

JEFFREY B. HAWS

July 28, 2025

Via hand delivery

Hon. Katie Hobbs  
Arizona Governor

Hon. Steven C. Moss  
Presiding Judge  
Mohave County Superior Court

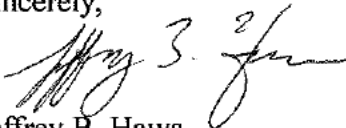
% Human Resources Office  
Superior Court in Mohave County  
P.O. Box 7000  
Kingman, Arizona 86402-7000

RE: Interest in Appointment to Division 8 or Court Commissioner

Governor Hobbs and Judge Moss,

I write to inform you of my interest in appointment to the Mohave County Superior Court in either Division 8 or as a Court Commissioner. Enclosed you will find my Application Form for Special Judicial Officer, my resume, and my Application Addendum for Appointment to Judicial Office. I am a dedicated public servant with a keen legal intellect and a broad range of practice experience. I would like to put my legal skills to higher use as a judicial officer in Mohave County to better serve the people of the county where I grew up and now raise my children. I appreciate your time as well as that of the hiring committees' in reviewing my application materials. I am grateful for the opportunity to be considered for these positions. I would be honored to have the opportunity to discuss with you my qualifications, experience, work ethic, and dedication to the law and the people of Mohave County.

Sincerely,

  
Jeffrey B. Haws

Enclosures: Application Form for Special Judicial Officer; Resume; Application Addendum  
for Appointment to Judicial Office

**JEFFREY B. HAWS**



**BAR ADMISSION**

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Arizona State Bar, December 16, 2014

United States District Court, District of Arizona, April 20, 2015

United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, April 28, 2020

**EDUCATION**

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University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ

*Juris Doctor*, May 2014

- Managing Editor - Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law
- Fellow, William H. Rehnquist Center
- Law Student Member, Morris K. Udall Inn of Court
- Chapter Treasurer, Federalist Society
- Chapter Treasurer, Immigration Law Student Association
- Chapter Secretary, J. Ruben Clark Law Society
- Member, Latino Law Student Association
- Member, Student Bar Association
- Legal Research Boot Camp Certificate
- Legal Process, Analysis, and Writing Course - Pass with Honors

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

*Bachelor of Arts, Spanish*, April 2011

- Sigma Delta Pi National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society
- Golden Key International Honour Society

**EXPERIENCE**

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Kingman City Attorney's Office, Kingman, AZ

*Assistant City Attorney* (January 2025 - Present)

Prosecute misdemeanor criminal and traffic offenses and represent the city of Kingman in civil abatement proceedings in Kingman Municipal Court. Handle all aspects of cases from charging to trial and through any appeal to the Superior Court. Represent the State in Kingman Municipal Court's Veterans Court and Domestic Violence Court programs.

Mohave County Attorney's Office - Criminal Division, Kingman, AZ

*Deputy County Attorney - Charging Lead* (January 2024 - December 2024)

*Deputy County Attorney - Prosecutor* (May 2016 - December 2024)

Handled every aspect of prosecution charging, motions, trials, post conviction petitions, and appeals from post conviction relief in Arizona Courts of Appeal. From October 2019 to March 2023 also assigned to handle juvenile prosecution in addition to Civil Deputy responsibilities. In January 2023, assigned to a team responsible for reducing the backlog of uncharged out of custody felony reviews. In January 2024, assigned as Lead Prosecutor of felony charging group, responsible for managing five other prosecutors in charging and resolving as many felony cases as possible short of trial, while still handling a reduced number of felony trials.

**Mohave County Attorney's Office - Civil Division, Kingman, AZ**

*Civil Deputy County Attorney* (October 2019 - January 2023)

In addition to some continuing prosecutorial duties, advised and represented Mohave County, its boards, commissions, officials, departments and employees in public hearings and in a variety of adversarial and non-adversarial proceedings, including lawsuits and appeals. Handled cases and issues in appellate law, tax law, election law, open meetings, public works, property law, construction law, contract law, forfeiture law, among other areas. After reassignment to primarily prosecution in 2023, continued to handle already pending appellate work as a Civil Deputy.

**Schneider & Onofry P.C., Phoenix, AZ**

*Associate Attorney* (December 2014 - May 2016)

*Law Clerk* (May 2013 - July 2013 and August 2014 - December 2014)

Represented individual and business clients in a variety of civil matters in Arizona Superior and Appeals Courts and Federal District Court, including insurance bad faith, wrongful death, business disputes, labor and employment matters, real estate actions, contract and probate matters, premises liability, products liability, and general negligence and malpractice actions. Represented clients in arbitration, mediation, and settlement conferences. Argued motions. Took and defended depositions. Wrote appellate briefs, complaints, answers, dispositive and procedural motions. Researched and analyzed complex legal issues in various civil litigation contexts.

**University of Arizona Ninth Circuit Appellate Clinic, Tucson, AZ**

*Student* (August 2014 - October 2015)

Argued two cases before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Phoenix, Arizona and Portland, Oregon. Researched and drafted appellate briefs prior to oral argument.

**Tucson City Prosecutor's Office, Tucson, AZ**

*Rule 38(d) Student* (January 2014 - May 2014)

Under supervision, handled bench and jury trials and drafted pretrial motions.

