

# **Pinal County Adopted Budget**



**FY 2004 – 2005**



**Fiscal Year 2004 - 2005  
Adopted Budget**

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# Pinal County Board of Supervisors



**Lionel D. Ruiz**  
District 1  
Chairman

**Lionel D. Ruiz** is the first Hispanic to be elected to the Board of Supervisors in Pinal County. He is a lifelong resident of Pinal County, residing in Dudleyville for the past thirty-eight years. Supervisor Ruiz is a Democrat and has served as Precinct Committeeman for Precinct #4. He has served on the Advisory Committee for the Central Arizona College and the Board of Directors for the Hayden Federal Credit Union. Committee involvement includes the Governors Boxing Commission, Arizona Parkways, Historic & Scenic Roads Advisory Committee, Pinal County Board of Health, Pinal County Juvenile Justice Committee, Pinal County Transportation Committee, Pinal County Jail Advisory Committee, National Association of Latino Elected Officials, Rail Transportation Committee, 25 year member of the Board of Trustees Ray Unified School District, Central Arizona Association of Governments, and Northwest Water Alliance Committee. Mr. Ruiz is a graduate of Ray High School and of Central Arizona College. He is also a four-year veteran of the United States Air Force. Supervisor Ruiz is retired as an accountant from ASARCO Mining Company where he worked for 38 years. He and his wife Aida are the parents of four children and have been married 41 years.



**Sandie Smith**  
District 2

**Sandie Smith** was the first woman in Pinal County to be elected to the Board of Supervisors. She is a 34 year resident and owned a local business from 1979 to 1999. She was elected in 1986 to the Governing Board of the Apache Junction Unified School District and served as President from 1988 to 1993. She serves as a Past President of the Arizona Association of Counties. Committee involvement includes the Central Arizona College Foundation Board of Directors, Past President of the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce Board, Chairman of the Promotions Committee of the Main Street Program, Chairman of the Pinal County Enterprise Zone Commission, Pinal/Gila County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee for Economic Development, San Tan Regional Park Committee, Pinal County Town Hall Committee, Pinal Gila Behavioral Health Association, The Arizona Corporation Commission's Line Siting Committee, the Governor's appointee for the Military Affairs Commission and the State Waste Tire Committee. She also was appointed to serve on the Committee for Planning and the Land and Water Conservation Committee, both for the Growing Smarter Commission. She is an Organizing and current member of the Apache Junction Boys Club and actively involved in Project Help and Soroptimists of Apache Junction. She and her husband, Thomas H. Smith have been married for 43 years and have three children: Sheryl, David, and Kenneth and six grandchildren, Ashley, Kirsten, Davis, Abbott, Cassandra and Nicole.



**Jimmie B. Kerr**  
District 3

**Jimmie B. Kerr** is a native Arizonan and has been a resident of Casa Grande since 1939 and a business owner since 1959. Supervisor Kerr has been involved in city and county government for 40 years. Prior to his current term, Supervisor Kerr served as a member of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors from 1977-85 and 1993-01 with five 16-month terms as Chairman of the Board. He served on the City of Casa Grande City Council for 20 years; sixteen years as the Mayor and four years as a Council Member. Mr. Kerr received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Arizona State University and is a veteran of the United States Air Force. Committee involvement includes the Pinal County Hospital District Board for eight years (Chairman for 32 months); Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for sixteen years, Greater Casa Grande Economic Development Foundation, Casa Grande Valley Historical Society, Casa Grande Friends of the Arts, Humane Society, American Legion, Elks, Arizona State University Board of Directors, League of Arizona Cities & Towns Executive Committee, Pinal County Governmental Alliance (current Chairman), Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority (past Chairman), National Association of Counties (NACo) Economic Steering Committee, and the Arizona County Supervisors Association (CSA) Executive board for four years. He is past President of CSA and is a member of the NACo National Board of Directors. He and his wife, Donna Jeanne Kerr, have been married for 46 years and have three married children: Barry, Julie, and Kristi, and 7 grandchildren.

