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MARICOPA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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Maricopa County

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Mission Statement

The Maricopa County Attorney is dedicated to the vigorous prosecution of those who commit crimes within the county. As the chief advocate for the State and the citizens of the community in criminal matters, the County Attorney seeks to provide the highest quality service and maintain the integrity of the criminal justice system. Criminals must be held accountable, while assuring that the statutory rights and emotional needs of victims and witnesses are properly addressed. Additionally, the County Attorney seeks to implement, promote and participate in programs that reduce crime and enhance the quality of community life. The County Attorney also contributes to excellence in local government by providing complete legal services to the county, its officers and various political subdivisions.

Mission of County Counsel

The purpose of the Division of County Counsel is to provide legal advice and representation to county officers, administrators and managers so that they can manage the affairs of the county with the benefit of excellent, timely and responsive legal advice and representation.



a. Maricopa County Attorney's Office main office at 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix.

b. County Council is located at 222 N. Central, Suite 1100, in downtown Phoenix.

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MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY...



“This year’s annual report will focus on one division in my office that dramatically affects the community without ever issuing a felony indictment.”

—Rick Romley
County Attorney

I am proud to say my office has lived up to its reputation of being one of the best prosecutorial offices in the nation. As you will see in the statistical section of this annual report, we achieved an 89.9 percent criminal conviction rate this fiscal year, 5 percent higher than the national average. I offer my congratulations to the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office staff for their dedication to the mission of the office.

The mission of my office has always been to “improve the quality of community life.” Being a prosecutor at heart, I often think of achieving this mission in terms of convicting dangerous criminals, eradicating blight from our neighborhoods and supporting legislation designed to strengthen our laws. Yet, there are many areas of the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office that serve to improve the quality of community life, but are not associated with criminal trial practice. This year’s annual report will focus on one division in my office that dramatically affects the community without ever issuing a felony indictment. The Division of County Counsel, often referred to as the civil division, provides legal advice to every department administered by the county. The attorneys, paralegals and support staff who comprise County Counsel might not fight crime, but virtually every legal opinion issued by County Counsel affects the quality of life for citizens residing in Maricopa County.

Two years ago, the Division of County Counsel underwent a major reorganization. As a result, each county department was assigned a Counsel-in-Charge who would coordinate the legal requests of the department. This modification allowed for increased personal attention to the unique needs of a department. In March 2002, the County Research and Reporting Department conducted a Customer Satisfaction Survey of County Counsel’s clients. Our efforts to provide honest, timely and professional legal services were rewarded with a 93 percent approval rating.

Although statistics often validate our work, they often fail to paint a complete picture of the people who dedicate their time and energy to make this office a success. This report will tell as Paul Harvey says “the rest of the story.”

Sincerely,

Rick Romley

Maricopa County Attorney

COUNTY COUNSEL

In July 2002, the Rodeo and Chediski wildfires raged out of control in Northeastern Arizona. A week after they began, the fires merged and began devouring hundreds of thousands of acres of National Forest and Apache Reservation land. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of many Maricopa County departments, wanted to send equipment and resources to assist firefighters in containing the blaze. Before the board could put this matter to a vote, the five supervisors asked for a legal opinion from the Maricopa County Attorney's Division of County Counsel. The board needed to determine if they had the legal authority to allocate resources to an emergency situation outside Maricopa County. A County Counsel attorney researched Arizona Statutes and in a matter of hours issued an opinion stating the board could in fact allocate resources to help contain



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a. The Rodeo/Chediski wildfire burned over 400,000 acres of forest, making it one of the most destructive fires in Arizona history.

b. Attorney Chris Keller, Chief Counsel of the Division of County Counsel says he is amazed by the wide range of legal issues his division handles.

the fires ravaging Coconino, Apache, Navajo and Gila Counties. The board then voted unanimously to send assistance to the counties. Maricopa County's help arrived in time to help stop the flames from reaching the most densely populated area in the fire's path. This is but one example of the important and often emergency tasks undertaken by our County Counsel Division.

