

Commissioner Elizabeth Bingert

Elizabeth Bingert is the Associate Presiding Commissioner in the Initial Appearance Court in Maricopa County, where she presides over initial appearances, reviews search warrants from agencies statewide, and handles removal orders and select juvenile matters. Commissioner Bingert previously served as an Assistant Attorney General with the Capital Litigation Section in the Arizona Attorney General's Office, where she handled capital appeals in state and federal courts; and as a Deputy County Attorney at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office handling cases ranging from misdemeanors to adult and child homicides. She began her legal career as a Maricopa County Deputy Public Defender. She currently serves on the State Bar of Arizona Criminal Jury Instructions Committee, the MCBA Board of Directors, and the Arizona Judges' Association Executive Committee. She is actively involved with the Arizona Women Lawyers Association. She received her undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University and her law degree from Phoenix School of Law. Commissioner Bingert is known for her extensive Funko Pop collection.

Judge Lacey Stover Gard

Judge Lacey Gard was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two, in 2022. She previously served as a Pinal County Superior Court Judge. Judge Gard graduated *summa cum laude* and with honors in 2000 from the University of Arizona, receiving a B.A. in Political Science. She received her J.D. from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in 2003.

Judge Gard worked for the Arizona Attorney General's Office for 17 years, most recently serving as a Deputy Solicitor General and Chief Counsel of the Capital Litigation Section. In that capacity, she supervised the State of Arizona's appellate litigation in all death-penalty cases statewide, including direct appeals, state post-conviction proceedings, and federal habeas corpus proceedings.

Judge Gard currently serves on the Arizona Supreme Court's Capital Case Oversight Committee and the State Bar's Criminal Jury Instructions Committee. She previously served on the Arizona Supreme Court's Task Force on Rule 32 of the Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Arizona Attorney General's Forensic Science Advisory Committee, the State Bar's *Arizona Attorney* Editorial Board, the State Bar's Fee Arbitration Committee, and the Board of Directors of the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation.

David Euchner

David Euchner is the appellate unit supervisor and resource counsel of the Pima County Public Defender's Office, professor of practice in criminal law and criminal procedure at the University of Arizona, and the co-author of the Arizona Criminal Practice Manual published by Thomson Reuters. Dave currently and has previously served on several committees of the State Bar of Arizona and the Arizona Supreme Court tasked with rewriting criminal rules and jury instructions. In 2014 he was the president of Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice, the state affiliate of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and he has served as chair or co-chair of AACJ's amicus and rules committee since 2011. Dave has acted as counsel, for a party or for an amicus in cases resulting in more than 100 published opinions, and he has participated in more than 80 oral arguments, evenly divided between the Arizona Supreme Court and Arizona Court of Appeals. He received the Outstanding Performance Award from the Arizona Public Defender Association in 2016, the Vanguard Leadership Award (now named the Larry Hammond Leadership Award) from AACJ in 2017, and the Jack Williams Appellate Achievement Award from AACJ in 2021.

Sarah Mayhew

Sarah L. Mayhew is a trial and appellate attorney at the City of Tucson Public Defender's Office. Prior to joining the City PD, Sarah was an appellate and trial attorney for the Pima County Public Defender's Office from 2013-2022. Ms. Mayhew has been a member of the Criminal Jury Instructions committee since 2018. She also has served as a board member, and member of the executive committee and amicus and rules committees of the Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice, and is the current president-elect of AACJ. Ms. Mayhew grew up in Tucson, graduating summa cum laude and first in her class of 2002 from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. Prior to joining the Public Defender's Office, Ms. Mayhew engaged in private civil law practice in the Orange County, California office of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher and in the Tucson office of Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie.

Carlos Daniel Carrion

Carlos Daniel Carrion is an attorney with the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office. He began as a trial attorney then he was chosen to create and supervise a trial group specializing in vehicular litigation, Vehicular Group. After that, he was chosen to create and manage a new division, Early Representation Unit. As Attorney Manager, he worked with Maricopa County stakeholders in developing Mental Health Court and Veterans Court. He served as President of the Arizona Association of Drug Court Professionals and co-chaired a planning committee that developed a statewide conference for those involved in treatment courts. Carlos has been on the Criminal Jury Instructions Committee since 1996.

Mikel Steinfeld

Mikel supervises the Appeals Unit at the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office in Phoenix, Arizona. A career-long public defender, Mikel's handled cases spanning from misdemeanor DUIs in local justice courts to capital cases before the Supreme Court of the United States. And he has a host of strong opinions on everything from legal writing and procedural rules to romance novels and Dungeons and Dragons.