# Pinal County Elected Officials



**Laura Dean-Lytle**  
County Recorder

**Laura Dean-Lytle** was elected to the position of Pinal County Recorder in 2000. She was originally appointed to the position January 1, 1999 by the Pinal County Board of Supervisors following the retirement of Recorder, Kathleen C. Felix. Laura's years of service with Pinal County began in 1983 with the Assessor's office prior to joining the Recorder's office in 1997 as Chief Deputy Recorder. Continued educational pursuits include graduation from Arizona State University's Certified Manager Program and Southwest Leadership Certification Program through the University of Arizona. Community and professional affiliations commitments include the title of Past President of the Arizona Association of County Recorders; she is currently the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Arizona Association of Counties. Laura is the Immediate Past President of Soroptimist Int. of Apache Jct., she is Vice President of Northern Pinal County's Community Alliance Against Family Abuse (CAFA), a member of the Auxiliary Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley-Apache Jct. Branch, a member of Florence Rotary, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Pinal County Democratic Party, an elected Democratic Precinct Committee Person, a State Democratic Committee Person and is a committee member of Service Over and Above the Rest (SOAR) for the City of Apache Jct. A Pinal County resident for 28 years, Laura and husband, Jerry Lytle reside in Apache Junction. Mother-in-law Adeline Lytle and daughters Michelle and Sherry with their respective families also make Apache Junction their home. Doing what we can to assist others is part of Laura's philosophy of life as well as a working standard for her.



**Dolores J. "Dodie" Doolittle**  
County Treasurer

**Dolores J. "Dodie" Doolittle** is a life time resident of Pinal County, she grew up in Maricopa and graduated from Maricopa High School in 1975 and she currently resides in Gold Canyon. Dodie came to work for the Pinal County Treasurer from First Interstate Bank in June, 1991 when hired to be Executive Secretary to Jim L. Turnbull. Her position was promoted in January of 1995 to Administrative Assistant and in July, 2001 to Administrator II before the appointment of Chief Deputy in March, 2003. Dodie obtained her Bachelor Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from Arizona State University and has been responsible for the day to day management of the Treasurer's office for the past 5 years. Dodie currently serves on the East Valley Boys and Girls Club of Apache Junction Board as First Vice-President, is a member of the Florence Rotary Club, Arizona Association of Counties, Arizona Association of County Treasurers, the Government Finance Officers Association, National Association of Counties, the National Association of County Treasurers and Finance Officers, and the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers. Dodie and husband Terry have five children Jerry, Solidaire, Monica, Richard and Travis.



**Jack W. Harmon, Ed.D.**  
County School Superintendent

**Jack W. Harmon, Ed.D.** has been a resident of Pinal County for 38 years. Superintendent Harmon has served as an educator since 1960. Dr. Harmon has earned the following degrees: Bachelor of Science in Education, Master of Education, Educational Specialist, and Doctorate in Education. Dr. Harmon is a charter inductee in the Arizona Small Rural School Association Hall of Fame and was named Outstanding Educator by the University of Arizona, College of Education Alumni Council in 1994. He has been a member of a number of professional organizations including: Arizona School Administrators, American Association of School Administrators, National Rural Education Association, Arizona Small Rural School Association, Phi Delta Kappa, and others. Dr. Harmon served as Superintendent of the Oracle Elementary School District for 17 years. He was Principal of Eloy Junior High School for six years. Dr. Harmon and his wife Elizabeth have been married 45 years. They have four adult children: Eric, Kevin, Wendy, and Sherry.

# Pinal County Elected Officials



**L. Paul Larkin**  
County Assessor

**L. Paul Larkin** has been a Pinal County resident for the past forty-two years and worked in the private sector and the community college before joining Pinal County as the Chief Deputy Assessor in 1983. Mr. Larkin has served as the elected Assessor of Pinal County since January 1, 1985. Mr. Larkin is an appraiser with certification from the Arizona Department of Revenue and the International Association of Assessing Officers. He is a past president of the Arizona Association of Counties and the Arizona Association of Assessing Officers. He and his wife, Cheryl Larkin have been married for 32 years. They have two children, Elizabeth Hovanec and McKenzie. (Mac)



**Robert Carter Olson**  
County Attorney

**Robert Carter Olson** was born, raised and educated in Illinois, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree from Elmhurst College, a Juris Doctorate Degree from Loyola University of Chicago, and holding a certificate as a Certified Public Accountant from the University of Illinois. In 1990, Olson joined the Pinal County Attorney's Office as a criminal prosecutor and was promoted from within until he was appointed as County Attorney by the Board of Supervisors in March, 1996, and elected by the people later that year. Carter has restructured the management of the criminal division, so the office will have a greater impact on the crimes that affect our communities most; he has placed great emphasis on victims' rights; Carter is actively working with courts, juvenile probation and law enforcement to make real changes in the way Pinal County responds to juvenile crime; and he developed a network of people to help make his office more responsive to the people of Pinal County. The area of greatest growth in the Pinal County Attorney's office is the Child Support Division. Carter is widely credited with reorganizing, restructuring and expanding this program and turning it into one of the finest in the state. Carter and his family reside in Gold Canyon.



