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**PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT
ON SUPERIOR COURT APPLICANTS**

The public is invited to comment on 17 applicants for a vacancy on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created by the retirement of Judge Thomas O'Toole, effective March 28, 2008.

The applicants are John L. Belatti, Susan M. Brnovich, Carlton C. Casler, Christopher A. Coury, Wendy L. Coy, David O. Cunanan, Frankie L. Grimsman, Steven K. Holding, Kirby D. Kongable, Steven P. Lynch, M. Scot McCoy, Benjamin R. Norris, David J. Palmer, Carolyn K. Passamonte, Wesley E. Peterson, Jay M. Polk, and Benjamin E. Vatz.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on April 11, 2008. The meeting will be held at the Arizona State Courts Building in Phoenix, 1501 West Washington, Room 345, starting at 9:00 a.m. Citizens may address the commission at that time or send written comments to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ, 85007 or to jnc@courts.az.gov. Written comments must arrive by April 7 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

At the April 11 meeting, the commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed. The selected applicants will be interviewed on May 23. After the interviews, the commission will recommend at least three nominees for the opening to Governor Janet Napolitano, who will appoint the new judge.

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