**University of Arizona Mortgage Clinic, Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Tucson, AZ**

*Student Law Clerk* (August 2013 - April 2014)

Assisted clients affected by mortgage crisis in mortgage refinance or petition for bankruptcy protection. Drafted motions in bankruptcy adversary proceedings.

**Executive Office for Immigration Review, Tucson, AZ**

*Student Law Clerk* (January 2013 - May 2013)

Under staff attorney, researched and drafted judicial decisions and bench memoranda in removal and asylum proceedings for Judges Thomas M. O'Leary (Ret.) and Sean H. Keenan (Ret.).

**University of Arizona Immigration Clinic, Tucson, AZ**

*Student* (August 2013 - December 2013)

Under supervising professor, represented pro bono immigration clients in removal proceedings, researched and briefed application for cancellation of removal.

**Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Counsel, Tucson, AZ**

*Legal Extern* (May 2012 - August 2012)

Researched and drafted memoranda and motions for the attorneys in removal and deportation proceedings. Researched and drafted two appellate briefs before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

**Mountain States Steel, Inc., Lindon, UT**

*Maintenance Technician* (November 2007 - July 2011)

Repaired light and medium duty industrial equipment. Translated and conducted Spanish equipment operator safety training. Coordinated human resources efforts with Spanish-speaking employees.

**Rowden's Painting, Kingman, AZ**

*Painter/Laborer* (February 2002 – September 2007)

Prepared, painted, and finalized commercial and residential interior and exterior paint projects including new construction and remodels. Maintained and repaired paint pumps.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

- Advisor, Marshall-Brennan Appellate Moot Court, Lee Williams High School - Kingman, AZ (2022-Present)
- Board Member, Mohave County Historical Society - Kingman, AZ (2025 - Present)
- Elders Quorum Presidency Counselor, Church of Jesus Christ - Kingman, AZ (2024 - Present)
- Children's Sunday School Teacher, Church of Jesus Christ - Kingman, AZ (2023 - 2024)
- Youth Seminary Teacher, Church of Jesus Christ - Kingman, AZ (2020 - 2022)
- T-Ball & Instructional Coach, Kingman Little League - Kingman, AZ (2019 - 2020)
- Assistant T-Ball Coach, Kingman Little League – Kingman, AZ (2018)
- Youth Sunday School Teacher, Church of Jesus Christ – Kingman, AZ (2017 - 2019)
- BSA Scout Committee Chair, Troop 19 (2016 - 2017)
- Sunday School President/Teacher, Church of Jesus Christ - Mesa, AZ (2015 - 2016)
- Young Men's Youth Advisor, Church of Jesus Christ - Tucson, AZ (2013 - 2014)
- Children's Sunday School Teacher, Church of Jesus Christ - Tucson, AZ (2011 - 2013)
- Volunteer Spanish-English Interpreter Immigrant Workers Rights Clinic (Spring 2012)
- Fluent in written and spoken Spanish. Missionary, Church of Jesus Christ - Guatemala, Guatemala City Mission (2005 - 2007)

**APPLICATION ADDENDUM FOR APPOINTMENT TO JUDICIAL OFFICE**  
**MOHAVE COUNTY - DIVISION 8**

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**Note: Canon 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct applies to candidates for judicial office. See Ariz. Sup. Ct. R. 81, Application.**

1. In order to be considered for appointment as a judge to Division 8, you must complete both the "Application Form for Special Judicial Officer Position Appointments" produced by the Mohave County Superior Court and this application addendum.
2. Completely answer all questions. If a question does not apply, write "Not applicable" in the space provided. If information is not available, write "Not available" and state the reason(s) the information is not available. Sign the Waiver of Confidentiality and Release of Information Sheet.
3. If you wish to be considered for appointment by the Presiding Judge as a court commissioner in addition to appointment by the Governor to Division 8, you must submit the application to the Mohave County Superior Court as required for its commissioner selection process. Court staff will forward the completed application to the Governor for consideration.
4. If you wish to be considered for appointment by the Governor **only**, you must submit the application by emailing a signed PDF copy to [azgovlegal@az.gov](mailto:azgovlegal@az.gov).
5. The deadline for applications is **5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2025.** Applications should be submitted by the stated deadline.

Filing Date: 7/28/2025  
Applicant Name: Jeffrey B. Haws

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR LETTERS OF REFERENCE AND TELEPHONE CALLS**

The Governor's Office welcomes and needs written assessments of the applicants' skills, expertise, ethics, and any other characteristic relevant to an individual's qualifications to be a judge. Many applicants solicit letters of reference. "More" is not necessarily "better." Applicants are encouraged to solicit ten to twelve substantive letters of reference from those with significant experience with and insight into a candidate's professional experience and qualifications. This number provides sufficient insight into the applicant's potential for serving as an outstanding judge.

Letters regarding applicants should be emailed to [azgovlegal@az.gov](mailto:azgovlegal@az.gov) by **5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2025**. All letters timely submitted to that address will be considered.

