

FINAL REPORT ON COURT-APPOINTMENT SOLICITATION, 2016.1
October 12, 2016

Court-Appointment Solicitation, No. 2016.1, requested attorneys to apply for future court-appointment to juvenile dependency and adult criminal engagements in the Pinal County courts. Eighty-five attorneys applied to serve on these important caseloads. Some attorneys applied to serve on either case-type, and some applied for just one appointment type.

A *Selection Committee* devoted many hours to the difficult task of evaluating each candidate. The committee was chaired by the Presiding Judge, who served in a non-voting capacity, and the three voting members were a retired judge of this Court, a local attorney in private practice, and the Deputy Pinal County Manager.

With respect to juvenile dependency, the *Selection Committee* selected and ranked 21 attorneys, and the Presiding Judge authorized an initial count of eight Retained Counsel (and not less than two were to be fluent with Spanish). Out of the 21 candidates and using the rank established by the *Selection Committee*, six attorneys were offered appointment but withdrew from consideration, eight accepted, and seven candidates remain on a "backup" list and are eligible to receive *Ad-Hoc* appointments; this backup list will also be utilized if the number of Retained Counsel is expanded or if a vacancy occurs before the next selection period.

Retained Counsel

1	Stacey Heard	Voluntarily Withdrawn from Consideration
2	Kent Volkmer	Voluntarily Withdrawn from Consideration
3	Jim Heard	Voluntarily Withdrawn from Consideration
4	Deylynn Moore	ACCEPTED Retained Counsel
5	Chad Niven	Rejected Compensation Plan
6	Susan Crawford	ACCEPTED Retained Counsel
7	Camille Hernandez	Voluntarily Withdrawn from Consideration
8	Catherine Greey	ACCEPTED Retained Counsel
9	Megan Weagant	Voluntarily Withdrawn from Consideration
10	Anne Williams	ACCEPTED Retained Counsel
11	Katherine Winkley	ACCEPTED Retained Counsel
12	Steven Czop	ACCEPTED Retained Counsel
13	Nicole Severson	ACCEPTED Retained Counsel
14	Brad Crider	Back-up list
15	Michael Villarreal	ACCEPTED Retained Counsel
16	Jamie Ramirez	FLUENT; Back-up list
17	Paul Green	Back-up list
18	Joshua Wallace	Back-up list
19	Cody Weagant	Back-up list
20	Alison Stavris	Back-up list
21	John Schaus	Back-up list

KEY	
	Applicant is functionally fluent with Spanish
	Applicant Accepted Appointment as Retained Counsel
	Applicant on "Back-up List" and eligible for Ad-Hoc Appointments

Please note: to achieve the required number of attorneys who are fluent with Spanish, positions were first offered to the most highly ranked attorneys who had the requisite fluency. Thereafter, Court Administration filled the remaining positions with the most highly ranked attorneys without regard to fluency.

With respect to adult criminal engagements, the *Selection Committee* selected and ranked 25 attorneys, and the Presiding Judge authorized twelve attorneys (and not less than three who are fluent with Spanish). Out of these candidates and using the rank established by the *Selection Committee*, four attorneys withdrew (or accepted appointment as *Retained Counsel* and were ineligible for the criminal list), twelve accepted, and nine remain on a “backup” list. This backup list will likewise be followed if the number of adult criminal attorneys is expanded or if a vacancy occurs before the next selection period.

Adult Criminal

1	Jose Chaidez	ACCEPTED Adult Criminal Engagements
2	Ian Service	ACCEPTED Adult Criminal Engagements
3	James Soslowsky	ACCEPTED Adult Criminal Engagements
4	Kent Volkmer	Voluntarily Withdrawn from Consideration
5	Laura McDermott	ACCEPTED Adult Criminal Engagements
6	Joshua Wallace	ACCEPTED Adult Criminal Engagements
7	Cody Weagant	ACCEPTED Adult Criminal Engagements
8	Carlos Brown	ACCEPTED Adult Criminal Engagements
9	Steven Zachary	ACCEPTED Adult Criminal Engagements
10	Ryan McPhie	ACCEPTED Adult Criminal Engagements
11	Katherine Winkley	Voluntarily Withdrawn (Retained Counsel)
12	Robert Precht	ACCEPTED Adult Criminal Engagements
13	Jaime Ramirez	ACCEPTED Adult Criminal Engagements
14	Matthew Long	ACCEPTED Adult Criminal Engagements
15	Morgan Alexander	Back-up list
16	Michael Villarreal	Voluntarily Withdrawn (Retained Counsel)
17	Christopher Stavris	Back-up list
18	Chester Lockwood	Back-up list
19	Nicole Severson	Voluntarily Withdrawn (Retained Counsel)
20	Robert Larson	Back-up list
21	John Schaus	Back-up list
22	Matthew Lara	Back-up list
23	Alison Stavris	Back-up list
24	Richard Madril	Back-up list
25	Daniel Thulin	Back-up list

You may notice that the Court is starting with a smaller number of attorneys on each list than has been past practice, such that the Court will add attorneys, as needed, until an appropriate balance is reached. To this end, the backup lists will be utilized, strictly following the ranking established by the *Selection Committee*; and if more candidates are needed than can be met by the backup lists, the *Selection Committee* will reconvene and reconsider the remaining original applicants to this solicitation. Absent this contingency, this solicitation is now complete.