

Maricopa County Justice Courts

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Judges to Hold Court at Glendale Stand Up For Veterans

Annual Event Open to All Veterans and Their Families

GLENDALE, AZ – Not every judge holds court from *behind* a bench. In Glendale this Saturday, Justices of the Peace will sit at tables, eye-to-eye with those who need their help. The Glendale Stand Up for Veterans event brings court services out of the courthouse and straight to those who have served our country.

Stand Up takes place on the campus of Glendale Community College, connecting veterans to representatives from courts, legal support agencies, education, career, and social services, businesses, and non-profit groups.

Every year the Maricopa Justice Courts participate in the event. Dozens of defendants come before a judge, often with no paperwork on their legal troubles. Court staff can access their cases on-site, allowing veterans a convenient and easy way to resolve outstanding warrants and other court cases-all in one place.

"This is so helpful for them," said Justice of the Peace Gerald Williams, who works the Stand Up booth every year. "We help them get their driver license back. They can go out in the community and be gainfully employed, or at least be able to access resources."

Doors are open September 21, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Glendale Community College: 6000 W. Olive Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85302. Event organizers recommend that veterans pre-register online at www.glendalestandup.org.

Contact Scott Davis, listed below, to arrange interviews on-site or in advance.

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ABOUT:

There are 26 Justice Courts throughout Maricopa County. Each is presided over by an elected Justice of the Peace. 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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