

Councilmember Robin Barker

Robin Barker is a councilmember of the city of Apache Junction, having been elected to her fourth term in August 2016. She was vice mayor from 2013-2017. Prior to being elected to a council seat in 2007, she served on the council from 1989-97. Barker sits on the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council and chairs MAG's Domestic Violence Council, leading the region in working with the community to implement strategies. The council serves as the primary coordinating body for issues related to domestic violence and provides a forum for communication and coordinated action to effectively address, prevent and eradicate domestic violence in the area. She also is a member of the Pinal County Domestic Violence Coalition.

Barker is a board member of the Pinal Partnership, chairwoman and past vice-chair of the Pinal County Alliance. She chairs the Apache Junction Focal Point Enhancement Project and chaired the Apache Junction Centennial Project. A member of the Soroptomists, Barker has served on the Apache Junction Planning and Zoning Commission and helped establish the city's Health and Human Services Commission and the city's Citizen Leadership Institute. She also volunteers for the city Parks and Recreation Department.

Barker is a retired English teacher for Mesa Public Schools and Central Arizona College, a former reporter with the Apache Junction News and also worked for the Apache Junction Police Department. She received an associate's degree from Central Arizona College, a bachelor's from Arizona State University and a master's in education from Northern Arizona University.

Detective Sergeant Patrick Beumler

Sgt. Beumler is the Family Violence Unit Supervisor for the Glendale Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division. He has served for over 18 years, is an AZPOST DV Investigations Trainer and recipient of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office Distinguished Service Award for his assistance implementing the MCAO DV Strangulation Program.

Sgt. Beumler has developed the Glendale Police DV Offense Report including its Lethality and Coercive Control Assessment which was nominated for the 2014 U.S. Dept. of Justice OVC National Service Award for Professional Innovation in Victims Services. In 2015 Sgt. Beumler was instrumental in creating collaboration between Luke Air Force Base's Family Advocacy Program and the Glendale Police Department. The coordinated response for service members and their families involved in domestic violence has earned both agencies an honorable mention from the IACP and American Military University in the 2015 Civilian Law Enforcement and Military Cooperation Award.

He is a member of the Arizona West Valley DV Fatality Review Team, MCAO Strangulation Investigators Association, MAG DV Law Enforcement Affinity Group, Glendale DV Task Force and Arizona Child Abduction Response Team.

Ashley Bridwell, LMSW

Ashley Bridwell has over 10 years of experience as a medical social worker and program coordinator for St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center program serving adults with neurological impairments in the outpatient setting. She is passionate that others receive the love and care she received while recovering from a brain tumor in 1999 that left her with physical and visual impairments. In addition to her work at St. Joseph's Hospital she is a strong advocate and speaker regarding the prevalence of brain injury and cognitive impairment in vulnerable populations including the homeless and domestic violence population. Her passion came as a result of a project she participated in with the Coalition to End Homelessness, where interviewing chronically homeless individuals delivered the stark realization of how many unaddressed brain injury and cognitive impairments were affecting the individual ability to navigate out of homelessness. Following this eye opening experience, she co developed a program at Barrow Neurological Institute and St. Joseph's Hospital to address the specific needs of men and women affected by brain injury currently residing in domestic violence and/or homeless shelters. In addition Ashley is adjunct with the Arizona State University Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy as their brain injury in vulnerable populations expert. In recognizing the importance of impacting Ashley's local community regarding disability issues she also chairs the city of Phoenix Mayors Commission on Disability Issues.

Joan Bundy, JD

Joan M. Bundy has been the owner of the boutique family law firm, Joan Bundy Law PLC, for the past seven years, working exclusively in the area of family law with special areas of interest in animal and same-sex legal issues.

Ms. Bundy graduated from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in 2005. She went to law school to try to make a positive difference in the lives of others, particularly non-human animals. While in law school she served as president of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund chapter at the U of A and also participated in an animal law moot court competition at Harvard Law School.