Rick Romley's responsibility of representing County Government in the civil law arena fulfills an important function of the office, rivaling that of criminal prosecution. On a daily basis, Mr. Romley through the Division of County Counsel fulfills his mission by responding to legal questions asked by the more than 60 sep-

arate departments of Maricopa County Government. The Board of Supervisors, Elections Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Animal Care and Control, and Maricopa County Integrated Health System are some of the departments that rely on the legal advice and representation of the Division of County Counsel.

Staffed with 35 attorneys, 20 paralegals and 27 support employees, County Counsel is essentially an in-house law firm for Maricopa County government. Three bureaus — General Government, Public Works and Litigation — function as a team. Having legal experts only an E-mail away from their "clients" provides a cost-effective service for the state's most populous county.

Attorney Paul Golab, General Government Bureau Chief, is best known for his legal advice and representation in the creation of the Maricopa County Stadium District and the construction of the Bank One Ballpark.



The issues County Counsel advises upon are often in the public spotlight. Maricopa County departments are entrusted with critical responsibilities, which demand sound legal counsel. County Attorney Rick Romley makes client service and relations a priority for the County Counsel team. Chief Counsel Chris Keller and Assistant Chief Counsel Jean Rice have a staff of skilled communicators and innovative problem solvers.

Authoring legal opinions in a timely fashion and keeping departments abreast of legal developments are part of County Counsel's recipe for maintaining strong communication. The adoption of the Counsel-in-Charge program has contributed to County Counsel's effort to maintain clear lines of communication. The Counsel-in-Charge program mandates the assignment of a specific attorney to act as

the point of contact for each department. County departments requiring service are directed to their Counsel-in-Charge. For example, the Maricopa County Elections Department has one initial point of contact — Deputy County Attorney Jill Kennedy, General Government Bureau. While Jill is an expert on election law and works on a majority of the Election Department's legal issues, if the question asked is outside her scope of expertise, she would refer this particular question to the Deputy County Attorney with appropriate knowledge. Jill, however, would remain in contact with the assigned attorney and communicate with the Elections Department.

By collaborating with county departments and instituting programs like Counsel-in-Charge, County Counsel has achieved its goal of providing excellent client service. A survey of County



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a. Attorney Jill Kennedy, General Government Bureau, is considered County Counsel's public records guru. Though most citizens use the public records law as it was intended, Jill encounters those who use the law improperly. For instance, Jill was able to protect voters and their privacy and security, by successfully litigating Helen Purcell v. Ernest Hancock et al. In that case there was a threat to upload voters' personal information to the Internet.

b. "County Counsel is a client service agency," says Attorney Jean Rice, Assistant Chief Counsel. "Client service is our number one priority." Jean goes on to say the Client Satisfaction Survey proves the Counsel-in-Charge program continues to strengthen attorneys' relationships with Maricopa County departments.



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Counsel's clients conducted by Maricopa County Research and Reporting gave County Council a 93 percent overall approval rating. Departments evaluated County Council's handling of legal advice and its litigation services among the highest, awarding both services a 96 percent satisfaction rating.

"These surveys prove to us that our legal services are really hitting the mark. The Division of County Council will continue to provide excellent service to County leaders and their offices. They'd be hard-pressed to find better legal services elsewhere," said County Attorney Rick Romley.

In addition to working as a team within the office, County Council has



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a. **Division Coordinator Sylvia Lopez supervises the dynamic County Council support staff.**

b. **Paralegal Sonja Kautzman inputs information into an automated file management system she is designing specifically for County Council.**

c. **The General Government Bureau meets monthly to discuss legal trends and share information.**



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formed partnerships with government attorneys from other counties in Arizona and several states, since the legal trends in one region often predict future legal issues for Maricopa County. By networking with other similarly situated attorneys, County Counsel remains on the cutting edge of an ever-changing legal environment.

