

Gila County Superior Court

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On July 13, 2015, Bryan B. Chambers was appointed by Arizona Governor, Douglas A. Ducey, to fill the unexpired term of Judge Peter Cahill who resigned June 30, 2015.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Chambers served 23 years in various capacities in the Gila County Attorney's Office. He began his service as a Deputy County Attorney prosecuting felonies and misdemeanors in 1992. From 1994 to 2001, he was the Division Chief of the Child Support Division. During that time the Child Support Division was honored with the 1998 National Child Support Enforcement Association Most Improved Program Award for having the most improved child support program in the country for the prior three years. In 2001, he resumed duties as a felony prosecutor. In January 2002, he became a Chief Deputy County Attorney—a role he served in until January 2013.

Beginning August 2003, he also assumed responsibility for most of the civil duties in the County Attorney's Office. This consisted of advising Gila County elected officials and department heads (including the Gila County Board of Supervisors), reviewing hundreds of contracts annually involving Gila County, representing the County Elections Director, representing the

Board of Gila Community College, and representing the County in matters before the Gila County Personnel Commission.

In January 2013, he became the Civil Bureau Chief continuing to handle the civil matters of the office while also handling some felony prosecutions. In all, he served five different elected Gila County Attorneys. He tried 39 felony jury trials while at the County Attorney's Office.

During his career, Judge Chambers has been active in the Bar and the legal community. When he was appointed Judge, he had been serving as President of the more than 23,000 member State Bar of Arizona. From 2004 through 2015, he had served as the elected representative of the attorneys of Gila, Graham, and Greenlee Counties on the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Arizona. Before becoming President of the State Bar, he had been elected to serve one year terms as Secretary-Treasurer, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and President Elect. He served on various committees of the State Bar and was Chair of the Rules Committee, 2010-2011, Chair of the Appointments Committee, 2012-2013, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, 2013-2015, and Chair of the Awards Committee, 2015. He served as Treasurer of the Gila County Bar Association from 1993-2000 and as President from 2000-2015. He served as an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Arizona Family Support Council (a statewide organization that presented continuing education programs for child support enforcement professionals) from 1995 through 2002. He was elected as President of the Council in 1997-98 and 2000-01. He was awarded the Council's "Presidential Award" in 2001 and the "President's Award" in 2002.

Judge Chambers was a member of the Arizona Child Support Coordinating Council Legislative Subcommittee from 1998 to 2001. (The Coordinating Council was a statutory subcommittee to the Arizona Legislature that vetted bills and other proposals regarding child support for the legislature.) While serving on the committee, he also served on the

Arizona Child Support Coordinating Council Workgroup on State Case Registry and Centralized Payment Processing (1998-99), the Arizona Child Support Coordinating Council Child Support Guidelines Workgroup (the group made recommendations to the Arizona Supreme Court on child support guidelines) (1999-2001), and the Arizona Child Support Coordinating Council Finance Workgroup (which made recommendations to state legislature on how to fund the state child support program) (2000).

In the community, Judge Chambers served on the Board of Directors of the Globe-Miami United Fund from 1995 through 2004 (Treasurer 1997, Vice President 1998, and President 1999-2003). He served on the Board of Directors of the Pinal Gila Behavioral Health Association/Empowerment Systems Inc., from 1999 through 2009 (Chairman of the Board, 2006). He has served on the Board of Directors of the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts from 2002 through 2015. He served on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board for Gila County from 2002 through 2004 and was a member of the Gila County Flinn Coalition from 1997 through 2001.

He has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America throughout his life. In 1983, he was awarded the Eagle Scout award. He was the Chartered Organization Representative for Boy Scout Troop 883 from 1999-2004. He was Gila District Commissioner from 2004 to 2007 and Gila District Chairman from 2007 through 2012. He has served as a member of the Gila District Committee from 2013 through the present. He received the District Award of Merit in 2006 and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award in 2012.

Judge Chambers received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics with a Spanish minor from Brigham Young University in 1989. He received a Juris Doctorate from the J Rueben Clark Law School of Brigham Young University in 1992 where he was an Articles Editor of the Brigham Young University Law Review. He was admitted to the State Bar of Arizona in 1992. He was admitted to the U.S. District Court, (District of Arizona) in 1992 and the San Carlos Apache Tribal Court in 2003. He was certified as an

Arizona Special Education Due Process Hearing Officer (1996-2005) and as an Arizona Elections Officer (2006-2015).

Judge Chambers has presented at local, state, and national continuing education conferences and has written legal articles. These include:

“Looking Back at *City of Richmond v. J.A. Croson Co.*: Its Effects on State and Local Set-Aside Programs,” 1991 B.Y.U. L. Rev. 1633.

“Why a State Bar of Arizona?” *Arizona Attorney*, p. 6, September 2015.

“Rural Attorneys,” *Arizona Attorney*, p. 6, October 2015.

Magna Carta Foundation for U.S. Jurisprudence, *Payson Roundup*, June 15, 2015. Accessed at <http://www.paysonroundup.com/news/2015/jun/16/magna-carta-foundation-us-jurisprudence/>.

Speaker, “Establishing Justice: from Magna Carta to Our Own Day,” Arizona Foundation for Legal Services Annual Awards Luncheon, Phoenix, AZ, June 25, 2015.

Presenter, “Magna Carta: Its Influence on American Politics and Jurisprudence,” J Rueben Clark Law Society, Indianapolis Chapter, May 1, 2015, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Presenter, Arizona Open Meeting Law. Presented training to newly elected public officials following the November 2010 and 2012 elections.

Presenter, Arizona Open Meeting Law, Gila County Citizens Academy, 2015 and at least four previous years.

Presenter, Arizona Civil Deputies 12th Annual Public Practice Legal Seminar, General Law Case Update, May 7, 2009.

Moderator, “Ethical Issues in Child Support Enforcement,” Arizona Family Support Council, April 20, 2001.

Speaker, Arizona Flinn Foundation Legislative Luncheon, January 2001.

Panelist, "Criminal Child Support Enforcement," National Child Support Enforcement Association, Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, August 1999.

Panelist, "Teen Father Panel" (discussed legal consequences of teen pregnancy on teen fathers), Teen Risks and Resiliency: A Workshop for Adults who Work with Teens, Gila County Flinn Coalition, April 24, 1998.

Panelist, Attorney Ethics Panel, "Ethical Concerns of Simultaneous Criminal and Civil Prosecutions in Child Support Cases," Arizona Family Support Council, March 27, 1998.

Moderator, "Tricks of the Trade, Child Support Remedies," Arizona Family Support Council, March 27, 1998.

Moderator, "Legal Panel," Teen Risks and Resiliency: A Workshop for Adults who Work with Teens, Gila County Flinn Coalition, October 31, 1997.

Moderator, "Arizona Child Support Guidelines," Arizona Family Support Council, March 27, 1997.

Panelist, "Enforcement Case Management, Medical Support Orders," Arizona Family Support Council, October 11, 1996.

Moderator, "Criminal Nonsupport in Arizona and the Use of Criminal Investigators to Serve Warrants," Arizona Family Support Council, March 15, 1996.

Panelist, "Case Management and the Courts" (discussed archeological crimes), Arizona Conservation Law Enforcement Association, February 16, 1994.