**Roger L. Vanderpool**  
County Sheriff

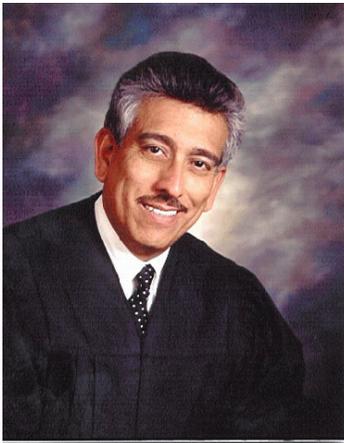
**Roger L. Vanderpool** has been a law enforcement officer for over 30 years. His career began as a military policeman in the U.S. Army, continued as a municipal officer, and then 20 years with the Arizona Department of Public Safety where he retired as the Western Region Organized Crime and Narcotics Division Commander. Sheriff Vanderpool ran for and was elected to the office of Pinal County Sheriff in November, 2000. Sheriff Vanderpool is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy, National Sheriff's Institute, University of Arizona Project Central and the Arizona State University Public Executive Institute. Sheriff Vanderpool is Vice-President of the County Attorney and Sheriff's Association, board member of the Constables Ethics Committee, member of the board of directors of the Casa Grande Boys and Girls Club, member of the board of directors of the Pinal County Law Enforcement Association, and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and Fraternal Order of Elks.

# Pinal County Superior Court



**Honorable Stephen McCarville**  
**Division I**

**Stephen McCarville** was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1961. He received a Bachelor of Arts in 1983 and Juris Doctorate Law Degree in 1987 from Creighton University. He began practicing law in Arizona, in 1988, and engaged in the general practice of law as a partner with McCarville, Cooper & Vasquez in Casa Grande. He was town attorney for the Town of Mammoth from 1990-2000. He was appointed as Pro Tempore Juvenile Court Commissioner in May 2000, appointed Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore by Justice Charles E. Jones of the Arizona Supreme Court, in July of 2000, and elected as Judge of the Pinal County Superior Court, January 2001. Stephen is a former member of the Pinal-Gila County Legal Aid Board, (serving on the Board of Directors and as Vice-President), American Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Directors Casa Grande Valley Historical Society; Member of the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Downtown Development in Casa Grande 1998. Present member and past president (1993-1994) of the Pinal County Bar Association; Arizona Bar Association; American Bar Association; President of the Saint Anthony of Padua School Board 1997 to present; Founding member and President of RTA Hospice Foundation; Member of St. Anthony's Parish Finance Committee; Member and past President (1995-1997) of Casa Grande's Main Street Board. Stephen and his wife Tammy have four children, Molly, Erin, Stephen and Ryan.



**Honorable Gilberto V. Figueroa**  
**Division II**

**Gilberto V. Figueroa** was born in Cumpas, Sonora, Mexico. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate Law Degree from the University of Arizona. He has been a resident of Casa Grande since 1979. He was admitted to practice law before all Arizona Trial and Appellate Courts and the United States District Court of Arizona in 1979; served as staff attorney with the Pinal & Gila Counties Legal Aid Society until 1980; engaged in private practice from 1980 to 1992. He was elected County Attorney from January, 1993 to March, 1996; appointed to serve as Pinal County Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore from April, 1996 to December, 1996. He was the appointed Pinal County Family Law Commissioner from January, 1997 to September, 1998. He was appointed to serve as Pinal County Superior Court Judge in September, 1998, and elected as Judge of the Pinal County Superior Court in 1999. He has been a member of the board of directors on many civic and business organizations in Pinal County; and is a member of the Arizona State Bar Association, Arizona Judge's Association; Pinal County Bar Association; Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity; Hispanic National Bar Association; Los Abogados; Sunrise Optimist Club of Casa Grande; and Arizona Minority Judges Caucus. He has two children.



