



Uniting Law Enforcement in the Administration of Justice



Lando Voyles
Pinal County Attorney

Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles was sworn in at the end of December 2012 and most recently served as a Major Crime Gang Prosecutor in Arizona.

The Pinal County Attorney is a member of the Executive Branch and is charged with two core constitutional responsibilities:

- Prosecuting cases involving misdemeanors and felonies in Pinal County.
- Representing Pinal County governmental agencies, the Pinal County Supervisors, local school districts, and in other special situations.

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Mission

The Pinal County Attorney's Office remains dedicated to protecting our community and administering justice to all within our County. We are devoted to stopping out violent criminal offenders and the illegal smuggling cartels that are using our gateway county to commit crimes and harm those within our county. We pledge to unite with law enforcement agencies to enforce the laws, demanding prison time for violent and repeat offenders, while supporting victim's rights.

Divisions

Divisions within the Office of the Pinal County Attorney enable its success. These Divisions include:

Administrative – provides support for all divisions in the office, including financial administration and computer services, as well as most other non-legal services.

Child Support – provides collection of child support and establishment of child support orders and paternity. This function is administered by the Arizona Department of Economic Security or County Attorney, depending on county.

Civil – represents and advises all County Departments, as well as the Board of Supervisors.

Community Services – Victim Advocacy, Victim Notification, Adult Diversion, Bad Check Program, Family Advocacy Center

Criminal – responsible for prosecution of all crimes in both the Justice Courts and the Superior Court.

Current Priorities

The Office remains resolved to enforcing all laws and guaranteeing the rights of all individuals, though Pinal County Attorney Voyles is further preventing crime and reducing the risk of dangerous criminals in our communities by focusing on:

Taking individuals with mandatory sentencing cases to court

The Pinal County Attorney's Office recognizes the drawbacks associated with negotiating plea agreements with individuals for reduced sentences, especially in cases with mandatory sentencing cases – as they tend to involve violent and dangerous crimes.

The Office seeks to reduce the number of instances a plea negotiation will occur when dealing with these cases to remove criminals from our neighborhoods.

Expediting DNA Testing

After finding cases, involving sexual offenders and minors, where awaiting DNA results delayed removing criminals from our communities, Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles started searching for alternative avenues to expedite testing of DNA samples.

Some alternative methods even turn results in 24-hours. While these methods cost significantly more, Voyles places a high priority on removing high threat potentials from Pinal County neighborhoods.

Restructuring the Office

The Pinal County Attorney's Office restructured to allow it to operate like similarly geographically-large, modern County Attorney's Offices. A vertically-structured County Attorney's Office encourages more effective local law enforcement and prosecuting attorney relationships, promotes protection of the chain of custody of evidence, and makes for a more common sense approach to handling cases, among other benefits.

Partnerships

Community partnerships assist in every aspect of the County Attorney's success. Law enforcement agencies ranging from local police to the Pinal County Sheriff's Office and the Arizona Department of Public Safety assist the Pinal County Attorney's Office to successfully prosecute cases. Victim advocacy groups work with the Office to ensure victims receive resources needed to cope with the effects of crime and abuse. Close collaboration with the Board of Supervisors is also vital as the Pinal County Attorney is able to perform the constitutionally enumerated job duties and advise the County as to their rights in civil matters. Finally, public participation by educating and listening to current issues and threats within our communities allows for enhanced vigilance, prevention, and reduction of criminal activity.

For more information, please contact the Office of the Pinal County Attorney at 520.866.6271.