During law school she interned with the Pima County Attorney's Office in the Criminal Division, Special Victims Unit, helping with animal cruelty/neglect and child-abuse prosecutions; Tucson City Attorney's Office, prosecutor's division, assisting with misdemeanor prosecutions, including animal cases; Pascua Yaqui Tribal Court, including helping them revise their animal-control ordinance; Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, including helping them revise their environmental code; and Arizona Capital Representation Project (appeals and advocacy for indigent death-row inmates).

After graduation she clerked for a criminal-defense lawyer in Tucson before serving as a tribal prosecutor, first for the Tohono O'odham Nation and then at the Gila River Indian Community. While a prosecutor at TON she successfully prosecuted several animal cruelty, neglect, dog-bite and animal-control violation cases. She also has helped draft animal-control codes and other legislation involving

animals at both TON and GRIC. She trained TON police officers in identifying, investigating and prosecuting animal cruelty and neglect cases.

She has been a member of the State Bar of Arizona's Animal Law Section since 2004 and is presently its Chairperson.

Samantha Caplinger

Samantha Caplinger has been a Deputy County Attorney with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office since 2013. Currently, she is assigned to the Sex Crimes Bureau. Prior to that she was in the Community Based Prosecution Division, where she handled a variety of cases, including felony Animal Cruelty prosecutions. She also assisted with misdemeanor prosecutions. She is a current member of the Arizona Professionals' Cruelty Task Force and the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Arizona. She is a past member of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund – University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law Chapter, where she served as Co-Director.

Javier Cárdenas, MD

Director, Barrow Concussion Network
Director, Barrow Concussion and Brain Injury Center
Barrow Neurological Institute,
St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

Dr. Cárdenas is the director of the Barrow Concussion and Brain Injury Center; an interdisciplinary clinic that is nationally recognized for comprehensive patient care. Since 2009, the Center has treated thousands of individuals suffering from traumatic brain injury due to sports, accidents, and domestic violence. He is also the director of the Barrow Concussion Network, the most comprehensive statewide concussion education, prevention, and treatment program in the United States. Dr. Cárdenas provides sideline concussion coverage for Arizona State University and the National Football League. He serves on the NFL's Head, Neck & Spine Committee, the Sport Medical Advisory Committee of the National Federation of High Schools, is chair of the Arizona Interscholastic Association Sport Medical Advisory Committee, and member of the Arizona Governor's Council on Spinal and Head Injuries. He was awarded Arizona State University's Young Alumni award in 2014, the 2015 American Academy of Neurology Advocate Year, and the 2016 Chicanos por la Causa Cause for a Change award for his work in concussion prevention. Dr. Cárdenas is committed to the care, treatment, and prevention of traumatic brain and spinal cord injury in children and adolescents.

Dr. Cárdenas graduated from Arizona State University with highest honors and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. As a special education teacher, he instructed children with traumatic brain injury and developmental disabilities. For 16 years, he volunteered for Special Olympics in Arizona. His background in special education and long history of volunteerism has guided his career, leading him to the field of

child neurology. He graduated from the University of Arizona, College of Medicine with honors in Neurology. He completed a residency in pediatrics at St Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, where he was recognized for his outstanding care of infants and children. Dr. Cárdenas trained in the Department of Child Neurology at Barrow Neurological Institute where he received awards for academic presentations and leadership.

Alison Ferrante

Alison Ferrante recently became an Assistant City Prosecutor with the City of Mesa. She was formerly the Assistant Gilbert Town Prosecutor since 2001 where she handles criminal prosecutions in numerous areas to include domestic violence and animal cruelty. Prior to her employment with the Town of Gilbert she worked as a Deputy Pima County Attorney. She also clerked for the Honorable John E. Davis at the Pima County Superior Court and prior to that worked for a private firm where she handled civil matters as well as prosecution for the Town of Marana. Alison also is an adjunct professor at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. She also is the Chair of the Humane Link and founded and is co-chair of the Arizona Professionals' Animal Cruelty Task Force.

Meredith Lynch, JD

Meredith Lynch is a Staff Attorney and the Program Director of Immigration Services at Catholic Community Services – Tucson. Immigration Services works with immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking to help clients to obtain safety and stability through immigration status. The program also provides assistance with applications for family-based petitions, citizenship and other applications without the requirement of victimization.