**Honorable William J. O'Neil**  
**Division III**

**William J. O'Neil** was born and raised in Pinal County and is the youngest Superior Court Judge to be elected in the history of Pinal County. He was admitted to practice law in 1978 and was engaged in the private practice of law from 1978-1990. He was appointed Pinal County's first Family Law Commissioner in 1988. In addition to his duties as a Superior Court Judge, he has served as Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court since 1992. He was named Chairman of the Supreme Court Committee of the Juvenile Courts by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, which comprises presiding juvenile court judges from all counties in Arizona. In addition, he had served as the Court's Liaison Representative to the Arizona State Legislature; serves on the Supreme Court Committee of the Superior Court and the Commission on Juvenile Justice. He was appointed by the Governor of the State of Arizona to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Council and on the Governor's Juvenile Justice Task Force. He has taught numerous seminars on juvenile law and has been an instructor of judges at the Arizona Judicial College. In addition, he is a Director of the Central Arizona College Foundation, a Director of the Casa Grande Union High School Foundation and has served as an advisory member of the board of directors to two banks. He is active in his church where he teaches Sunday School and serves as Deacon. He and his wife Tammy O'Neil have four children: Christopher, Michael, Caitlan, and Kevin.

# Pinal County Superior Court



**Honorable Boyd T. Johnson**  
Division IV

**Boyd T. Johnson** was born and raised in the greater Phoenix area and has been a Pinal County resident since 1976. He was in the private practice of law in Coolidge from 1976 to 1984 during which time he also served as the Coolidge City Prosecutor and for four of those years, in a judicial role, as a Superior Court Juvenile Referee (hearing officer). In July 1984 Judge Johnson became a senior trial attorney in the Pinal County Attorney's Office and was soon appointed as the Chief Deputy County Attorney. He served in that office for more than eight years, until November 1992, when he was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve as the Pinal County Public Defender. He remained there until he was selected by a committee of Pinal County citizens and appointed by the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, in January 1995, to serve as a full-time Judge Pro Tempore of the Superior Court. In March 1996, Judge Johnson was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Judge Robert R. Bean. Judge Johnson was elected for his first full four year term in November 1996 and was reelected in November 2000. He is the Associate Presiding Judge for Pinal County and has served on various boards and committees of the State Bar Association. Judge Johnson is, and has been, very involved in many civic, business and historical functions and is a member of several civic, charitable and social organizations. Judge Johnson is a Vietnam veteran and a member and supporter of veteran organizations. He and his wife, Kim, have three children and three grandchildren.



**Honorable Kelly Marie Robertson**  
Division V

**Kelly Marie Robertson** was born in Florence, Arizona, on January 12, 1952, and is a member of an Arizona pioneer family which settled there in the 1870's. Judge Robertson graduated from Florence Union High School in 1970. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Government from the University of Arizona in 1973 and a Juris Doctorate Law Degree from the University of Arizona College of Law in 1976. Judge Robertson was a legal secretary and part-time translator for the Pinal County Legal Aid Department during the summers of 1970 to 1975. She was admitted to practice law in 1976 before all trial and appellate courts in Arizona and the United States District Courts for the District of Arizona. She was a partner in a private law firm of Robertson & Villarreal, Ltd. from 1980 to 1996. Judge Robertson served as the Florence Town Attorney for five years and as the Pinal County Family Law Commissioner from 1990 to 1996. She was elected to the Pinal County Superior Court bench in 1996 and is presently serving as a Superior Court Judge. Memberships, past and present; Arizona State Bar, Pinal County Bar Association, Zonta, Business and Professional Women's Association, Veteran's of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Rotary, Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, 4-H Youth Leader, Lady Elk, Arizona Women Judges Association, a U of A Master Gardener Volunteer, and a Nature Conservancy Member. Judge Robertson is the mother of three children, some of whom are still attending Florence schools.