County Counsel attorneys also network with attorneys in the private sector who contract with the county to handle cases due to conflicts of interest or the need for a specific legal expertise. County Counsel manages the case delegation system, making sure the county receives the best legal counsel available. In cases where the lawsuit subject is beyond the specific expertise of a County Counsel attorney, the county will contract with a private attorney who has such expertise. In this situation, the County Counsel attor-

ney will act as a liaison between the private attorney and the county department — all while broadening his or her knowledge base.

“County Counsel is a wonderful resource for County Leadership,” said David Smith, Chief Administrative Officer of Maricopa County.

Praised for its “can do” attitude, the Division of County Counsel responds to county government’s legal needs with vigor. County Counsel employees are proud of their accomplishments. The following pages reveal the faces behind these accomplishments, while highlighting the responsibilities of each bureau.



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a. The County Counsel support staff are records management experts, opening 450 new files every month.

b. Darcie Sanders, Support Staff, keeps track of each attorney’s billable hours.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUREAU



“The General Government Bureau uses the full breadth of Arizona Statutes.”

— Paul Golab
Bureau Chief
General Government Bureau

Maricopa County, the fourth most populous county in the nation, is also the fastest growing county in the United States. From its booming cities and sleepy bedroom communities to its vast rural areas, Maricopa County’s challenges are as diverse as its geography. Maricopa County government, designated the best run county in the nation by the Government Performance Project published February 2002 in *Governing Magazine*, has worked tirelessly to meet these challenges while earning its reputation of being an innovative, proactive government body. Dedicated to ensuring county leadership is well-advised and well-represented while making crucial decisions, the General Government Bureau

uses its legal diversity to counsel leadership towards its goals.

Bureau Chief Paul Golab heads the division with more than 10 years experience as a County Counsel attorney. The other 11 attorneys who comprise the bureau each have a minimum of 10 years legal experience, enabling the bureau to handle the broad spectrum of legal issues encountered daily.

“The General Government Bureau uses the full breadth of Arizona Statutes,” said Paul. “While prosecutors rarely deviate from Title 13 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, we civil attorneys use every volume on the shelf.”

The General Government Bureau employees balance the needs of over 40 Maricopa County Departments, Boards and Commissions.

The General Government Bureau stays busy acting as Counsel-in-Charge to over 40 departments, boards and commissions. The bureau is organized to provide legal services to specific county departments. For instance, the Elections Department, Animal Care and Control, Maricopa County Hospital, the Board of Supervisors, the County Recorder's Office, the Superintendent of Schools and County Administration are all departments that provide government services to the public. Though the clients of the General Government Bureau all provide county services to the community, each of the departments is dramatically different from the next. Their clients' diversity requires General Government Bureau attorneys to have an extensive area of expertise. Although most General Government attorneys have a specific niche, indicative of their Counsel-in-Charge contact, collabora-



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a. Attorney Martin Demos, holding adoptee Tyler, is the Counsel-in-Charge attorney for Animal Care and Control. Recent police raids have confirmed that pets are often the forgotten victims of their owners' criminal conduct. Martin is currently working on behalf of Animal Care and Control to review policies and procedures and training materials for local police officers who might encounter animals while making arrests at suspects' homes.

c. Step away from the stethoscope... hopefully Attorney Louis Gorman will not be performing surgery any time soon. Louis, however, is Counsel-in-Charge for the Maricopa Integrated Health System and currently sits on the task force to determine the future direction of the Maricopa Medical Center.

b. Martin walks the grounds of the new Animal Care and Control Pet Adoption Center with Corinna Valez-Ruperto, Pet Adoption Supervisor and George, a five-year-old Chow-mix.



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a. Attorney Jill Kennedy (center), County Recorder Helen Purcell (right) and Election Supervisor Karen Osborn inspect voting machines before their distribution to all polling locations in anticipation of the March 11, 2003 elections.



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b. As Counsel-in-Charge for the Elections Department and the County Recorder, Jill must inspect each ballot before it is printed and distributed to Maricopa County voters.