Mayor Jackie Meck

Jackie Meck was re-elected in 2016 to a third four-year term. A Buckeye native, Mayor Meck has served previously as town mayor from 1973 to 1975 and as a member of the town council from 1968 to 1975 and from 2002 to 2006.

Mayor Meck currently serves as Chairman of the MAG Regional Council, Chairman of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee, member of the MAG Economic Development Committee, member of the Gila River's El Rio Restoration Project Executive Committee, Treasurer for the Interstate-11 Coalition, Co-Chair of the White Tank Conservancy Trust, member of the Floodplain Use Permits For Sand And Gravel Stakeholder Review Committee, Board of Trustees for the Abrazo Health(West Valley Hospital). Mayor Meck has also served on the Board of Directors of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC), WESTMARC, Valley Metro RPTA, MAG Transportation Policy Committee, is a past president of the

Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce and the retired general manager of the Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District.

Mayor Meck is a past chairman of the town's Pioneer Days Celebration and is a member of the Buckeye Elks, Lions Club, Buckeye Valley Museum, West Valley Fine Arts, Phoenix Art Museum and Heard Museum. Mayor Meck and his wife of 55 years, Verlyne, have three grown children and four grandchildren.

Sergeant Stephen Palmer

Stephen Palmer is a Sergeant with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and is currently assigned to the Court Implementation Division. Stephen was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff, for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, in July of 2007 and then worked for a short period in Court Security Division. Stephen's next assignment was in the Patrol Division and worked patrol duties in Districts III (Surprise/Wittmann/Wickenburg), IV (Cave Creek/Anthem/New River) and VII (Fountain Hills). He was assigned to District IV Detectives and then later transferred to District VII Detectives. After being a District Detective, Stephen was transferred down to the Major Crimes Division in December of 2011. Stephen began his Major Crimes career as a Detective in the Special Victim's Unit for over 2 years before moving over to the Homicide Unit, where he was assigned for over 4 years. After Stephen was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, he was transferred into the Court Implementation Division which helps liaison the Sheriff's Office with the Court appointed Monitors and other groups.

Before being sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff, Stephen was enlisted for 8 years active duty in the U.S. Army and was a Military Policeman. Besides graduating from Basic Training, Stephen also completed and graduated from the Military Police Academy, Corrections Course and the Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC). Of the eight years in the Army, Stephen was a Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO/Sergeant) for almost five of those years and has been on multiple deployments worldwide to include Panama, Cuba and Korea. He was awarded numerous awards by the U.S. Government as well as several international awards from foreign governments.

Stephen has had numerous amounts on training in the fields of Leadership, Military Tactics, and Criminal Investigations. He has additional training in Phlebotomy and was a Field Training Officer before he was assigned as a Detective. Stephen is also assigned to the Arizona Child Abduction Response Team (AZCART) which he assists other agencies with investigating missing/abducted children. He is currently a Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Basic Academy instructor, as well as a Detective Level Certification Instructor, in the areas of Death Investigations and Crime Scene Management. He conducted guest lectures with Arizona State University and Phoenix College in the areas of Death Investigations and Serial Killers.

Stephen is an active member of numerous organizations such as the American Legion, Veterans Foreign Wars and is on the board of the Arizona Homicide Investigators Association. He is an avid student of world history and law enforcement investigations.

Sheriff Paul Penzone

Sheriff Penzone spent 21 years as a Phoenix police officer, earning national and international recognition for his leadership in crime prevention, capture of dangerous criminals, and dismantling of drug trafficking organizations. The Sheriff has, additionally, served as a top law-enforcement and security expert, and has dedicated his time to various community organizations.

While on assignment with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Sheriff was selected as the national "Task Force Agent of the Year" when he led the federal wiretap investigation that ultimately dismantled a large-scale Methamphetamine manufacturing and distributing network in Arizona. He led the Silent Witness Program for 7 years, most notably during the "Baseline Killer" and "Serial Shooter" investigations, which paralyzed parts of the community with fear.