**Honorable Janna L. Vanderpool**  
Division VI

**Janna L. Vanderpool** was born in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, December 29, 1953, but raised in Casa Grande, Arizona, attending Casa Grande Public Schools and Central Arizona College where she graduated with an Associate of Arts degree in 1976. Further education included a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arizona in 1983 and a Juris Doctorate Law Degree from the University of Arizona College of Law in 1987. She was admitted to practice law in 1989 before all trial and Appellate courts in the State of Arizona and the United States District Courts for the District of Arizona. Janna served as a Deputy County Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney, from November, 1989 to May 2000; and was appointed as Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore, November 3, 2000 by Chief Justice Thomas A. Zlacket, Supreme Court of Arizona. She was elected Pinal County Superior Court Judge taking the bench January 1, 2001. Memberships, Past and Present: Arizona State Bar Association; Pinal County Bar Association; Yavapai County Bar Association; American Bar Association; Business and Professional Women's Association; Pinal County Domestic Violence Coalition; Past President World Peace Through Law Section, Arizona State Bar; Juvenile Law Section, Arizona State Bar; Public Lawyers Section, Arizona State Bar; Appointments Committee, Arizona State Bar; Board of Directors, Superstition Mountain Historical Society; Board of Directors, Pinal/Gila Legal Aid; National Association of Capital Attorneys; Arizona Women Lawyers Association; Gold Canyon United Methodist Church; Volunteer, United Way. Janna has one daughter, Ameer Elizabeth.

# Pinal County Superior Court



**Kristi Youtsey Ruiz**  
**Clerk of the Superior Court**

**Kristi Youtsey Ruiz** was born in Florence, Arizona and is a fourth generation Pinal County resident. Ms. Ruiz attended Eloy and Coolidge School Districts and graduated from Santa Cruz Valley Union High School. In 1987 she began a career with Pinal County working for the Superior Court Law Library. During this time, she also volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Ms. Ruiz then accepted a position with the Human Resource Department for 3 years. Prior to the election, Ms. Ruiz dedicated 10 years in the community working for the Health and Human Services Department. Ms. Ruiz attended Central Arizona College and later received a Bachelor of Science Business Management degree from the University of Phoenix. Ms. Ruiz's career made a full circle after being elected as the Pinal County Clerk of the Superior Court & Jury Commissioner. She took office in January 2003. Ms. Ruiz is presently a member of the Arizona Association of Superior Court Clerks; Arizona Association of Counties; National Association of Clerks; National Association for Court Management; International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials, and Treasurers; Pinal County Domestic Violence Task Force Committee; Pinal County Justice Integration Committee; NAACP; National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials; and the Arizona Family Support Council. The Clerk's goal is to offer premiere customer service to the citizens of Pinal County through the utilization of her office in facilitating the judicial process. Another major goal is to implement technological advancements, which will increase efficiency to those accessing the court system.

# Pinal County Justice Courts



**Honorable Phillip W. Bain**  
Casa Grande Justice Court

**Phillip W. Bain** has lived in the Casa Grande area since 1964. In early 1965, Judge Bain began what has become a 36-year career in the criminal justice field. He joined the Casa Grande Police Department in 1965, and after being drafted in 1966 he served two years in the United States Army as a Military Police Sergeant stationed in Korea. Phil returned to the Casa Grande Police Department in 1968. In 1972, he received an A.S. Degree in criminal Justice from Central Arizona College. In 1973, Bain was promoted to Lieutenant Commander of The Casa Grande Police Department. On two separate occasions Judge Bain was appointed acting Chief of Police by the Casa Grande City Council while a new chief was being selected. He retired from the Police Department in 1989 and immediately accepted a civilian position as a DARE instructor. During that time Judge Bain retained his law enforcement certification as a reserve police officer and taught the DARE "Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program" for six years. In 1996 he ran for the election of Casa Grande Justice of the Peace. He was successful and was sworn in as the Honorable Judge Phillip W. Bain in September 1996. He and his wife Gwenda reside in Casa Grande. They have two children, Brandi and Carson, and two granddaughters, Brittney Nikell Bain and Zoie Nicole Clark.



**Honorable Marie A. Lorona**  
Eloy Justice Court

**Marie "Toni" A. Lorona** has been a resident of Pinal County for 30 years and is a native of Arizona. She served as City Magistrate for the City of Eloy prior to her election to the office of Justice of the Peace in September of 1986. Judge Lorona graduated from St. Mary's High School in Phoenix, attended Phoenix College and Central Arizona College. She was a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, and is a member of the Limited Jurisdiction Committee for the Supreme Court. She was the Past Presiding Justice of the Peace for the Justice of the Peace Courts in Pinal County and the Training Coordinator for the Justice Courts. Judge Lorona attended Arizona's first Legal Institute for Non Law Trained Judges at the Arizona State University and the University of Arizona. She is the past president and board member of the Eloy Chamber of Commerce. Judge Lorona has been the chairman of the Pinal Hispanic Council, serving as Secretary Treasurer at the present time, and chairman of the Red Ribbon Campaign for the Eloy Governors Drug Alliance. She is a board member of the Pinal County School to Work Partnership and has served as board member for the Arizona City Chamber Board. She is President and past treasurer for the Arizona Justice of the Peace Association and a parish council member of St. Helen's Catholic Church. Judge Lorona has been involved in Court Mediation since 1992, training, small claims, civils, youth (gang) mediation program. Eloy Justice Court is the Domestic Violence pilot court for Pinal County. Judge Lorona is also involved with Restorative Justice, the Pinal County DUI Coalition, and the Pinal County Task Force for Domestic Violence.



