



City of Apache Junction

Home of the Superstition Mountains

Municipal Court

6/05/2024

To: Mayor Wilson, Vice-Mayor Schroeder and City Council Members
From: Hon. A. Douglas LaSota, Presiding Magistrate
Re: Request for Appointment of Associate Magistrates for on-call/as needed basis

As the court is growing and with the volume of incoming cases and the sizes of dockets, the Court is in need of a pool of on-call/as needed Associate Magistrates. Some conflict cases require an outside judge when the two current judges are not able to handle a certain case. Additionally, I have been unable to take a vacation of more than a long weekend since I started here in 2021. When Judge LaSota or Judge McVey are out for a vacation, there is the need for another judge as both courtrooms are in operation every day of the week. The heaviest days of Tuesday and Wednesday require two judges to handle the volume of cases.

We sent recruitments throughout Maricopa and Pinal Counties. We are proud to submit the following 4 individuals for appointment, all of whom have experience as Pro Tem Judges or as a full-time Municipal Court Magistrate (Lisa M. Johnson):

- Douglas Scott Campbell
- Lisa M. Johnson
- Michael Kielski
- Dai Trang (Liz) Nguyn

This is a diverse, experienced, and very professional group of individuals, all of whom live in the East Valley and are not far from the courthouse. This also is an equal mix of female and male attorneys. They would be paid \$60 per hour. These fees are currently budgeted for and often would be at a net zero cost (or savings), as covering for Judge LaSota would reduce the end of year reimbursement of vacation pay Judge LaSota would otherwise receive. Their resumes/CVs are attached, along with signed contracts. We respectfully request their appointment to four-year terms starting 7/22/24.

Hon. A. Douglas LaSota

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