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Superior Court Honors Jurors

PHOENIX- The Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County appreciates the sacrifice people make to report for jury service. This past year the Court asked a little more, and the citizens of Maricopa County performed admirably while trying to navigate a global pandemic.

To recognize the vital role jurors play in the justice system, the Court is celebrating Juror Appreciation Week, May 3 -7. People who report for jury service this week will be treated to souvenirs and refreshments. Select jury panels will also receive snack bag deliveries to their courtroom.

“Jurors are fundamental to the fair and just operation of our system of justice,” said Presiding Judge Joseph Welty, “We are grateful to the citizens of Maricopa County who sacrifice their time and answer the call to jury service. We are a better community for their contributions.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has largely affected Superior Court’s day-to day operations, which has included suspending jury trials on more than one occasion. More than ever, the Court is mindful of the importance of jurors and their commitment to help resolve pending cases. Due to the willingness of citizens to serve under unusual and difficult circumstances, Superior Court still conducted 80 jury trials from August 31, 2020 to March 31, 2021. During that timeframe, 4,650 people reported for jury service and 1020 jurors sat on trials.

“The court is incredibly thankful to all jurors who have served over the last year for their willingness to not only keep the wheels of justice rolling, but also in accommodating all of the changes we’ve made to hold trials in a safe and effective manner,” Jury Administrator Matthew Martin said.

The Superior Court continues to work with public health officials to protect jurors and others who enter its buildings by practicing social distancing, wearing masks, utilizing technology to decrease building traffic and enhancing cleaning of its facilities.

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