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JUDICIAL NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments has recommended six candidates to Governor Jan Brewer for two openings on the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Nominees for the opening created by the retirement of Judge Silvia Arellano are **Christopher A. Coury**, 39, Republican, of Phoenix, a partner in the law firm of Ryley, Carlock & Applewhite; **Douglas Gerlach**, 58, Democrat, of Mesa, a partner in the law firm of Jennings Strouss & Salmon, PLC; and **David J. Palmer**, 50, Republican, of Mesa, a commissioner for the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Nominees for the opening created by the retirement of Judge Thomas Dunevant III are **Pamela S. Frasher Gates**, 37, Republican, of Phoenix, a partner in the law firm of Bryan Cave, LLP; **Daniel J. Kiley**, 45, Republican, of Chandler, with the law firm of Sherman & Howard LLC; and **Benjamin E. Vatz**, 60, Democrat, of Scottsdale, a commissioner for the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Governor Brewer will make the appointments.