## **SUMMARY OF THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS**

1. **Application Period**: The Governor's Office announces the vacancy. The press release announcing the vacancy provides specific information about the process for the particular vacancy and advises where application forms can be obtained and the deadline for submitting applications.
2. **Application Review**: The Governor's Office reviews all applications received and the results of any investigation conducted by staff and selects applicants to be interviewed.
3. **Notification to Applicants**: Applicants selected for interview are notified by email of the date, time, and location of the interviews. Applicants not selected for interview are notified by email.
4. **Public Notice**: The Governor's Office announces the names of the applicants to be interviewed and invites oral or written public comment regarding their qualifications.
5. **Investigation**: Further investigation of the applicants to be interviewed is conducted. The Governor's Office seeks comments from judges, attorneys, and the community.
6. **Initial Interviews**: Selected applicants will be interviewed by Governor's Office staff in a public session. In fairness to other applicants, an applicant should not attend earlier scheduled interviews of other applicants or otherwise seek out or accept information about the content of such interviews.
7. **Interviews with the Governor and Appointment**: The names of at least two applicants are selected for interviews with the Governor. The Governor will make her appointment following the interview. The appointee will be notified by telephone

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and letter. Applicants not selected will be notified by email.

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO  
JUDICIAL OFFICE**

Please select one by initialing:

- X   I wish to be considered for appointment as a court commissioner AND to Division 8. I recognize that I must submit my application to the Mohave County Superior Court for consideration.
- I wish to be considered for appointment ONLY to Division 8. I recognize that I must submit my application directly to the Governor's Office for consideration.

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE**

1. Describe the nature of your law practice over the last five years, listing the major areas of law in which you practiced and the percentage each constituted of your total practice. If you have been a judge or commissioner for the last five years, describe the nature of your law practice before your appointment to the bench.  
**I have had a wide ranging practice covering multiple areas of the law. My primary focus has been in criminal prosecution but I have practiced in government counsel in a variety of civil disciplines including guardianship/mental health law, tax law, appellate law, election law, contract law, property law, and juvenile law. I have practiced in the area of criminal prosecution (50%), guardianship/mental health law (10%), tax law (10%), appellate law (10%), election law (5%), contract law (5%), property law (5%), and juvenile law (5%).**
2. Identify all areas of specialization for which you have been granted certification by the State Bar of Arizona or a bar organization in any other state.  
**Not applicable.**

3. Describe your experience as it relates to negotiating and drafting important legal documents, statutes and/or rules.  
**I have drafted and negotiated numerous motions, briefs, plea and settlement agreements, service and licensing contracts, and county ordinances and resolutions.**

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**BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

4. Are you now an officer, director, majority stockholder, managing member, or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise? No. If so, give details, including the name of the enterprise, the nature of the business, the title or other description of your position, the nature of your duties and the term of your service.

Do you intend to resign such positions and withdraw from any participation in the management of any such enterprises if you are appointed? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, explain your decision.

**Not applicable**

5. Have you ever filed for bankruptcy protection on your own behalf or for an organization in which you held a majority ownership interest? No. If so, explain.

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6. Do you have any financial interests including investments, which might conflict with the performance of your judicial duties? No. If so, explain.

**PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

7. Provide information about any activities in connection with pro bono legal services (defined as services to the indigent for no fee), legal related volunteer community activities, or the like.

**Since 2022, I have been the director of the Kingman Arizona Chapter of the Marshall Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, coaching a local team of high school students in preparation and arguments at a national appellate moot court competition. I also volunteer in a local high school civics class on Constitution Day, holding a discussion about the United States Constitution and its impact on the lives of the students.**

8. Describe the nature and dates of any relevant community or public service you have performed.

**In addition to the activities listed in response to Question 7, earlier this year I joined the board of the Mohave County Historical Society. I have also served as a counselor in the Elders Quorum Presidency of my local congregation for the last year, assisting in organizing service to those in need within our congregation.**

9. List any elected or appointed public offices you have held and/or for which you have been a candidate, and the dates.

**Not applicable.**

Have you ever been removed or resigned from office before your term expired?  
\_\_\_ If so, explain.

**Not applicable.**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

10. The Governor seeks to consider the diversity of the county's population in making her appointment. Provide any information about yourself (your heritage, background, life experiences, etc.) that may be relevant to this consideration.  
**I was born and raised in northern Arizona and grew up primarily in Kingman, Arizona in a working class home. I am an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Having served a religious mission in Guatemala, I speak fluent Spanish and also have a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish. Living and serving in poor villages in Guatemala helped me develop a love and appreciation for different cultures and languages and a concern for people living in difficult circumstances. As a teen I began working in labor intensive jobs and continued to do so out of necessity as an undergraduate with a young family. My unique experiences help me appreciate others and what brought them into the court system.**
11. Attach a brief statement explaining why you are seeking this position.  
**I grew up in Mohave County and have returned to raise my children here. It is important to me that the people of our communities are served by judges who are both highly skilled in and dedicated to following the law. Over the course of my career I have developed a love for the law and a passion for seeing that it is properly followed. I have also had the privilege of meeting many members of our community at times of need and crisis. Through those experiences, I have learned to effectively and compassionately communicate how the law can or cannot help them. I hope to bring those skills to the bench to better serve the people of Mohave County and help them understand why the law dictates the outcomes that it does.**
12. If you are currently serving as a judicial officer in any court and are subject to a system of judicial performance review, please attach the public data reports and commission vote reports from your last three performance reviews.

