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## RE: Letter In Support of Kendrick Wilson for Pima County Consolidated Justice Court

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in recommendation of Mr. Kendrick Wilson's appointment to the Pima County Consolidated Justice Court bench.

I have known Mr. Wilson for over nine years now, first as a deputy Pima County Attorney and now as one of my deputy prosecutors at the Pascua Yaqui Office of the Prosecutor.

I consider it a privilege to know and work alongside Mr. Wilson over the years, both as a friend, and as a stellar lawyer. Mr. Wilson brings the right mix of humility, diligence, and intelligence in all his proceedings. He has been a fierce litigator and advocate for communities and victims. And he has consistently demonstrated, in a wide variety of cases, that perfect "fair and balanced" temperament, that is so often described as necessary for our Pascua Yaqui judicial system and the State of Arizona system.

Over the years I have witnessed Mr. Wilson demonstrate a tremendous amount of commitment and dedication to the communities he served. He has most recently used his talents to significantly impact and improve Indian Country at large. May 9, 2017, marks the monumental day that Mr. Wilson secured the first jury trial conviction of a non-Indian defendant in a Tribal Court since the 1978 U.S. Supreme Court case *Oliphant v. Suquamish*, under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) authority. It was not only the conviction that was significant, but the manner in which it was handled, as many eyes were watching how Indian Country would implement the restored authority. I can honestly say, I knew the case would be handled appropriately and withstand appellate review. Because of Mr. Wilson's efforts, Indian Country and victims of crime are now in a better place.

In every role he has assumed, Mr. Wilson has consistently demonstrated compassion and sensitivity when dealing with victims, families, clients, dignitaries and community members. And he has done so without wavering his homely values and with the highest level of ethical standards. I know I can confidently recommend Kendrick Wilson for any judicial position because of his commitment to the law, community, and his desire to be the best public servant he can possibly be.



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I hold Kendrick Wilson in the highest of regards. I would be proud to see his appointment to any Court. He brings an experience level that few can rival as well as the right temperament for the appointment. And I humbly make this recommendation knowing full well that should he be seated on the bench, I will lose the best attorney on my team.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you would like to discuss this letter in recommendation of Mr. Wilson any further.

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Respectfully,

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