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c. Attorney Michael Hintze works off-site at Desert Vista Behavioral Health Center defending challenges to court-ordered mental health treatment, involuntary health treatment, or commitment.

tion between the attorneys in this area is customary. The attorneys in the General Government Bureau ensure that open meeting laws are not violated, public records requests are researched, elections laws are followed, and legal questions from any of the departments is answered quickly and accurately.

“The Board has the responsibility of making certain the decisions we make are not only beneficial to the county and its constituents, but also meet all statutory requirements,” said Fulton Brock, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. “This interaction also provides practical application and experience for both our Board members and legal counsel.”

LITIGATION BUREAU



With over 16,500 employees, Maricopa County simultaneously has employees performing surgery, driving county owned vehicles, making arrests, guarding inmates, staffing a polling site, repairing roads or clearing park trails. In addition, county employees must react to delinquent tax matters, delinquent medical bill payments, land use violations and various statute infringements.

“The county works within a complicated statutory and regulatory environment. We are the target of numerous lawsuits, both serious and frivolous,” said David Smith, Maricopa County Chief Administrative Officer. A strong County Counsel Office is vital for the Board of

Supervisors and my office to make good decisions. Chris Keller and his excellent legal team are essential for us to be successful.”

A team of courtroom-savvy attorneys, known in County Counsel as the Litigation Bureau, is assigned the task of representing Maricopa County in litigious situations. The Litigation Bureau is responsible for advice and representation to the Department of Risk Management on lawsuits and claims brought against the county for tort liability and civil rights violations. County Counsel also advises risk

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The Litigation attorneys make a winning team.



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a. Bureau Chief Richard Stewart encourages his attorneys to broaden their areas of legal expertise by working as a team.

b. One of Attorney Mary Cronin's responsibilities is teaching a training class on Maricopa County's policy and procedures regarding sexual harassment.

management on “self insured trust matters,” or county government’s insurance policy determined by its exposure to liability based on its overall operations. A mouthful of legalese best summed up with one word — teamwork.

Teamwork is the hallmark of the Litigation Bureau. Each litigation attorney carries a caseload of approximately 40 cases, often involving monetary settlements. The eight attorneys in the bureau work closely with risk management to ensure the best outcome for the county.

“County Counsel attorneys are our attorneys of choice for defending claims. Risk management has a close, positive relationship with the Litigation Bureau,” said Peter Crowley, Maricopa County’s Risk Manager. “We work well together as a team.”

Bureau Chief Richard Stewart’s objective is to ensure that the results of litigation benefit Maricopa County citizens, while at the same time ensuring all litigants are treated fairly. Richard knows his team will resolve even the most complex cases, everything from medical malpractice to tax evasion claims, with professionalism.

“Our practice group handles a variety of litigation and our expertise has grown significantly. Cases that 10 years ago we had to farm out to private firms are now staying in-house,” said Richard.

At the core of the litigation team’s success is their emphasis on litigation support services. Litigation Bureau attorneys often work with other County Counsel bureaus on case preparation. Litigation attorneys will pair with the Counsel-in-Charge attorney to prepare for legal action.

The Litigation Bureau also serves as Counsel-in-Charge for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and the Maricopa County Justice Courts, which results in voluminous and often unique litigation experiences. For instance, the Sheriff's Office, in addition to its capacity as a law enforcement agency, also administers the jail facilities in Maricopa County. With roughly 7,000 inmates housed in one of the five jail facilities, the lawsuits filed by inmates relating to their care and living conditions are limited only by their expansive imaginations.

Teamwork backed by finely-tuned legal skill have earned the Litigation Bureau an excellent reputation. The litigation team provides exceptional legal services to the county, its leaders and administrators.



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a. As part of the Litigation Bureau, Attorney Maria Brandon represents the Office of the Public Fiduciary, which provides guardianship, conservatorship, and decedent services to vulnerable adults in order to protect their estates and well-being.



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b. Senior Paralegal Cari Shehorn is one of 20 paralegals assigned to County Counsel. County Counsel paralegals perform complex legal research and draft legal memoranda. Public Works Bureau Chief William Knopf said, "Our paralegals are excellent. They have very specialized legal skills and are a crucial part of our team."

c. "We'll see you in court..." say the smiling faces of the Litigation Bureau.



