lee Williams Career Class - Mediation

Submitted by Trisha Negri

I was asked to present for the Career Class at Lee Williams High School. The presentation illustrated what the mediation process looks like in Family Court. I shared with the children that when working with families my vision is to help support families, build

*Letters of Appreciation from Lee Williams
Students*

Thank you for coming to our class today. You are so breaking pretty and funny. I love that you very passionate for your job I think it's amazing. Your job is something I looked into and now I think it's even more amazing. Thank you for all your hard work in your job and working as just you. You seem so sweet and kind. I had trouble with my family and what you said about the parenting is so relatable. Thank you for being so understanding and open for what you do with your job. All of you talked about really helped me see things clearer way so thank you!



Trisha Negri, Mediator for Family Court,
with Lee Williams Career Class

education that is offered. The children asked many questions, some cried. This was an impactful experience, a common statement I heard from the class was "I thought the courts were trying to break up my family, not try to help them heal - thank you for what you do." I was asked to return next semester as a guest speaker.

Thank you ms. Negri
...THANK YOU MS. NEGRI FOR TELLING US ABOUT HOW AWESOME BEING A FAMILY COUNSELOR/MEDIATOR. POSITIVE THOUGHTS BRING POSITIVE THOUGHTS. NEGATIVE THOUGHTS BRING NEGATIVE THOUGHTS. IT REALLY HELPED THIS. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO PUT ALL OF NEGATIVE THOUGHTS. THANK YOU MS. NEGRI

Dear Trisha, Negri
...Thank you so much for coming in today. I just want to say I respect you and what you do so much. I had a mediator growing up trying to figure out who I was going to live with. So thank you, what you doing is really good helping people and kids. Hope you have an amazing day.

Amber Freed Retires from Probation with 25 Years

Submitted by Natalie Eggers

Amber Freed started her career with probation in 2000 as an adult probation officer. After a short period of time, she transferred over to the juvenile division where she finished out her career. Amber was promoted to a Deputy Probation Officer Senior in 2009 and to the Juvenile Detention Administrator in December 2014. Amber spent eight years as the JDA before transitioning back to a Deputy Probation Officer Senior.



Deputy Probation Officer Senior, Amber Freed


During her time with Mohave County Probation, Amber has made an impact on countless adults, youth, families, staff, and others. Amber has been a key contributor to the department's officer safety programs through her service as a Defensive Tactics Instructor and a member of the department's first warrants team. Amber has played an integral role in many department projects over her career. Amber has been the recipient of multiple awards including 2009 - January - March - Supervisor of the Quarter Award, 2013 - Supervisor of the Year Award,

2021 – Director’s Choice Award, and 2024 Women Making History award for Public Service.

Amber states the best part of her 25-year career was all the different people she got to work with. She saw a desire to change in some come quickly and others more slowly. Some needed more

convincing or even a loss of freedom to realize changes needed to be made, but one way or the other she got to be part of the change. The Mohave County Probation Department wishes her well in all her future endeavors and thanks her for her contributions to the Court over the span of a memorable career.

Happy Retirement



Who’s Pet Could It Paws-ibly Be?

Submitted by Tina Sweeney Braniger and Lynda Benshoof

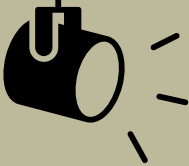
To kick off the month of May, the Lake Havasu City Justice Court & Superior Court launched the “Guess Whose Pet?” board, where team members showcased pictures of their beloved pets. This activity not only sparked delightful conversations but also allowed us

to learn more about each other outside of our professional roles. The joy of guessing and sharing stories about our furry companions fostered a sense of belonging and connection within our court team.

We also decided to establish a spirit dress day every month with a theme and choose animal print as our first theme! This activity broke

the monotony of our daily routines but also promoted team spirit and collaboration. We look forward to more innovate team-building activities that continue to enhance the court’s dynamic. Building a strong team isn’t just about work – it’s about enjoying the journey together. We inspire you to do the same!





Employee Spotlight

New Judicial Employees

February - May

Probation

Jonathon Lopez

Joseph Allor

Jessica White

Richard Foutch

Kiah Morris

Sara Juntunen

Bullhead Justice Court

Todd Lacy



Judicial Years of Service

February - May

Probation

Hector Ramirez
5 years

Jason Roorda
5 years


Mariam Hart
5 years

Karla Muro
10 years

Amber Freed
25 years

Thank you for your service and dedication to the Mohave County Courts!

Brain Teasers



Easy

	2	7	1	3	9	4	8	
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Hard

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Riddle Me This

What can you break,
even if you never pick it up
or touch it?

A man who was outside
in the rain without an umbrella
or hat didn't get a single hair
on his head wet.
Why?

Medium

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Expert

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Master

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Email MohaveCourtAdmin@courts.az.gov to submit answer :)

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CANON 2

A JUDICIAL EMPLOYEE SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES OF JUDICIAL EMPLOYMENT IMPARTIALLY, COMPETENTLY, AND DILIGENTLY

RULE 2.1

Giving Priority to Ethical Duties

A court employee shall regard the ethical duties provided in this code of conduct as having the highest priority.

To ensure that judicial employees are able to fulfill their court duties, judicial employees must conduct their personal and professional activities to minimize the risk of conflict with the performance of court duties.

RULE 2.2

Impartiality and Fairness

A judicial employee shall perform court duties fairly and impartially. Judicial employees may appear to be providing preferential treatment to litigants, counsel

or other persons with whom they discuss the merits of a case pending before the court or behave in a particularly friendly manner. To gauge the propriety of any behavior, employees should consider how opposing parties and counsel who are involved in the proceeding are likely to view the situation.

RULE 2.3

Bias, Prejudice, and Harassment

A judicial employee shall perform court duties without bias or prejudice and shall not manifest bias or prejudice by words or conduct, or engage in harassment in the performance of court duties. This includes but is not limited to bias, prejudice, or harassment

based upon race, sex, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, socioeconomic status, or political affiliation.

1. A judicial employee who manifests bias or prejudice in the conduct of court business impairs the fairness of the judicial process and brings the judiciary into disrepute.

2. Examples of manifestations of bias or prejudice include but are not limited to epithets; slurs; demeaning nicknames; negative stereotyping; attempted humor based upon stereotypes; threatening, intimidating, or hostile acts; suggestions of connections between race, ethnicity, or nationality and crime; and irrelevant references to personal characteristics.

**"I know the price of success: dedication, hard work and
an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see
happen." — Frank Lloyd Wright**

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Answer Key

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