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**PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT
ON SUPERIOR COURT APPLICANTS**

The public is invited to comment on 44 applicants for two vacancies on the Superior Court in Maricopa County created when Judges Margaret Downie and Peter Swann were appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One.

The applicants are Thomas P. Alongi, John F. Beatty, John L. Belatti, Jerry Bernstein, James B. Bowen, Mark H. Brain, Susan M. Brnovich, Carl C. Casler, Michael J. Cianci, Jr., Jose A. Colon, Christopher A. Coury, Wendy L. Coy, David O. Cunanan, Kristen M. Curry, Jeffrey R. Finley, Troy P. Foster, David B. Gass, Douglas Gerlach, Frankie L. Grimsman, Steven K. Holding, Jaime B. Holguin, Kirby D. Kongable, A. Douglas LaSota, Steven P. Lynch, M. Scott McCoy, Mina E. Mendez, Kip M. Micuda, James R. Morrow, Bernard C. Owens, David J. Palmer, Carolyn K. Passamonte, Lori B. Patrick, Wesley E. Peterson, Janet K. Phillips, Jay M. Polk, Virginia L. Richter, Luane Rosen, Joan M. Sinclair, Barbara L. Spencer, Peter A. Thompson, Lisa A. VandenBerg, Benjamin E. Vatz, Debra A. Weecks, and William R. Wingard.

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments will review the applications and take public testimony at a meeting on November 12, 2008. The meeting will be held at the Judicial Education Center, 541 E. Van Buren, Suite B4, starting at 1:00 p.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 November 7 to be considered. Anonymous comments cannot be considered.

At the November 12 meeting, the commission will choose the applicants to be interviewed. The selected applicants will be interviewed on December 8. After the interviews, the commission will recommend at least three nominees for each opening to Governor Janet Napolitano, who will appoint the new judges.