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AGENDA

Continental Breakfast – 8:00 to 8:30

Emcee—Dr. Kevin Ruegg, CEO, Arizona Bar Foundation

Introduction & Welcome 8:30 to 8:50 –

Chief Justice Rebecca White Berch
Why We Care - Economic Impact of Legal Services
Where We Stand Now

Other States’ Responses & Arizona’s Place 8:50 to 9:10 -

Karen Lash, Senior Counsel, USDOJ

Regional forums report summary 9:10 to 9:15 –

Hon. Lawrence Winthrop

Best Practices Panel 9:15 to 9:50 –

Kelly McCullough, Moderator
Veterans Court – Gregg Maxon
Volunteer Lawyers’ Partnerships – Anthony Young
State Library Initiative – Barbara Howe
Video Remote Interpretation Project – Carol Mitchell

Closing Remarks 9:50 to 10:00 -

Vice Chief Justice Scott Bales

Anthony Young has worked as a legal aid attorney since 1991, managing legal aid offices in Nebraska and Arizona. Anthony served as President of the NAACP Yuma Chapter, a member of the City of Yuma Affordable and Fair Housing Commission, and currently serves on the Civil Policy Group of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, and the Board of Directors for Child and Family Resources in Tucson. Anthony completed the National Legal Services Corporation – sponsored Leadership Mentoring Pilot Project for emerging legal services leaders, and is a recipient of the 2007 State Bar of Arizona Sharon A. Fullmer Legal Aid Attorney of the Year Award. In 2007, Anthony joined Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc., serving as Executive Director, and in 2012 was part of a group of five legal aid directors invited to the White House to speak on the issue of access to justice in America.

Barbara Howe is a librarian at the State Library of Arizona, where she does reference work in the Law collection. She holds a law degree from Santa Clara University, a master’s in library science from the University of Arizona and a bachelor’s from Arizona State. Access to Justice has become a passion for her and she is excited to be working on the Law4AZ grant which aims to bring legal information to the public through libraries.

Carol Mitchell is as a Court Access Specialist with the Court Services Division of the Arizona Supreme Court’s Administrative Office of the Courts. She serves as a business-level liaison to trial courts working on access to justice issues involving crime victims, ADA and language access. In addition to developing statewide resources related to interpretation and translation services, she works on the expansion of a video remote interpretation project. This technology allows courts to connect with a remote interpreter either located within specific counties or from the Supreme Court building to ensure efficient language service delivery. Carol coordinates policy development and information exchange between courts regarding access to justice issues. Carol holds a Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies and an MPA from Arizona State University.
Kelly McCullough has served as General Manager of Eight, Arizona PBS since October 2008. Prior to that, he was Associate General Manager, Marketing & Development for Eight and has worked in PBS for much of the past 30 years.

During his time working within PBS, McCullough has received 20 PBS awards for development and promotion and two Rocky Mountain Emmy Awards. He also has been a speaker numerous times at PBS Conferences and for related organizations.

McCullough earned his B.S. in broadcast management from The Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University and his M.B.A. from ASU’s W.P. Carey School of Business. In the community, he is a member of the Governor of Arizona’s Tourism Advisory Council, the Balsz Promise Neighborhood Advisory Committee, the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits Board of Directors, and the Governor's Tourism Advisory Council.

Brigadier General (Retired) Gregg Maxon currently works with the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts as a Veterans Court Advisor. He previously served as the Director, Arizona Department of Veterans Services and as the Assistant Adjutant General, Arizona Army National Guard.

Gregg is a graduate of Arizona State University having received Bachelor of Science, Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor degrees. He is admitted to practice before the Arizona Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.

Rebecca White Berch was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court in 2002. She became the Vice Chief Justice in 2005 and Chief Justice in 2009.

Before her appointment to the Supreme Court, she served the state as Solicitor General, First Assistant Attorney General, and as a Court of Appeals Judge.

Justice Berch practiced law in Phoenix from 1979-1986, then joined the faculty at Arizona State University College of Law. During her years at the law school, Justice Berch earned a Master’s degree in English. She has authored several law review articles and magazine articles, two books, and two chapters for books, and, of course, many opinions. The textbook she co-authored, INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL METHOD AND PROCESS, is now in its fifth edition and is used in law schools throughout the nation.

Chief Justice Berch serves on the United States Conference of Chief Justices, the Board of Trustees of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, the ABA Council on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, and in several other public service positions. She also speaks regularly on law-related topics to students, civic groups, and legal organizations.

Today’s gathering is the culminating event following nine months of panels and discussions. The goal of these sessions was to build consensus and collaboration in expanding access to justice in Arizona. These forums allowed us to learn from leaders, across the state, ways to increase access and, to find ‘best practices’ that already exist.

We thank you for attending today and hope you will continue to promote equal access to justice in Arizona.
Karen A. Lash is a Senior Counsel for Access to Justice at the U.S. Department of Justice. Prior to joining the Department, she was a consultant for law schools and nonprofits, including the Mississippi Center for Justice, Equal Justice Works, American Constitution Society, National Legal Aid & Defender Association, and the law schools at UC Irvine and UC Berkeley.

She has served as VP of Programs and a board member of Equal Justice Works, Associate Dean at University of Southern California Law School, Director of Public Counsel’s Child Care Law Project, associate at Tuttle & Taylor, and clerk to U.S. Ninth Circuit court of Appeals Judge Warren J. Ferguson. Karen has served as a founding member and co-chair of the California Access to Justice Commission, and through the ABA and Public Interest Law Institute helped establish law school legal clinics in Moldova, Ukraine, Slovakia, Cambodia, Bahrain, Kyrgyzstan, Serbia and Macedonia. She has published numerous articles including a Yale Law & Policy Review article, *Equal Access to Justice: Pursuing Solutions Beyond the Legal Profession*, which urged Access to Justice Commissions reach beyond the bench and bar to include academics, business leaders, labor unions, community nonprofits, and political appointees.

Hon. Lawrence Winthrop received his B.A. from Whittier College and his JD from California Western School of Law. He practiced law with Snell & Wilmer from 1977 to 1993, when he then started Doyle and Winthrop (1993-2002).

He is currently a judge on the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One. He was appointed to the position in 2002. He has been on the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, a member of the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Examinations, served as President of the Arizona Bar Foundation, Chaired the Maricopa County Medical-Legal Committee, and been part of the Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Scott Bales joined the Arizona Supreme Court in 2005 and became Vice Chief Justice in 2012. He will become Chief Justice in July 2014 and his Strategic Agenda for the next five years will include a heavy focus on access to justice issues. He also teaches courses as an adjunct professor at the law schools at Arizona State University and the University of Arizona. Before his appointment to the Court, he had practiced law in Arizona since 1985 as both a private and public lawyer.

From 2001-2005, he worked at Lewis and Roca LLP, where his practice focused on appellate and complex litigation. As Arizona’s Solicitor General from 1999-2001, he handled major appeals in state and federal court, oversaw the enforcement of Arizona election laws, and supervised the preparation of legal opinions on issues concerning state government. Justice Bales also was a Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Policy Development, a federal prosecutor in the United States Attorney’s Office in Phoenix, and a Special Investigative Counsel for the Justice Department’s Inspector General.

He clerked for Justice Sandra Day O’Connor on the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge Joseph T. Sneed III on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. After graduating from Michigan State University with degrees in history and economics, he received a master’s degree in economics and his law degree from Harvard.