



Maricopa County Justice Courts

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Maricopa County Justice of the Peace named JP of the Year

Anna Huberman awarded for outstanding commitments to justice

PHOENIX – Judge Anna Huberman of the Country Meadows justice precinct in Maricopa County was named Arizona’s top Justice of the Peace for 2019 in a ceremony earlier this month.

The Sherry Geisler Justice of the Peace of the Year award recognizes and honors one individual member of the Arizona Justice of the Peace Association who selflessly supports the mission of the association; who demonstrates continuous contributions to the Arizona judicial process; and who makes significant efforts to educate the public on the judicial system.

Judge Huberman was elected in 2012 to the newly-created Country Meadows justice precinct and was reelected in 2016. She serves on numerous committees for the state and county, including being a board member of the Judicial College of Arizona, a member of the state Supreme Court’s Commission on Access to Justice, and chair of the Self-Represented Litigants workgroup for the state’s Limited Jurisdiction Committee. Her efforts leading that workgroup led to the creation of a bilingual web portal for landlords and tenants, www.azcourts.gov/eviction (English) and www.azcourts.gov/desalojo (Spanish), which contains videos, FAQs and legal info sheets to assist anyone facing an eviction.

Huberman is a popular presenter at conferences for judges and court staff, for subjects such as eviction actions, language access for litigants, and interpreting challenges for all courts. She is a volunteer for Make-A-Wish Arizona, serves meals to the homeless, and educates youth on the role of the courts.

The prestigious Justice of the Peace Award honors Judge Huberman for her tireless dedication to exhibiting all of the qualities expected from a Justice of the Peace.

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ABOUT:

There are 26 Justice Courts throughout Maricopa County. Each is presided over by an elected Justice of the Peace. These 'limited jurisdiction' courts handle civil lawsuits (\$10,000 or less, small claims cases (\$3,500 or less), evictions, misdemeanor offenses (shoplifting, writing bad checks, etc), and the full range of civil and criminal traffic offenses, including DUIs. Like other trial and municipal judges, they also preside over orders of protection and injunctions against harassment.

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