

## 2014 Judges Up For Retention

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**Clear The Bench bases their ratings on the judge's abuse of power, disregard for law and facts, bias and/or due process violations. Input is from lawyers and citizens alike. CTB is doing great work trying to clean up our corrupt judicial system.**

### ARIZONA SUPREME COURT

Bales, Scott – Napolitano 2005 Appointee

Brutinel, Robert – Brewer 2010 Appointee - [www.ClearTheBench-az.com](http://www.ClearTheBench-az.com) does not recommend for one or more of their above reasons.

### MARICOPA COUNTY COURT OF APPEALS DIVISION I

Howe, Randall M. – Brewer 2012 Appointee - [www.ClearTheBench-az.com](http://www.ClearTheBench-az.com) does not recommend for one or more of their above reasons.

Johnsen, Diane M. – Napolitano 2006 Appointee -

Thumma, Samuel A. – Brewer 2012 Appointee - [www.ClearTheBench-az.com](http://www.ClearTheBench-az.com) does not recommend for one or more of their above reasons.

### MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Aceto, Mark F. – Symington 1995 Appointee - Conservatives have a very favorable opinion about this judge. Received favorable reviews. Serves in Juvenile Court - [www.ClearTheBench-az.com](http://www.ClearTheBench-az.com) does not recommend for one or more of their above reasons.

Anderson, Aimee L. – Napolitano 2007 Appointee – Serves in Juvenile Court

Anderson, Arthur T. – Hull 1999 Appointee - considered soft on crime. Serves in Criminal Court.

Astrowsky, Bradley – Brewer 2012 Appointee – Serves in Juvenile Court - [www.ClearTheBench-az.com](http://www.ClearTheBench-az.com) does not recommend for one or more of their above reasons.

### **BAILY CYNTHIA J. – Brewer 2011 Appointee -**

Barton, Janet R. – Hull 2000 Appointee – 2010 Election Results she received 56.68% of the vote for retention. Special assignment Criminal court

Bassett, Edward W. – Napolitano 2008 Appointee – Democrat – Received negative reviews. Serves in Family Court.

Bergin, Dawn M. – Napolitano 2007 Appointee – Former attorney for Napolitano's old law firm. Received negative reviews. Serves in Juvenile Court

**BLOMO JAMES T – Brewer 2011 Appointee – Serves in Civil Court.**

Brain, Mark H. – Brewer 2011 Appointee – Serves in Criminal Court - [www.ClearTheBench-az.com](http://www.ClearTheBench-az.com) does not recommend for one or more of their above reasons.

**BRODMAN, ROGER R. – Symington 2002 Appointee – moderate Republican. Serves in Juvenile Court**

Brotherton, William L. – Napolitano 2007 Appointee – Democrat – Formerly a far-left legislator – Inductee into the Sierra Club Hall of Fame – Has received negative reviews. 2010 Election Results he received 56.87% of the vote for retention. Serves in Family Court.

Cooper, Katherine M. – Brewer 2011 Appointee – Serves in Civil Court. Does whatever she wants and ignores the law. She is frequently overturned on appeal because of very questionable rulings. It is reported that she wastes taxpayer money by letting cases go to trial that are obviously frivolous and should be dismissed. For her ruling on the \$317 million funding boost go to <http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/arizona/politics/2014/08/21/arizona-must-boost-education-funding-judge-rules/14391251/> VERY liberal. Bad news.

**CRAWFORD, JANICE K. – Brewer 2011 Appointee – Serves in Family Court**

Cunanan, David O. – Brewer 2012 Appointee – Serves in Criminal Court. – [www.ClearTheBench-az.com](http://www.ClearTheBench-az.com) does not recommend for one or more of their above reasons.

Davis, Norman J. – Symington 1995 Appointee – Republican – Presiding Judge in Family Court and Juvenile Court. [www.ClearTheBench-az.com](http://www.ClearTheBench-az.com) [www.ClearTheBench-az.com](http://www.ClearTheBench-az.com) does not recommend for one or more of their above reasons.

Duncan, Sally S. – Napolitano 2004 Appointee – Reputed to be a very lenient criminal judge except when it comes to domestic violence. Has received negative reviews. Serves in Criminal Court.

**DUNN, BOYD W. – Brewer 2011 Appointee – Serves in Civil Court.**

Fenzel, Alfred M. – Hull 1999 Appointee – Republican – Reputable attorneys have a good opinion of him but say he's a little soft on crime.

Fink, Dean M. – Napolitano 2006 Appointee – Democrat – Former attorney at Napolitano's old law firm. Has received negative reviews.

Foster, Jr., George H. – Hull or Napolitano 2003 Appointee – Democrat – somewhat liberal but considered one of the most pleasant judges. Serves in Criminal Court.

Gama, J. Richard – Hull 2000 Appointee – Democrat but considered tough on crime. Somewhat liberal. Has received negative reviews and his rating was recently lowered. Presiding Judge in Civil Court.

Granville, Warren J. – Hull 2000 Appointee – Republican but very liberal. Has received negative reviews. Criminal court, Capital case. He gave a criminal only 1 year in jail and 4 years probation for breaking into a woman's home and brutally beating her. Fortunately, she had a gun and shot the SOB in his junk and now he is "permanently damaged". Good! Maybe now he won't be bringing any other criminals into this world.

Hegyl, Hugh E. – Napolitano 2007 Appointee – Former assistant to a liberal Senator. Active in the State Bar’s left wing’s Legal Services Committee. Has received negative reviews. 2010 Election Results he received only 56.3% of the vote for retention. Serves in Civil Court.