Sheriff Penzone believes there must be a strong partnership between the community and its law enforcement professionals. This commitment inspired Paul to develop programs that connected Valley-wide public safety agencies, media, local businesses and community leaders. The continued commitment to the community is evidenced by the numerous key leadership positions in his administration dedicated to community outreach and relations.

Suzanne Pfister

Suzanne Pfister is the President and CEO of Vitalyst Health Foundation.

It is a \$120 million public foundation focused on Arizona health policy, technical assistance for non-profits and strength-based community engagement and systems change. She and her colleagues are working on a variety of projects, including support for the Cover AZ Coalition, which is focused on Medicaid and federal marketplace enrollment, assistance to cities in Arizona to integrate health into land use planning and community development, and promoting health innovation.

Suzanne has a Master's Degree in Public and Environmental Affairs from Indiana University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Urban Studies from Occidental College.

She currently serves on The Arizona We Want Institute's Board of Advisors, as well as the board of directors for the Morrison Institute for Public Policy, the Friends of Public Radio Arizona, the Arizona Grantmakers Forum, and the Arizona Town Hall. She also serves on Greater Phoenix Leadership, the Arizona Bioscience Roadmap Steering Committee, and the Great Phoenix Chamber of Commerce's Healthcare Leadership Council.

Casey Mundell

Casey Mundell has been a Deputy County Attorney with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office since February 2013. Currently he is assigned to the Special Crimes Bureau, handling a variety of cases included felony and misdemeanor animal cruelty cases. Prior to that he was in the Prelims Bureau in which he handled a variety of cases including misdemeanor animal cruelty prosecutions in the Maricopa County Justice Courts. He is a member of the Arizona Professionals' Cruelty Task Force and the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Arizona.

Jill Rable

Jill Rable has cared for men, women and children as a compassionate nurse for nearly 20 years. Jill has specialized her nursing career in the areas of pediatrics and forensic nursing for all ages. Jill joined the Forensic Nurse Examiner program in 2006 and has completed training as a forensic nurse and holds advanced practice forensic nurse board certification AFN-BC, CPN (certified pediatric nurse) and SANE-A (sexual assault nurse examiner-adult/adolescent) certifications and is a lifetime member of International Association of Forensic Nurses. Jill has performed nearly 900 medical-forensic exams, taught community partners, medical, legal, locally and internationally and has testified as a fact and expert witness more than 30 times as a forensic nurse. Jill performs exams, oversees 28 forensic nurses, and manages financial, staffing, and other leadership responsibilities as Forensic Nursing Supervisor for HonorHealth serving all of Maricopa County for sexual assault and domestic violence strangulation. Jill spearheaded a nationally recognized program to serve domestic violence strangulation victims and serves on the advisory board for the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention. In 2013, Jill was recognized for excellence in forensic nursing by the IAFN and also received the Maricopa County Attorney's Office Distinguished Service Award for her dedicated efforts.

Geoff Soderman

Sergeant Geoff Soderman has served the Town of Gilbert for the past twelve years. During his time he has worked in a variety of assignments from Field Training Officer, Crime Suppression Officer, Lead Officer, SWAT Entry Operator and Negotiator. Currently he is assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division as Sergeant over the Family Violence Unit. He also works as the departments Sergeant and Team Leader of their Negotiations Unit. Further, Sergeant Soderman is the departments Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Coordinator and obtained his CIT Coordinator Certification from CIT International. He is an Arizona native earning his Bachelor's of Science in Justice Studies from Arizona State University and Masters of Science in Leadership and Emergency Management.

Zenya Weatherall

Zenya is a lay legal advocate with the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. She has been working with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for the last five years and is

passionate about empowering victims to lead lives free from abuse. Weatherall – Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence

Professor Neil Websdale, Ph.D.