**Honorable Joe A. Ruiz**  
Mammoth Justice Court

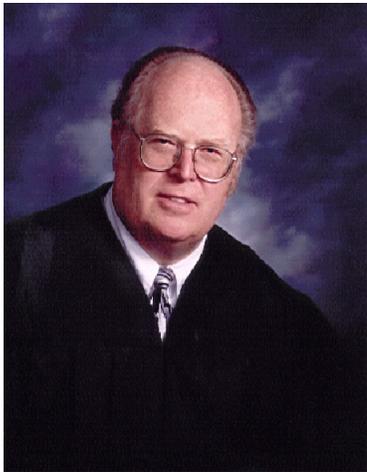
**Joe A. Ruiz** was elected as the Justice of the Peace in 1972. Judge Ruiz graduated from Ray High School in Ray, Arizona. He also graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in pharmacy. Judge Ruiz resides in Mammoth. He has six children and eleven grandchildren.

# Pinal County Justice Courts



**Honorable Ellie Brown**  
Oracle Justice Court

**Ellie M. Brown** has been a resident of Pinal County for 45 years and is a native of Arizona. She was appointed to the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct #5, on June 16, 2004 by the Pinal County Board of Supervisors. Judge Brown graduated from San Manuel High School, has an Associates of Arts degree from Central Arizona College, a dual Bachelors of Science degree in Management and Business from the University of Phoenix, a Masters degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University, and a certification in Public Management from Arizona State University. After earning several degrees Judge Brown embarked on her career in the courts. She was employed by the Oracle Justice Court as a Criminal Clerk in 1991 and served as Chief Clerk from 1992 to November 2003. Judge Brown is a member of the National Judges Association, the Arizona Courts Association, the Arizona Justice of the Peace Association, and also a member of the Organization of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. She also worked for the Pinal County Superior Court and the Arizona Supreme Court as an AZTEC Court Field Trainer prior to her appointment. Judge Brown brings her community-building spirit to the Oracle Justice Court. It is her real-world management skills and experience that help strengthen our government and our community. She and her husband, Steven R. Brown, Pinal County Building Official, have three children, Erica, Gilbert and Travis and have two grandchildren, Kayla and Jordan.



**Honorable Bruce Griffith**  
Superior Justice Court

**Bruce Griffith** began his service as Justice of the Peace of the Superior-Kearny Justice Court in 1995. Both Judge Griffith and Andrea, his wife of 36 years, have raised eight children and are currently enjoying their seven grandchildren. Having been raised in the small Arizona mining town of Hayden since he was just an infant, he learned to appreciate rural Arizona through Boy Scouting, exploring and camping. As an adult he continued to work with young people in scouting and other organizations. His enthusiasm for exploration took him to Southern Mexico on an archeological project where he became aware of the extreme poverty of the native people. Again working with young people, he helped organize several humanitarian projects including the building of a community water system and a school for the native children. During his decade long service to citizens of Pinal County, he was selected as the presiding Justice of the Peace in Pinal County and served as the president of the Arizona Justice of the Peace Association for three terms. He currently serves on several committees within the judicial system, volunteered as a mentor judge, and has conducted training for other judges and judicial staff. Judge Griffith has received hundreds of hours of training in the judicial system, including training at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.