**Not applicable.**

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13. List your present and any former political party registrations and approximate dates of each:

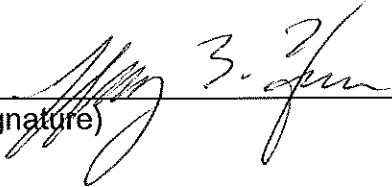
**I have been registered to vote as a Republican since 2002.**

**WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

I, Jeffrey B. Haws, hereby authorize the committees of the State Bar of Arizona, all bar associations, references, employers, credit reporting agencies, business and professional associations, and all government agencies to release to the Governor's Office any information requested by the Governor's Office in connection with the processing of my request for consideration as a candidate for judicial office. I understand that the fact that I have applied and all responses provided in the application addendum are not confidential and the information provided may be verified and is subject to public disclosure.

Upon submission of this application to the Governor's Office (including by submission through the Mohave County Superior Court), I expressly consent to the release of my name and the contents of this application addendum to the public. Furthermore, I waive the benefits of any statute, rule, or regulation prescribing confidentiality of records or information that is disclosed.

All of the statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and submission expresses my willingness to accept appointment to the judicial position for which I have applied, should I be selected by the Governor of the State of Arizona.

  
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(Signature)

7/28/2025  
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(Date)

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## Appendix I

### Why I am Seeking Appointment to Mohave County Superior Court Division 8

I grew up in Mohave County and have returned to raise my children here. I love the privileges and freedoms that we enjoy here in Arizona and in the United States. It is important to me that the people of our communities are served by judges who are both highly skilled in and dedicated to following the Constitution and the law that protects those privileges and freedoms. I have appeared before many judges in this state. I believe the best judges are those that esteem fidelity to the law over their personal and political interests. One of the most admirable traits I have seen in any judge is the humility to put his or her own beliefs and feelings about what the law should be aside and simply follow the law as it is.

Over the course of my career, and particularly as a public lawyer, I have developed a love for the law and a passion for seeing that it is properly followed. I have endeavored to do the same as I have represented the state in criminal proceedings and Mohave County and the City of Kingman in civil matters. One of the most frustrating tasks I have had as a public lawyer is to advise political bodies that they lack the legal authority to take a proposed action and explain to those bodies the legal consequences of overstepping the law. At times I have had to do this in public meetings, which earned me derision from small but vocal factions of the community and even some elected officials. In spite of the personal and political consequences, I have placed a fidelity to the law first. In doing so, I have built a reputation for giving sound legal advice that can be relied on, even if the listener is unhappy with the result. There are no public policy shortcuts through the Constitution and the law.

In my career and in my service activities, I have had the privilege of meeting many people at times of need and crisis. Through those experiences, I have learned to effectively and compassionately communicate how the law can or cannot help. I find that when explained straightforwardly and thoroughly, people are more willing to accept the outcomes the law dictates. I hope to bring those skills to the Mohave County Superior Court to better serve the people of Mohave County and to help strengthen the commitment to rule of law, that principle which has long protected our freedoms in this great nation.

These are the traits of an exceptional jurist. Through hard work, dedication, and sacrifice, I have developed these traits. If selected to serve as a Mohave County Superior Court Judge, I will bring the research skills, legal knowledge, tireless work ethic, and dedication to ethical legal conduct that have been the hallmark of my practice to the bench, to ensure that decisions are well reasoned, analytical, clearly communicated, and never biased. My love of learning new areas of the law and delving into them will ensure that those areas which are now unfamiliar, will not remain so long.

**APPLICATION FORM COVER SHEET FOR MOHAVE COUNTY  
SPECIAL JUDICIAL OFFICER APPOINTMENTS**

This application form is intended to assess a person's qualifications for a special judicial officer position and must be completed by the applicant for any such position in the Mohave County Court System. Applicants shall answer all questions on this application form completely and honestly to the best of their ability to be considered for appointment.

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**PLEASE FORWARD THE COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION  
FORM TO:**

**Human Resource Office  
Superior Court in Mohave County  
P.O. Box 7000  
Kingman, Arizona 86402-7000**

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**NOTICE**

This original application and other supplemental information which you submit for a special judicial officer position will be retained in the Human Resource Office of the Superior Court in Mohave County and maintained as required by law or as otherwise directed by the Presiding Judge.

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

The Mohave County Court System prohibits discrimination in any employment practice. As an equal employment opportunity and affirmative action employer, the Mohave County Court System recognizes the responsibility to extend equal employment to all persons.

**MOHAVE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

**APPLICATION FORM FOR SPECIAL JUDICIAL OFFICER  
POSITION APPOINTMENTS**

This application form must be completed and filed with the Mohave County Superior Court Human Resource Office by the position closing date or as otherwise designated in the position announcement. Submit completed application materials to:

Human Resource Office  
Superior Court in Mohave County  
P.O. Box 7000  
Kingman, Arizona 86402-7000

**A. Personal Information**

Name: Jeffrey Blane Haws  
First Middle Last

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]  
Kingman, AZ 86401

Residence Telephone: [REDACTED]

Office Address: [REDACTED]

Office Telephone: [REDACTED]

Are you an Arizona Resident?  Yes  No  
If yes, indicate how long you have lived in Arizona: 41 years

Is your Arizona residence your primary residence?  Yes  No

Driver's License number: [REDACTED] Expiration date: [REDACTED]

Issuing State of Driver's License: Arizona

List the addresses of all your places of residence and dates during the last ten (10) years.

7/2016 - Present

8/2014 - 7/2016

**B. Education Background**

List the names and locations of schools attended (i.e. college, advanced degrees and/or law, etc.)  
dates attended, and degrees.

