

**Special Constitutional Appointments Committee**  
State Bar of Arizona

November 15, 2023  
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
ZOOM

**Open Session Minutes**

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:  
V = present virtually; A = absent.

Sam Saks, Chair	V	Cortez Smith	V
Casey Arellano	V	Jimmie Smith	V
Jena Decker-Xu	V	Lonnie Williams	V
Alexis Firehawk	V	Chloé Woods	V
John Moody	V		

**OTHER ATTENDEES:**

**Guests:** None

**State Bar Staff:** Carrie Sherman

**Minutes taken by:** Carrie Sherman

**Called to Order by:** Sam Saks, Chair

**Time 2:02 p.m.**

**I. Call to the Public:** There was no response to the Call to the Public.

**II. Process and Procedures:** Pursuant to the Board of Governors’ directive, each applicant had been interviewed. All applications had been assigned out to Committee members and provided with the established set of questions. Due diligence reports had previously been circulated to the Committee.

**III. Arizona Commission on Appellate Court Appointments – Non-Maricopa County:** There were five candidates for the one position. Each Committee member cast up to three votes for their top candidates. Jimmie Smith moved, Lonnie Williams seconded and the motion carried unanimously to submit the following constitutionally qualified candidates to the Board of Governors:

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>POLITICAL PARTY</u>
Mr. Samuel E. Vederman, Vederman Law Office PLLC - 8 votes	Mohave	Republican
Hon. (ret.) Mark R. Moran, Attorney at Law - 7 votes	Coconino	Democrat
Ms. Kathryn Marie Martin, Attorney at Law - 2 votes	Pima	Democrat
Mr. Shawn David Garner, Deason Garner & Hanson - 1 vote	Yuma	Republican

**APPLICANT**

**COUNTY**

**POLITICAL PARTY**

Constitutionally qualified but received no votes:

Mr. Will Pew, Hecker & Pew PLLC

Pima

No Party Affiliation

**IV. Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments – Supervisorial District 4**

After discussion, the Committee unanimously concurred to submit the only applicant, who was constitutionally qualified, to the Board:

**APPLICANT**

Mr. David M. Heller, Law Office of David M. Heller PC

**POLITICAL PARTY**

Independent

**V. Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments – Supervisorial District 5**

After discussion, the Committee unanimously concurred to submit the only applicant, who was constitutionally qualified, to the Board:

**APPLICANT**

Mr. Andrew Hagler, Attorney at Law

**POLITICAL PARTY**

No Party Preference

**VI. Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments – Supervisorial District 2**

After discussion, the Committee unanimously concurred to submit the only applicant, who was constitutionally qualified, to the Board:

**APPLICANT**

Mr. Joshua F. Hamilton, Hernandez & Hamilton PC

**POLITICAL PARTY**

Democrat

**VII. Pinal County Commission on Trial Court Appointments – Supervisorial District 2**

After discussion regarding the candidate’s qualifications, the Committee unanimously concurred to remove the one candidate from consideration.

**VIII. Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments – Supervisorial District 3**

After discussion, the Committee unanimously concurred to submit the only applicant, who was constitutionally qualified, to the Board:

**APPLICANT**

Ms. Joan M. Bundy, Joan Bundy Law PLC

**POLITICAL PARTY**

Democrat

**IX. Ongoing Recruitment**

Recruitment efforts will continue for:

Coconino County Commission on Trial Court Appointments – Supervisorial District 2 and 4

Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments – Supervisorial Districts 1, 3 and 5

Pinal County Commission on Trial Court Appointments – Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5

**V. Adjournment:** A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 2:31 p.m.