**Honorable Dennis L. Lusk**  
Apache Junction Justice Court

**Dennis L. Lusk** attended Fullerton College in Fullerton, CA receiving his AA in 1972. He graduated with honors receiving his BA from California State University in 1975. Judge Lusk received his Juris Doctor from the University of Arizona College of Law and was admitted to the Arizona State Bar in 1978. His career began as a Law Clerk/Intern/and then Deputy with the Pima County Attorney's office for 1 and a half years, the Cochise County Attorney's Office as a Deputy County Attorney for three years, the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Council as a training coordinator for three and a half years, working with Greenlee County Attorney's office for three and a half years as a Chief Deputy County Attorney. He then went to work for the Pima County Attorney's office as a Deputy County Attorney in the narcotics division for four years, then the Greenlee County Attorney's office for four years. Judge Lusk was recently named a "Drug Recognition Expert Ambassador" by the International Association of the Chiefs of Police and the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety. His published work includes: HGN; a Roadside Sobriety Test, Arizona State Bar Journal, December 1988; Search Warrant Manual, Arizona Narcotics Officer's Association 1996; Arizona Prior Convictions Manual, A.P.A.A.C., 12 Editions, 1980-2000; Arizona prosecutors DWI Trial Book, A.P.A.A.C., 2 Editions, 1982, 1988; Arizona Police Officer's DWI Arrest Manual, G.O.H.S., 2 Editions, 1984, 2000; Statewide DWI Steering Committees, U.S. Dept. Of Transportation, 1987; and AZ Criminal RAJI - Assisted Judge Rudolph Gerber with Rewrite of Final Draft, 1985.

# Pinal County Justice Courts



**Honorable Scott Sulley**  
**Maricopa Justice Court**

**Scott Sulley** was a practicing attorney in Pinal County for 15 years before being elected as Justice of the Peace for the Maricopa/Stansfield Justice Court. Judge Sulley has an extensive background in both civil and criminal litigation and has served as a prosecutor for the City of Coolidge. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Ripon College in Wisconsin, a Juris Doctorate degree from Northern Illinois University School of Law and a Masters of Business Administration from the American Graduate School of International Management, (more commonly known as "Thunderbird") in Glendale, Arizona. Scott is a member of the Arizona Bar Association, the Pinal County Justices of the Peace Association and the Maricopa Chapters of Rotary International and Optimists International. Judge Sulley also served on the Public Safety Committee and is currently the Magistrate for the City of Maricopa. Judge Sulley is a member of the New Judge Orientation Committee which advises the Administrative Office of the Courts on education for recently elected or appointed judges and also serves as a facilitator/instructor for practical exercises for those judges. Scott was recently selected to serve on a work group which will advise the Court Services Division of the Arizona Supreme Court about legal and procedural issues in limited jurisdiction courts. Scott's wife Glenda has taught at Stansfield School for 21 years. Scott, Glenda and their son Matthew live in the Maricopa area.



**Honorable Kema Granillo**  
**Florence Justice Court**

**Kema Granillo** was six years old when her family moved to Arizona. They first lived in Casa Grande where she attended elementary school, later moving to Coolidge attending elementary and high school. Kema has attended Long Beach Medical College, Golden West University (accounting), and Cecil Lawter Real Estate School. Kema is a licensed Real Estate Broker and spent 21 years in real estate before coming to work for the Florence Justice Court. She served as the Chief Clerk for the Florence Justice Court from 1987 to 1996. Kema ran for the position of Justice of the Peace in 1998 and was elected. In April of 1999, she completed the New Judges Orientation Training. Kema has a daughter named Kristy and two grandsons. She resides in

# Pinal County Administration



**Stanley D. Griffis, Ph.D.**  
**County Manager**

**Stanley D. Griffis, Ph.D.** has been the Pinal County Manager since October 1989. Prior to moving to Pinal County, Dr. Griffis served as the Director of Finance in Douglas County, Colorado and the Director of Finance and Administrative Services in El Paso County, Colorado. Dr. Griffis, a retired United States Air Force officer, served in Vietnam where he was awarded the Bronze Star. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma (BBA), Michigan State University (MBA) and has earned a Ph.D. from St. Louis University. Prior to retiring, from the Air Force, Dr. Griffis was an Associate Professor at the United States Air Force Academy where he taught Finance, Accounting, Statistics and Operations Research. He has taught the same courses at both the Masters Degree and Ph.D. level. He served ten years in various USAF Comptroller career fields at base level as well as higher headquarters. He is married to Pamela and they reside in Apache Junction. They have three children: David, Jeffery and Michelle.



