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Governor Jan Brewer Announces Appointment of Superior Court Judges in Maricopa County

PHOENIX – Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today announced the appointment of Daniel J. Kiley and Thomas L. LeClaire to the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Dan Kiley is an attorney with the law firm Sherman & Howard, LLC, where he practices in the areas of commercial litigation, corporate, municipal and criminal defense law. He worked for the firm Mohr, Hackett, Pederson, Blakley and Randolph from 1997 to 2009 and served as an Assistant Attorney General from 1988 to 1997. He has been admitted to practice law in Arizona since 1988. He graduated from the Arizona State University College of Law in 1988 and received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University in 1985.

“Dan has had an impressive career in public and private practice,” said Governor Brewer. “His wide breadth of legal practice experience makes him well qualified to be a superior court judge.” This appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Cathy Holt.

Tom LeClaire is an attorney with the LeClaire Law Firm. He began practicing law in Colorado in 1981 and spent several years with the United States Navy and the Department of Justice. He has been admitted to practice law in Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Washington, the District of Columbia, as well as numerous tribal courts. He is a recognized expert in Indian law and taught criminal law and procedure at American University. He graduated from Cornell Law School in 1981 and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut in 1978.

“Tom’s accomplishments during his nearly three decades of practicing law are impressive and noteworthy,” said Governor Brewer. “He has given many years of service to his country and helped numerous Native American tribes with legal matters over the course of his career. Tom is truly a model of legal excellence and will be an outstanding judge.” This appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Richard Trujillo.

“It is an honor to appoint Dan Kiley and Tom LeClaire to the Maricopa County Superior Court,” said Governor Brewer. “These are two outstanding attorneys who will serve the citizens of Maricopa County well.”

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