

**ELIZABETH A. YANCEY, ESQ.**  
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**Arizona Bar number 4638**

**EMPLOYMENT**

Mediator and Arbiter  
Northern Arizona Mediation LLC  
P.O. Box 3854  
Sedona, AZ 86340 May 2010 to present

Presiding Magistrate Sedona Municipal Court  
102 Roadrunner Dr.  
Sedona, AZ. 86336 Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2009  
Judicial responsibilities included review of all pleadings, conduct settlement conferences and mediations, conduct hearings, rule on evidence and motions, research applicable rules, statutes and cases, prepare and write minute entries, orders and judgments, confer with attorneys, and participate in numerous committees and training. Administrative responsibilities included supervise and train staff, review and implementation all supreme court, county superior court and local rules and regulations concerning court operations and case management, preparation of case and financial reports and records. Supervised the preparation and submission of all required reports in accordance with Supreme Court, county superior court and Sedona Municipal Court requirements.  
City Manager – 928-204-7127

Court Commissioner/Judge Pro Tem  
Maricopa County Superior Court, Assignments: Domestic Relations 9 years, Civil and Probate 5 years (in part, concurrent with the domestic relations assignment) Juvenile 3 years, Criminal 2 years.  
201 W. Jefferson St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85001 Jan. 1987 to Feb. 2001  
Responsibilities included review of all pleadings, conduct settlement conferences and mediations, conduct hearings, rule on evidence and motions, research applicable rules, statutes and cases, prepare and write minute entries, orders and judgments, confer with attorneys, supervise and train staff, and participate in numerous committees and training.  
Court Administration – 602-506-3204

Associate  
Strong and Pugh P.L.L.C (Domestic Relations, Civil litigation, Insurance defense, and Probate litigation)  
2701 N. Seventh St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007 Oct. 1981 to Dec. 1986

Responsibilities included: meet with clients, experts, and witnesses, research facts and applicable rules, statutes and cases, analyze facts of case and potential legal theories, develop case strategy, respond to requests for information and correspondence, meet with opposing counsel, court staff and judges, research and write pleadings, motions, and proposed forms of orders, investigate settlement possibilities, organize the case and prepare for trial, attend all hearings and trials, present evidence and argue the case.

(This firm, known as Pugh and DeBano-Rhoads PA in 2006 was dissolved following the death of Earl Pugh and the subsequent retirement of William Strong- 623-910-4185.)

Attorney and Director of Mesa Office

Community Legal Services (Domestic Relations, Civil litigation and Administrative law practice)  
505 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Phoenix, AZ 85036 1977 to 1981

Responsibilities included: meet with clients, experts and witnesses, research facts and applicable rules, statutes and cases, analyze facts of case and possible legal theories, develop case strategy, respond to requests for information and correspondence, meet with opposing counsel, court staff and judges, research and write pleadings, motions, proposed forms of orders, investigate settlement possibilities, organize the case and prepare for trial, attend all hearings and trials, present evidence and argue the case. After 1980 when I was promoted to Director of the Mesa Office my responsibilities expanded to include hiring, training and supervising clerical and legal staff, managing the budget for the office, preparing all reports, statistics and case management information required by the organization, and participating in numerous meetings and trainings as required.

602-258-3434

Law Researcher/Teacher/Clerk

Short-term legal research and clerkship positions from 1974 to 1977 in Tucson and Phoenix including several months developing a mediation program with the American Arbitration Association and a year teaching American military personnel contract law and evidence in Europe for the University of Maryland.

## **EDUCATION**

Juris Doctor (1974)

University of Arizona

Bachelor of Arts (1971)

University of Arizona

Legal Education Programs

Minimum of 15 hours of continuing legal education courses each year for 10 years preceding appointment to the bench.

Judicial Education Programs

Numerous courses through the National Judicial College 1988 through 2000, including the "General Jurisdiction Course", Financial Analysis for Judges, and Juvenile Court.

Minimum of 15 hours of Continuing Judicial Education each year for the past 19 years, excluding 2001-2003 when I was traveling and teaching exercise.

## **MEDIATION TRAINING**

Mediator Certification for Litigated Cases 2010  
Pepperdine University Law School, Malibu California  
Straus Institute (42 Hours)

Mediation and Settlement Conferences for Judges, Maricopa County Superior Court 1988  
Family Law Mediation for Judges 1989

## **AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Participant/Member of Association for Conflict Resolution 2010  
American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section 2010  
Active Member Arizona State Bar Association since 1976 including membership in several sections and committees (inactive from 2001 through 2003)  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Member Arizona State Bar Association 2010  
Member Arizona Judges Association from 1987 through 2001  
Member Arizona Limited Jurisdiction Judges Association 2005 through 2009  
Member National Association of Family and Conciliation Courts from 1987 to 1997 (President of Arizona chapter from 1989 to 1990.)  
Co-author and creator of numerous domestic relations and guardianship/conservatorship court forms and processes utilized by Maricopa County Superior Court and "Self Service Center", many of which are now available online.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Member City of Sedona Mediation Program Panel 2010  
Restorative Justice Facilitator 2010  
Juvenile Probation Department Volunteer 2010  
Advisory Board Member Sedona Time Bank 2010  
Member "A Team" Sedona Focus Future II in 2003 through 2004  
Past Member League of Women Voters  
Past Member Verde Valley Task Force on Aging 2002 through 2004  
Presenter 2004 Soroptomists' "Girl Power" program 2004  
Presenter at numerous programs on Living Wills and Medical Powers of Attorney sponsored by Yavapai College and several churches and non-profit organizations in Sedona in 2003 and 2004.  
Volunteer in "Kid's Zone" for the Sedona Arts Festival 2002 and 2003.  
Completed Sedona Academy Leadership Forum 2003

While serving in the Maricopa County Superior Court I was recognized for creating, writing, developing and directing the educational video for unrepresented court users, "Arizona Divorce: Do It Yourself" in 1991. In addition I obtained funding for the project through the Domestic Relations Section of the State Bar of Arizona.

I was also recognized for creating, writing, developing and directing the educational video for unrepresented private fiduciaries and family fiduciaries, "Guide for Guardians and

Conservators" in 2000 with grants obtained from Maricopa County Superior Court Probate Department and the Probate/Mental Health Section of the Arizona State Bar.

As a Maricopa County Superior Court Commissioner I was recognized for participation in the first "Learning Through Literature" program through the Adult Probation Department of Maricopa County Superior Court

From 1987 through 2000 I served as faculty for numerous judicial and legal training seminars through the Maricopa County Superior Court, State Bar of Arizona, Arizona State University College of Law and the Maricopa County Bar Association.

In 1981, along with other attorneys, I initiated the introduction and development of mediation and alternative dispute resolution programs in the domestic relations department of the Maricopa County Superior Court. This subsequently led to the adoption of alternative dispute resolution methods in the civil, domestic relations and probate departments of the court.

I provided Pro bono domestic relations legal services for clients of "Friends of the Family" domestic violence shelter in Phoenix from 1983 through 1987.

## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

Judge Gary Donahoe  
Maricopa County Superior Court  
201 W. Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85001  
602-506-3712

Former Sedona Mayor  
Dr. Susan Solomon  
62 Prynne Ridge Rd.  
Longmeadow, MA 01106  
413-567-2266

Judge John Kennedy  
Mayer Justice Court  
12840 Central Ave.  
Mayer, AZ 86336  
928-632-7342

Mayor Rob Adams  
City of Sedona  
102 Roadrunner Dr.  
Sedona, AZ 86336  
928-282-7127