**HERROD, MICHAEL J. – Brewer 2011 Appointee – Serves in Civil Court.**

Hicks, Bethany G. – Hull 1999 Appointee – Considered soft on crime and invents laws. Has received negative reviews. 2010 Election Results she received only 53.48% of the vote for retention. Serves in Civil Court.

**HYATT, CAREY S. – Hull 2000 Appointee – Republican – Serves in Family Court**

**ISHIKAWA, BRIAN K. – Symington Appointee 1995 – Republican – Received high rating. Serves in Juvenile Court**

Kreamer, Joseph C. – Napolitano 2007 Appointee – Democrat – Board of Directors, left-wing AZ Foundation for Legal Services and Education. Former Chair and active in State Bar’s left wing Legal Services. Has received negative reviews. Serves in Criminal Court and Civil Court.

Martin, Daniel G. – Napolitano 2007 Appointee – Has received negative reviews. Serves in Criminal Court.

Mroz, Rosa P. – Napolitano 2004 Appointee – Very Liberal – Has received negative reviews. Serves in Criminal Court.

Myers, Samuel J. – Napolitano 2007 Appointee – Former legislative intern for Democrat Senator Dennis DeConcini, Has received negative reviews. Special Assignment, Civil Court.

Norris, Benjamin R. – Napolitano 2007 Appointee – Has received negative reviews. 2010 Election results he received only 55.48% of the vote for retention. Serves in Family Court. Is the only judge to not meet the standards from the Judicial Performance Review.

O’Connor, Karen L. – Hull 2000 Appointee – Considered fair. High rating. Presiding judge of the Phoenix Probate/Mental Health court. [www.ClearTheBench-az.com](http://www.ClearTheBench-az.com) does not recommend for one or more of their above reasons.

Pineda, Suzanna C. – Napolitano 2007 Appointee – Considered to be a RINO. Has received negative reviews. Serves in Criminal Court.

Polk, Jay – Brewer 2011 Appointee – Serves in Family Court [www.ClearTheBench-az.com](http://www.ClearTheBench-az.com) does not recommend for one or more of their above reasons.

Porter, Gerald J. – Brewer 2011 Appointee – Serves in Family Court and Civil Court. Did not do well on the Judicial Performance Review.

Rea, John C. – Napolitano 2004 Appointee – Dem - Has received neg. reviews. Serves on Civil

Reinstein, Peter C. – Hull 1999 Appointee – High Rating – Serves in Family Court - over 1/3 of the commission believes he doesn't meet judicial standards.

Ronan, Emmet J. – Hull 2000 Appointee – Defended some of the most heinous criminals in the state. Received negative reviews.

**SINCLAIR, JOAN M. – Brewer 2012 Appointee – Serves in Juvenile Court**

**SVOBODA, PAMELA HEARN – Brewer 2012 Appointee – Serves in Juvenile Court**

Talamante, David M. – Hull 1999 Appointee – Ind,- formerly worked for AG’s office and left wing community legal services. Considered somewhat fair, middle of the road, not biased towards criminal defense but not considered a tough sentencer. Presiding judge in Family Court.

**VIOLA, DANIELLE J. - Brewer 2011 Appointee – Serves in Family Court.**

Warner, Randall H. – Napolitano 2007 Appointee – Democrat - former law clerk for liberal AZ Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Ziaket. State Bar of AZ, Editorial Committee, left wing AZ Attorney Magazine, AZ Association of Defense Counsel. Circulated anti-marriage petitions for Napolitano and was rewarded with a judgeship for it. Has received negative reviews. Serves in Family Court.

Welty, Joseph C. – Napolitano 2007 Appointee – Democrat - has received negative reviews. Serves in Criminal Court.

Willet, Eileen S. – Hull 1999 Appointee – High rating. Serves on Civil Court. She seems a little on the lenient side when it comes to criminals and bond. Other than that, she seems intelligent and fair. [www.ClearTheBench-az.com](http://www.ClearTheBench-az.com) does not recommend for one or more of their above reasons.

**If you want just a fast yes or no, here it is**

**Vote YES on**

Bailey, Cynthia J.  
Blomo, James T.  
Brodman, Roger R.  
Crawford, Janice K.

Dunn, Boyd W.  
Herrod, Michael J.  
Hyatt, Carey S.  
Ishikawa, Brian K.

Sinclair, Joan M.  
Svoboda, Pamela Hearn  
Viola, Danielle J.

**Vote NO on**

Bales, Scott  
Brutinel, Robert  
Howe, Randall M.  
Johnsen, Diane M.  
Thumma, Samuel A.  
Aceto, Mark F.  
Astrowsky, Bradley  
Anderson, Aimee L.  
Anderson, Arthur T  
Barton, Janet R.  
Bassett, Edward  
Bergin, Dawn M.  
Brain, Mark H.  
Brotherton, William L.

Cooper, Katherine M.  
Cunanan, David O.  
Davis, Norman J.  
Duncan, Sally S.  
Fenzel, Alfred M.  
Fink, Dean M.  
Foster, Jr., George H.  
Gama, J. Richard  
Granville, Warren  
Hegyl, Hugh E.  
Hicks, Bethany G.  
Kreamer, Joseph C.  
Martin, David G.  
Mroz, Rosa, P.

Myers, Samuel J.  
Norris, Benjamin R.  
O’Connor, Karen L.  
Pineda, Suzanna C.  
Polk, Jay  
Porter, Gerald J.  
Rea, John C.  
Reinstein, Peter C.  
Ronan, Emmet J.  
Talamante, David M.  
Warner, Randall H.  
Welty, Joseph C.  
Willet, Eileen S.