

TOWN

Of

PARADISE VALLEY



STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor Stanton and Town Council Members

FROM: Andrew Ching, Town Manager
Jeanette Wiesenhofer, Court Director

DATE: October 23, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Court
Jeanette Wiesenhofer, 480-404-7020

AGENDA TITLE:
Appointment of the Municipal Court's Presiding Judge and Associate Judges

RECOMMENDATION:
Make the following judicial appointments to the Paradise Valley Municipal Court for two-year terms starting November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2027.

J. Tyrrell Taber, Presiding Judge
John L. Auran, Associate Presiding Judge
Steven A. Cohen, Associate Judge
Jack Cunningham, Associate Judge
Stanley J. Marks, Associate Judge
Terry A. Gould, Associate Judge
Karen Nagle, Associate Judge
Linda Lory, Associate Judge
David Sandweiss, Associate Judge (New Appointment)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:
The Paradise Valley Municipal Court holds jurisdiction over all criminal misdemeanors, civil traffic offenses, and violations of the Town Code that occur within the Town limits. It also handles protective orders, harassment injunctions, and issues arrest warrants pertaining to matters within its jurisdiction.

The Court is comprised of one Presiding Judge and eight Associate Judges. All judges serve on a volunteer basis, receiving no compensation for their judicial service. Each appointee is a licensed attorney in good standing with the Arizona Bar Association and has completed annual judicial training as required by the Arizona Supreme Court.

Court Director Jeanette Wiesenhofer met with the Town Council in an executive session on October 9, 2025, to review performance evaluations and survey results for all current judges. Based on these assessments, Ms. Wiesenhofer recommends the appointment of the current Presiding Judge and eight Associate Judges for the upcoming term.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no budget impact.

ATTACHMENT:

Appointment Recommendation Slide