**University of Arizona Law - Tucson, AZ (8/2011 - 5/2014) Juris Doctor**

**Brigham Young University - Provo, UT (9/2008 - 4/2011) Bachelor of Arts**

**See Appendix A for additional.**

List major and minor fields of study and extracurricular activities.

**See Appendix B.**

List scholarships, awards, honors, citations, and other factors (e.g., employment) you consider relevant to your performance during college and/or law school.

**See Appendix C.**

**C. Professional Background and Experience**

Are you a member of the Arizona State Bar Association?  Yes  No  
If yes, indicate when you were admitted to practice law in Arizona: 12/16/2014

Are you a member of a Bar Association in another State?  Yes  No  
If yes, please list all other Bar memberships and dates admitted to practice law.  
  
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Have you ever been involved in any disciplinary action, suspended from practice, or denied admission to or disbarred from the practice of law in any state?  Yes  No  
If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
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Are you actively engaged in the practice of law at the current time?  Yes  No  
If yes, list the names of your current law partners and associates. \_\_\_\_\_

- Carl Cooper, Kingman City Attorney**
- Amy Schreiber, Assistant Kingman City Attorney**
- Julia Ketchum, Assistant Kingman City Attorney**
  
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe chronologically your employment experience and any legal experience including employer or firm name, address, telephone numbers, position titles, duties and responsibilities,



Describe your experience as a mediator or arbitrator, if any. \_\_\_\_\_

**Not applicable.**

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If applicable, please identify the judicial office you currently hold, any judicial offices you have previously held, the name and jurisdiction of the courts involved, whether you were elected or appointed, and the dates of service. \_\_\_\_\_

**Not applicable.**

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Do you intend to resign from your current position if you are appointed to this position?

Yes     No If no, please give reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever been sued by a client or been a party to a lawsuit?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

**I have never been sued by a client. I am currently a defendant in United States District Court, District of Arizona Case 3:25-cv-08079-DHJ, Knight v. Mohave County, et al.**

**The Plaintiff launched a collateral attack in Federal Court after losing a suit in State Court where I won a complete dismissal for my client and a subsequent appeal before Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals. She is now suing virtually everyone involved in the prior litigation.**

**D. Training and Extracurricular Activities**

Have you had any legal or non-legal books or articles published?  Yes  No  
If yes, please list each including the titles, citations and dates published:

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Have you attended the Arizona Supreme Court and/or Bar Association continuing legal education courses?  Yes  No  
If yes, please list the courses taken including the sponsoring organizations, dates, and nature of courses.

**See Appendix E.**

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Have you served as faculty for any law courses or lectured at Supreme Court and/or bar association conferences, law school forums, and/or continuing legal education programs?  Yes  No  
If yes, please list the courses presented including the sponsoring organizations, dates, and nature of

courses: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any honors, prizes, awards, and/or other forms of recognition which you have received during your professional career.

**Not applicable.**

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Are you a registered voter in Arizona?  Yes  No

If yes, how long have you been registered to vote? 23 years

Have you voted in all general elections held during those years?  Yes  No

If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**I did not vote in the 2006 mid-term general election as I had been in Guatemala for over**

**a year on a religious mission with sporadic postal service and would not return to the**

**United States for another seven months.**

Have you served on any committees of the Supreme Court and/or bar association?  Yes  No

If yes, please list the name of the committee and the dates served: \_\_\_\_\_

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List memberships and activities in professional organizations including offices and/or positions held and dates: \_\_\_\_\_

**Arizona Prosecuting Attorney's Advisory Council, member (2016-Present)**

**Mohave County Bar Association, member (2022-Present)**

**J. Ruben Clark Law Society, member (2015-2016)**

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List memberships and activities in civic organizations, including offices and/or positions held and dates: \_\_\_\_\_

**In 2025 I joined the Board of the Mohave County Historical Society.**

**Since 2022 I have been the director and coach of the Kingman Arizona Chapter of the**

**Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project High School Appellate Moot Court.**

**From 2018 to 2020 I served as a team coach or assistant coach in the Kingman Little**

**League for the T-Ball and Instructional League age groups.**

Describe any personal interests you would like to bring to the Committee's attention: \_\_\_\_\_

**I like camping, hiking, and fishing with my family. I am a huge history nerd and love**

**learning new languages, traveling and studying other cultures. I also very much enjoy**

**my volunteer work with Lee William's High School introducing young people to the**

**Constitution and legal concepts, which I hope will inspire some to careers in the law.**

Are you able to perform the essential duties of a judge in the court(s) for which you are applying with or without reasonable accommodation?  Yes  No

**E. Conduct and Ethics**

Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you filed your federal and state income tax returns for all years you were legally required to file them?  Yes  No  
If not, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you paid all federal, state and local taxes when due?  Yes  No  
If not, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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To your knowledge, has any formal charge of professional misconduct ever been filed against you?  Yes  No  
If yes, indicate who charged you, what you were charged with, and how this situation was resolved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever unlawfully used controlled substances, narcotics or dangerous drugs as defined by federal and state laws?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been reprimanded, demoted, disciplined, placed on probation, suspended, cautioned or terminated by an employer as a result of your alleged consumption of alcohol, prescription drugs or illegal use of drugs?  Yes  No

If yes, explain the circumstances under which such action was taken, the name(s) of any persons who took such action, and the background and resolution of such action: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever refused to submit to a test to determine whether you had consumed and/or were under the influence of alcohol or drugs?  Yes  No

