



Maricopa County Justice Courts

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Justice of the Peace Frank J. Conti Suffers Fatal Heart Attack

PHOENIX – The Maricopa County Justice Court family is deeply saddened to announce the sudden death of Justice of the Peace Frank J. Conti. Judge Conti was on vacation in Banff, Canada, this week when he suffered a fatal heart attack.

Voters first elected Conti to the Dreamy Draw Justice Precinct of North Phoenix in 2008. He won reelection three more times and had no opponent this coming November. He was a licensed attorney in Arizona for almost 20 years before becoming a judge, and always kept his license active. He was a strong advocate for constant improvement: in himself and those around him, in his community, and in the court system.

Presiding Justice of the Peace Anna Huberman said Judge Conti upheld the ideals of fair justice, impartiality, and integrity every day. “We all knew we could count on Frank whenever necessary. The leadership at his court was outstanding. This is a terrible tragedy not only for his home family but also for his court family.”

Judge Conti was 61 years old and is survived locally by two sons and his former wife. A biography and photo may be found [here](#). Funeral arrangements have not yet been set.

In the coming weeks the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors will evaluate the process for replacing Judge Conti in the Dreamy Draw Justice Precinct. A Judge Pro Tempore will cover the court in the interim.

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ABOUT:

There are 26 Justice Courts throughout Maricopa County with an elected Justice of the Peace presiding over each one. These 'limited jurisdiction' courts handle civil lawsuits (\$10,000 or less, small claims cases (\$3,500 or less), evictions, misdemeanor offenses (shoplifting, writing bad checks, etc), and the full range of civil and criminal traffic offenses, including DUIs. Like other trial and municipal judges, they also preside over orders of protection and injunctions against harassment.

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