



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

**Requested Board Meeting Date:** March 18, 2025

**Title:** Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments and Nominating Committee –Discussion with Superior Court Presiding Judge Danelle Liwski.

**Introduction/Background:**

**Discussion:**

Under the Arizona Constitution and Arizona Revised Statutes, Pima County Superior Court Judges are appointed by the Governor from a pool of candidates recommended by the Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments (Commission). In counties the size of Pima, the 16-member Commission includes five attorneys, ten non-attorneys – two from each supervisorial district – and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court who serves as Chair of the Commission. The Board of Governors of the State Bar of Arizona nominates candidates for the attorney positions on the Commission, and the Governor appoints from within this pool of attorneys, subject to confirmation by the Arizona State Senate. A nominating committee appointed by the member of the Board of Supervisors from the district in which there is a vacancy solicits applications and makes recommendations on a non-attorney to the Governor for filling non-attorney positions. Currently, all ten of the non-attorney positions on the Commission are either vacant or are held by individuals serving until a successor is appointed.

Currently, there are numerous vacancies on the Trial Court Appointments Nominating Committees. Judge Liwski will be in attendance to discuss the Trial Court Appointments and Nominating Committees should the Board of Supervisors wish to assist with the appointments of public, non-attorney members to the Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments, which are made by the individual District Trial Court Appointments Nominating Committees.

**Conclusion:**

**Recommendation:**

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Board of Supervisor District:**

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