If yes, indicate the date you were requested to submit to such a test, type of test requested, the name of the entity requesting that you submit to the test, the outcome of your refusal and the reason why you refused to submit to such a test: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever been charged with or been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, or violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice?  Yes  No

If yes, indicate who charged you, what you were charged with, and how this situation was resolved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Has any court ever imposed sanctions against you for violation of any rule or procedure or for any other professional impropriety?  Yes  No      If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever violated a court order including but not limited to an order for payment of child or spousal support?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever been discharged or requested to resign in lieu of termination for any position?  
 Yes  No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**My employment with the Mohave County Attorney's Office was terminated on**

**December 23, 2024 over a brief but heated verbal dispute with a legal assistant three**

**days prior over procedural matters.**

Have any of your current or former co-workers, subordinates, supervisors, customers or clients ever filed a complaint or accusation of misconduct against you with any regulatory or investigatory agency, or with your employer?  Yes  No  
If yes, state the date(s) of such accusations, the specific accusation(s) made, and the background and resolution of such action(s).

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Have you performed military service?  Yes  No  
If yes, please indicate the dates, branch, and type of discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

**F. References**

Please list the names, addresses, telephone numbers and, if available, e-mail addresses of any lawyers or judges who are familiar with your professional activities and would recommend you as qualified to serve as a judge.

**See Appendix F.**

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Please list the names, addresses, telephone numbers and, if available, e-mail addresses of three (3) persons who are not lawyers or judges who would recommend you as qualified to serve as a

judge.

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**See Appendix G.**

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**G. Additional Information**

Please include any further information relative to your candidacy, qualifications, skills, and/or abilities that you wish to forward to the Mohave County Committee on Special Judicial Officer Appointments to assist them in evaluating your application. Please attach a resume, and cover letter explaining why you are seeking this position.

**I grew up in Mohave County and returned to raise my family because I love it here. In**

**order to make our communities the best they can be, we need more judicial officers**

**willing and dedicated to working tirelessly to faithfully apply the law. We need more**

**judges who can navigate complex legal issues and effectively communicate the law and**

**their reasoning. I have built my career developing these attributes and would be**

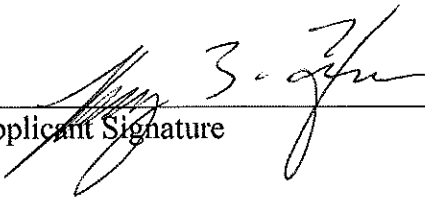
**honored to put my legal skills to use as a judicial officer in Mohave County.**

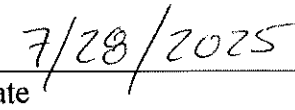
If you are appointed by the Presiding Judge to serve as a special judicial officer, are you aware of any reason why you would be unable or unwilling to serve a full term?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain.

If you are appointed by the Presiding Judge to serve as special judicial officer, would you accept assignments outside your area of residence?  Yes  No If no, please explain.

The undersigned hereby authorizes any bar association, reference, employer, educational institution, credit reporting agency, business and professional associate, or governmental agency to release to the Mohave County Committee on Special Judicial Officer Appointments and Presiding Judge or designee any information requested in connection with the processing of my request for consideration as a special judicial officer. I understand that the fact I have applied is not confidential and the information provided may be verified. By submitting this application, I agree that the Court may publish my name to solicit public comment. All statements in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Submission of this application expresses my willingness to accept appointment to the judicial position applied for in this application if made by the Presiding Judge of the Mohave County Superior Court.

  
Applicant Signature

  
Date

**AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK**

The Mohave County Court System may check credit, criminal, educational, employment and disciplinary records of applicants. I hereby authorize the Presiding Judge or designee to conduct credit, criminal background, educational, employment and disciplinary records investigations as part of the application process for judicial appointment.

Name: Jeffrey Blane Haws

Address: [Redacted]  
Kingman, AZ 86401

Fax Number: Not applicable

Date of Birth: [Redacted]

Place of Birth: [Redacted]

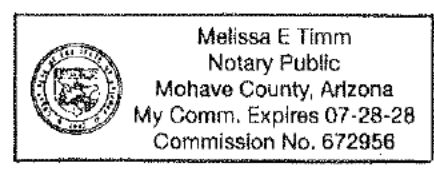
Social Security Number: [Redacted]

State Bar Number: [Redacted]

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

[Signature]  
Signature of Applicant

State of Arizona )  
                          )ss.  
County of Mohave )



Subscribed to before me this 28 day of July, 2025.

