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## **Governor Jan Brewer Announces Appointment of Judge Virginia Kelly to the Arizona Court of Appeals**

Phoenix – Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today announced the appointment of Virginia Kelly to Division Two of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Virginia Kelly has served as a Pima County Superior Court Judge since 2002. She graduated from the University of Arizona College of Law in 1990 with distinction, and received her undergraduate degree in Education from the University of Arizona in 1968. She also received a Masters degree in Communication and Public Address from the University of Wisconsin in 1969.

Prior to her appointment to the Pima County Superior Court, Judge Kelly worked for the U.S. Attorney's Office and the law firm Gust Rosenfeld. She served seven years as the Deputy Chief for the Appellate Section at the U.S. Attorney's Office. As a superior court judge, she has presided over criminal, civil and juvenile cases. Prior to her career in law, she worked in education as a teacher in the Glendale Unified School District, Sunnyside Unified School District, Pima Community College and Young Education Systems.

Judge Kelly has been actively involved in the Tucson community, including past service with the Junior League of Tucson, Catalina Foothills High School Athletics Booster Club, and the American Diabetes Association Youth Center Committee.

"Judge Kelly's extensive experience as a judge and as a former appellate attorney make her well qualified to serve as Arizona's newest appellate judge," stated Governor Brewer. "She has served the legal profession with distinction throughout her career and she will make an outstanding addition to the Arizona Court of Appeals."

This appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of former Arizona Court of Appeals Judge John Pelander to the Arizona Supreme Court.

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