**Terry Doolittle**  
**Deputy County Manager**

**Terry Doolittle** has provided 18 years of service to Pinal County. Mr. Doolittle is appointed as the Deputy County Manager. Prior positions include Assistant County Manager for Administrative Services, Finance Director, Principal Internal Auditor, and Internal Auditor. Mr. Doolittle is a graduate from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. Previously, Mr. Doolittle was employed by the State of Arizona's Office of the Auditor General (1980-1986). Presently, Mr. Doolittle is a member of the International City/County Managers' Association and the Governmental Finance Officers' Association. Mr. Doolittle served on the Executive Committee for the Arizona City/County Managers' Association and served four terms as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Arizona County Insurance Pool and the Arizona County Workers' Compensation Pool. Terry and his wife Dodie have five children: Jerrv, Solidaire, Monica.



**Donna Robb**  
**Asst. County Mgr. for Health  
& Human Services**

**Donna Robb** was appointed to the position of Assistant County Manager for Health and Human Services in May, 2002. Prior to this appointment, Donna held various positions in the long term care services area including 12 years as the Director of Pinal/Gila Long Term Care, and 10 years with Maricopa County Long Term Care and the City of Phoenix Aging Services Division. Additionally, Donna has worked for the Arizona Department of Economic Security as a Foster Care Coordinator, and with several programs for youth in northern California. Donna received her Bachelor degree in Psychology from Northern Arizona University. She has a Master of Psychology from California State University and a Master of Business Administration from Arizona State University. Donna has been a resident of Arizona since 1980. She and her husband, Robert Robb, live in Gold Canyon.

# Pinal County Administration



**Ken Buchannan**  
**Asst. County Mgr. for**  
**Development Services**

**Ken Buchanan** is a native Pinal County resident born in Casa Grande and raised in Eloy. Mr. Buchanan is appointed as the Pinal County Assistant County Manager for Development Services. Ken has held numerous positions throughout his 29 years of public service. Prior to being appointed, Ken was the City Manager for the City of Casa Grande. His previous appointments were Parks & Recreation Director and later Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Eloy, the Town Manager of Florence and the Town Manager of Payson. Mr. Buchanan is a graduate of Central Arizona College (AS -Law Enforcement) and Arizona State University (BS- Recreation Management and MPA - Masters in Public Administration). Mr. Buchanan is also a graduate of the Senior Executive Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He is a member of the International City/County Management Association and Arizona City/County Management Association. Ken is currently an active member of the Central Arizona College Foundation and the Pinal County University Foundation. Ken and his wife Debra reside in Casa Grande. They have two grown children: Ryan and Kyle.



## County Management

### **Board of Supervisors**

Lionel Ruiz, Chairperson  
*District 1*

Sandie Smith  
*District 2*

Jimmie Kerr  
*District 3*

### **Management Staff**

Stan Griffis, Ph.D.  
*County Manager*

Terry Doolittle  
*Deputy County Manager*

Donna Robb  
*Assistant County Manager*

Ken Buchanan  
*Assistant County Manager*

### **Department Heads and Directors**

David Storie  
*Adult Probation*

Don Gabrielson  
*Air Quality Control*

Jane Decker  
*Animal Care & Control*

Paul Larkin  
*Assessor*

Mary Espinoza  
*Behavioral Health/Public  
Fiduciary/Medical Examiner*

Steve Brown  
*Building Safety*

Jim Throop  
*Budget*

Kristi Youtsey-Ruiz  
*Clerk of the Superior Court*

Clarence Cramer  
*Conciliation Court*

Carter Olson  
*County Attorney*

Gilberto Hoyos  
*Elections*

Reg Glos  
*Environmental Health*

Mark Tucker  
*Facilities*

Maureen Arnold  
*Finance*

Donna Simpson  
*Horizon Home Health*

Adeline Allen  
*Housing Authority*

Michael Arnold  
*Human Resources*

Mary Hynek  
*Correctional Health*

Diane McGinnis  
*Juvenile Services*

Denise Keller  
*Library District*

Barbara Zwiener  
*Long Term Care*

Gene Walker  
*Information Technology*

Terry Haifley  
*Parks/Recreation/Fairgrounds*

David Kuhl  
*Planning & Development*

Michael Beers  
*Public Defender*

Suzanne Straussner  
*Public Health*

Robert Davis  
*Public Works*

Laura Dean-Lytle  
*Recorder*

Jack Harmon, Ed.D.  
*County School Superintendent*

Roger Vanderpool  
*Sheriff*

Paul O'Connell  
*Superior Court Administration*

Dolores "Dodie" Doolittle  
*Treasurer*