Melissa E. Timm  
Notary Public



## **Appendix A**

### **Education Background Continued**

**Mohave Community College - Kingman, AZ (1/2005 - 5/2005) no degree**

**Northern Arizona University - Flagstaff, AZ (8/2003 - 12/2005) no degree**

**Mohave Community College - Kingman, AZ (8/2002 - 5/2003) no degree**

## **Appendix B**

### **Major and Minor Fields of Study and Extacurricular Activities**

#### **University of Arizona Law**

- **Managing Editor, Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law**
- **Fellow, William H. Rehnquist Center**
- **Law Student Member, Morris K. Udall Inn of Court**
- **Chapter Treasurer, Federalist Society**
- **Chapter Treasurer, Immigration Law Student Association**
- **Chapter Secretary, J. Ruben Clark Law Society**
- **Member, Latino Law Student Association**
- **Member, Student Bar Association**

#### **Brigham Young University**

- **Major in Spanish**
- **Minor in History**

## **Appendix C**

### **Scholarships, Awards, Honors, Citations and Other Factors Relevant to Educational Performance**

#### **University of Arizona Law School**

- **Legal Process, Analysis, and Writing Course - Pass with Honors**
- **Legal Research Boot Camp Certification**

#### **Brigham Young University**

- **Sigma Delta Pi National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society**
- **Golden Key International Honor Society**
- **I was also employed full-time in the maintenance department of a steel fabrication shop in order to provide for myself, my wife, and our child.**

## Appendix D

### Chronological Explanation of Employment Experience

(2/2002 - 6/2005      Rowden's Painting  
and                      Kingman, AZ  
6/2007 - 9/2007)      (business no longer exists)

Owner/Supervisor Tony Rowden may be reached at [REDACTED]

Prepared, painted, and finalized commercial and residential interior and exterior paint projects including new construction and remodels. Maintained and repaired paint pumps. Returned to work when not away at University or in Guatemala.

(6/2005 - 6/2007) I served a religious mission for my church and was assigned to serve in Guatemala. I was not employed during that time and paid my own way with money I had saved as a painter.

(11/2007 - 7/2011)      Mountain States Steel, Inc. (Now Schuff Steel)

[REDACTED]  
Lindon, UT 84042

Supervisor Kipp Worthington ([REDACTED])

Repaired light and medium duty industrial equipment. Translated and conducted Spanish equipment operator safety training. Coordinated human resources efforts with Spanish-speaking employees. Maintained residency in Mohave County.

(8/2011 - 5/2012) I did not work during my first two semesters of law school.

(5/2012 - 8/2012)      Department of Homeland Security  
Office of the Chief Counsel

[REDACTED]  
Tucson, AZ 85706

Supervisor Matthew W. Kaufman ([REDACTED])

Researched and drafted memoranda and motions for the attorneys in removal and deportation proceedings. Researched and drafted two appellate briefs before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

**(8/2012 - 12/2012) University of Arizona Immigration Clinic**

**Tucson, Arizona 85719**

**Supervisor Lynn Marcus ( [REDACTED] )**

**Under supervising professor, represented pro bono immigration clients in removal proceedings, researched and briefed application for cancellation of removal.**

**(1/2013 - 5/2013) U.S. Department of Justice  
Executive Office for Immigration Review**

**Tucson, AZ 85701**

**Supervisor Joshua Lunsford ( [REDACTED] )**

**Under staff attorney, researched and drafted judicial decisions and bench memoranda in removal and asylum proceedings for Judges Thomas M. O'Leary (Ret.) and Sean H. Keenan (Ret.).**

**(5/2013 - 7/2013) Schneider & Onofry P.C.**

**Phoenix, AZ 85004**

**Supervisor Jon Schneider ( [REDACTED] )**

**Researched and drafted memoranda concerning automobile and slip and fall liability, probate matters, malicious prosecution, and intellectual property disputes. Drafted appellate brief to the Arizona Court of Appeals under the supervision of law partner.**

**(8/2013-4/2014) University of Arizona Mortgage Clinic  
Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc.**

**Tucson, AZ 85719**

**Supervisor, Beverly B. Parker ( [REDACTED] )**

**Assisted clients affected by mortgage crisis in mortgage refinance or petition for bankruptcy protection. Drafted motions in bankruptcy adversary proceedings.**

**(8/2013 - 10/2014) University of Arizona Pro Bono Ninth Circuit Appellate Clinic**

**Tucson, AZ 85721**

**Supervisor Willie Jordan-Curtis**

**Argued two cases before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Phoenix, Arizona and Portland, Oregon. Researched and drafted appellate briefs prior to oral argument.**

**(1/2014 - 5/2014) University of Arizona Prosecution Clinic**

**Tucson City Attorney's Office**

**Supervisor Lori Lewis**

**Under supervision, handled bench and jury trials and drafted pretrial motions.**

**(8/2014 - 5/2016) Schneider & Onofry, P.C.**

**Phoenix, AZ 85004**

**Supervisor Jon Schneider**

**Represented individual and business clients in a variety of civil matters in Arizona Superior and Appeals Courts and Federal District Court, including insurance bad faith, wrongful death, business disputes, labor and employment matters, real estate actions, contract and probate matters, premises liability, products liability, general negligence and malpractice actions. Represented clients in arbitration, mediation, and settlement conferences. Argued motions. Took and defended depositions. Wrote appellate briefs, complaints, answers, dispositive and procedural motions. Researched and analyzed complex legal issues in various civil litigation contexts. Maintained Mohave County residency.**

**(5/2016 - 12/2024) Mohave County Attorney's Office  
Criminal Division**

**[REDACTED]  
Kingman, AZ 86401**

**Supervisor James Shoppmann [REDACTED]**

**Handled every aspect of prosecution charging, motions, trials, post conviction petitions, and appeals from post conviction relief in Arizona Courts of Appeal. From October 2019 to March 2023 also assigned to handle juvenile prosecution in addition to Civil Deputy responsibilities. In January 2023, assigned to a team responsible for reducing the backlog of uncharged out of custody felony reviews. In January 2024, assigned as Lead Prosecutor of felony charging group, responsible for managing five other prosecutors in charging and resolving as many felony cases as possible short of trial, while still handling a reduced number of felony trials.**