Professor Neil Websdale is Director of the Family Violence Institute at Northern Arizona University and Director of the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative (NDVFRI). He has published work on domestic violence, the history of crime, policing, social change, and public policy. Dr. Websdale's five books include: *Rural Woman Battering and the Justice System: An Ethnography* (Sage), 1998, which won the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Outstanding Book Award in 1999; *Understanding Domestic Homicide* (Northeastern University Press), 1999; *Making Trouble: Cultural Constructions of Crime, Deviance, and Control* (Aldine Books, co-edited with Jeff Ferrell), 1999; *Policing the Poor: From Slave Plantation to Public Housing* (Northeastern University Press), 2001, winner of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Outstanding Book Award in 2002 and the Gustavus-Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights Award in 2002. His latest book, *Familicidal Hearts: The Emotional Styles of 211 Killers* was published by Oxford University Press in 2010. His social policy work involves helping establish networks of domestic violence fatality review teams across the United States and elsewhere. His extensive fatality review work has contributed to NDFVRI receiving the prestigious 2015 Mary Byron Foundation Celebrating Solutions Award. He has also worked on issues related to community policing, full faith and credit, and risk assessment and management in domestic violence cases. Dr. Websdale trained as a sociologist at the University of London, England and currently lives and works in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Hilary Weinberg

Hilary Weinberg has been with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office since July of 1999. Prior to this, she spent four and a half years with the City of Tucson, after serving as a law clerk for a Pima County Superior Court Judge. Hilary has been assigned to numerous bureaus within the office including Vehicular Crimes, Gangs, Homicide, Training and Trial Group. Most recently she was appointed to be the Bureau Chief of Family Violence West.

Hilary is an "Honorary Native" of Arizona, having lived in Arizona since she was nine years old. She is a proud graduate of Deer Valley High School in Glendale and of Arizona State University, where she was a trumpet player in the marching band, the Pride of the Southwest. When not working, Hilary enjoys being with her family, quilting, scrapbooking, and reading.

Councilmember Thelda Williams

Thelda Williams was re-elected in 2015 for a third four-year term as District 1 Councilwoman. She has served on the Phoenix City Council since 2008. Previously, she served on the Council from 1989 to 1996 and as interim mayor in 1994.

Before joining the council, she was the Division Commander of the Custody Support/Inmate Programs Division at the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office from 1996 to 2007, where she supervised the Sheriff's MASH Unit for abused and neglected animals, Hard Knocks High School for incarcerated juveniles, the Alpha Program for drug and/or alcohol-addicted inmates, and all religious and adult programs.

Councilwoman Williams has been active in community affairs for a number of years, having served on numerous boards and commissions including the City of Phoenix Aviation Advisory Board, the City of Phoenix Transit Commission, the Block Watch Oversight Committee, the Deer Valley Planning Committee, the Phoenix Planning and Zoning Committee, the Maricopa Association of Governments Board, Women in Local Government Association, Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women, and the Maricopa County Adult Probation Advisory Board.

Councilwoman Williams currently serves on the following Phoenix City Council Subcommittees:

- Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, chair
- Downtown, Aviation, Economy and Innovation Subcommittee, member
- Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee, member

Councilwoman Williams serves on the following Councils and Boards:

- Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA), president
- Valley Metro RPTA Board of Directors, chair
- Valley Metro Rail Board of Directors, member
- Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Board, director
- Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Domestic Violence Council, vice chair
- City of Phoenix Audit Committee, member
- Luke AFB West Valley Council, member
- Washington Elementary School District Business Advisory Team, member
- Childhelp Arizona State Advisory Board of Directors, member
- National League of Cities: Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, member

Glynnis Zieman, MD

Glynnis Zieman, MD, is a neurologist in the Concussion and Brain Injury Center at Barrow Neurological Institute. She is board certified in neurology by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Dr. Zieman's expertise includes brain injury, stroke, and neuro-oncology. She is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, American Headache Society, and American Medical Association.

Dr. Zieman received her medical degree from the University of Missouri—Kansas City School of Medicine. She completed her neurology residency as well as fellowships in neuro-oncology and sports neurology at Barrow.

Dr. Zieman's research interests include incidence of and recovery from traumatic brain injury in domestic violence survivors.

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