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Local attorney selected to fill judge pro-tempore position

The Hon. Jan E. Kearney, presiding judge for Pima County Superior Court, is pleased to announce the appointment of Tucson attorney Jose H. Robles as a judge pro-tempore. Mr. Robles will assume the judge pro-tempore position held by the Hon. Frank Dawley until his retirement on April 30, 2009.

"Mr. Robles is well known to many members of our court family, since he has practiced criminal law in the state and federal courts of our community for many years," Judge Kearney said. "He will be a wonderful addition to our criminal bench."

Mr. Robles has been a sole practitioner since June 1991 with a practice focusing on criminal defense in courts ranging from limited jurisdiction to the superior court and the federal court. Cases have ranged from petty offenses to capital punishment.

Mr. Robles also has served as an assistant public defender in the federal court and as an assistant public defender for Pima County. In the late 1980s, he conducted initial appearance hearings for young people at Pima County Juvenile Court on weekends and holidays.

A committee chaired by Associate Presiding Judge Michael Cruikshank initially reviewed 29 applications for the position. Then, the committee interviewed eight candidates and recommended three of those eight candidates to Judge Kearney for the appointment. "My thanks to Judge Cruikshank and to the members of our selection committee for an outstanding job," Judge Kearney said. "Our Human Resources Department did an outstanding job, as well, in assisting the committee during the selection process."