**(10/2019 - 1/2023) Mohave County Attorney's Office  
Civil Division**

**[REDACTED]  
Kingman, Arizona, 86401**

**Supervisor Ryan Esplin [REDACTED]**

**In addition to some continuing prosecutorial duties, advised and represented Mohave County, its boards, commissions, officials, departments and employees in public hearings and in a variety of adversarial and non-adversarial proceedings, including lawsuits and appeals. Handled cases and issues in appellate law, tax law, election law, open meetings, public works, property law, construction law, contract law, forfeiture law, among other areas. After reassignment to primarily prosecution in 2023, continued to handle already pending appellate work as a Civil Deputy.**

**(1/2025 - Present) Kingman City Attorney's Office**

**[REDACTED]  
Kingman, AZ 86401**

**Supervisor Amy Schreiber ([REDACTED])**

**Prosecute misdemeanor criminal and traffic offenses and represent the city of Kingman in civil abatement proceedings in Kingman Municipal Court. Handle all aspects of cases from charging to trial and through any appeal to the Superior Court. Represent the State in Kingman Municipal Court's Veterans Court and Domestic Violence Court programs.**

## Appendix E

### List of Continuing Education Courses





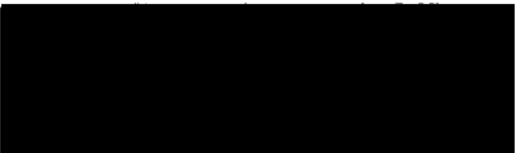
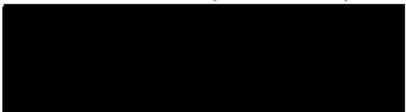
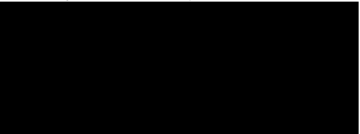

(Please note that I am just listing the CLE courses I have taken over the last year. I can provide comprehensive lists from each year back to 2014 upon request).

- 9/11/24      **Criminal Case Processing Justice Court - JJ. Huerta and Moss**  
(Course explaining some nuances and differences in Mohave Justice Courts)  
Sponsored by the Mohave County Superior Court
- 1/29/25      **Your Bar, Your Partner: How State Bar is Working to Improve Your Practice**  
(Course on Bar Services and the Disciplinary Process)  
Sponsored by the Arizona State Bar
- 2/4/25      **Ethics Cafe Series: Revised Rules for Government Lawyers**  
(Course explaining recent updates to Ethical Rules for Public Attorneys)  
Sponsored by the Arizona State Bar
- 6/3/25      **Legal Musings from the Arizona Court of Appeals to Mohave County Bar**  
(Course on *Korematsu* and racial disparity in the legal history)  
Sponsored by Mohave County Bar Association
- 6/19/25      **Sentencing Enhancements - JJ. Camacho and Sipe**  
(Analysis of Aggravating Factors and Enhancements in criminal matters)  
Sponsored by the Mohave County Superior Court
- 6/25/25      **25 Years of Victims' Rights in Arizona: Looking Back and Planning Forward**  
(Analysis and Comparison of Victim's Rights in Arizona and nationally)  
Sponsored by Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council
- 6/26/25      **Search and Seizure and Confessions Update**  
(Analysis of recent 4th and 6th Amendment caselaw)  
Sponsored by Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council
- 6/26/25      **Talking to a Jury: Are You Getting Through**  
(Psychological analysis of learning styles applied to trial advocacy)  
Sponsored by Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council

- 6/26/25**      **Visual Trial Skills: A Primer**  
**(Course on utilization of Powerpoint in trial advocacy)**  
**Sponsored by Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council**
- 6/27/25**      **Labor Trafficking - Case Study**  
**(Prosecution strategy for human trafficking cases)**  
**Sponsored by Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council**
- 6/27/25**      **Building a Multidisciplinary/Task Force Response to Trafficking**  
**(Explanation of MDT investigatory efforts and how to build them)**  
**Sponsored by Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council**

**Appendix F**

**References of Lawyers and Judges**

<b>Hon. Steven F. Conn (Ret.)</b> 	<b>Hon. David Jay Wayt</b> <b>Kingman/Cerbat Justice Court</b> 
<b>Hon. Jeffrey R. Singer</b> <b>Kingman Municipal Court</b> 	<b>Lenore Knudtson</b> 
<b>Ryan Esplin</b> <b>Chief Civil Deputy</b> 	<b>Karolina Czaplinska</b> <b>Deputy County Attorney</b> <b>Mohave County Attorney's Office</b> 
<b>Julia Ketchum</b> <b>Assistant City Attorney</b> <b>Kingman City Attorney's Office</b> 	<b>Jacob Cote</b> <b>Deputy County Attorney</b> <b>Mohave County Attorney's Office</b> 

**Appendix G**

**References of Non-Lawyers**

<p><b>Ken Watkins</b> <b>Mayor, City of Kingman</b> [REDACTED]</p>	<p><b>Dr. Adam Dawson, D.O.</b> <b>Kingman Regional Medical Center</b> [REDACTED]</p>
<p><b>Cheryl Massey</b> <b>Lee Williams High School</b> <b>Kingman Unified School District</b> [REDACTED]</p>	