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PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS BUREAU



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“...representing the many departments of county government that are involved in the development of the county’s infrastructure...”

a. Bureau Chief William Knopf says it is critical for in-house attorneys to provide high caliber legal advice.

b. Attorney Terry Eckhart, Counsel-in-Charge for the Parks and Recreation Department, says in the near future visitors to the Spur Cross Conservation Area might see designated picnic areas or even take a guided tour of the area’s ancient petroglyphs.

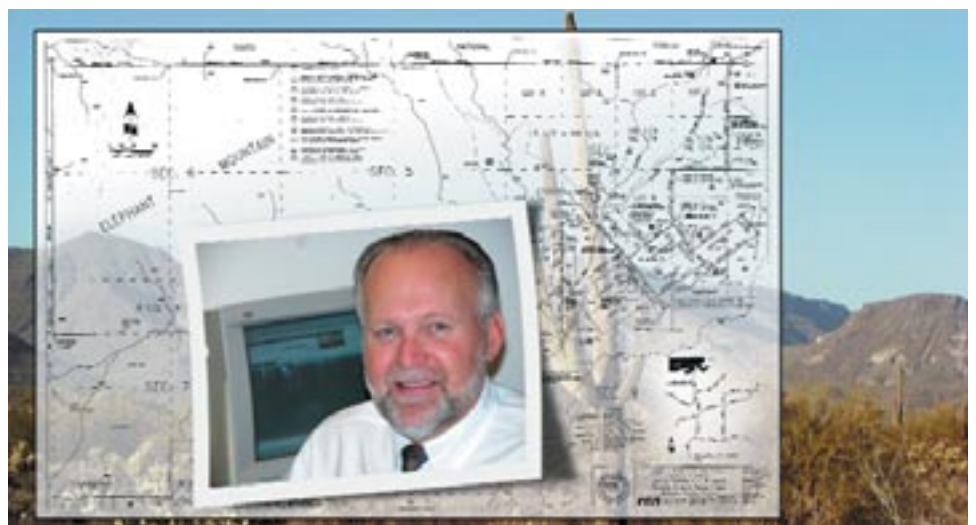
Approximately four years ago Maricopa County along with the State of Arizona and the Town of Cave Creek set out to preserve 2,154 acres of pristine desert from development. The \$22 million land transaction took over two years to negotiate, but on January 9, 2001, legal documents were signed creating Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area, the newest addition to Maricopa County’s regional park system. Operated by the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department, Spur Cross is a “limited use public recreation and conservation area.” The cooperation between the state, county and Town of Cave Creek saved the area, famous for its ancient petroglyphs, from becoming the next master-planned subdivision.

Attorney Terry Eckhart, Property and Public Works Bureau, represented Maricopa County’s interest in preserving the Spur Cross Ranch area, which encompasses Elephant Mountain. Terry, who frequently hikes Spur Cross, continues to handle legal matters for the area in his capacity as Counsel-in-Charge for the Parks and Recreation Department.

“If you haven’t been to Spur Cross, you really should take a trip out there. It’s beautiful high Sonoran desert with all types of archeological treasures,” said Terry. “Designating the area as a conservation area, not a park, was an important step in keeping the land untouched.”

The Property and Public Works Bureau strives to exceed its clients’ expectations, knowing the benefit will reach the citizens of Maricopa County. The bureau is responsible for representing the many departments of county government that are involved in the development of the county’s infrastructure, such as the Department of Transportation, Real Estate, Parks and Recreation, Materials Management, Facilities Management, Planning and Development, Environmental Services, and the Flood Control District. The bureau also handles property tax matters serving as Counsel-in-Charge for the Maricopa County Assessor’s Office.

Attorney William Knopf, Bureau Chief of the Public Works Bureau, promotes the customer service ideal within his bureau.



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“It is critical that in-house attorneys provide legal advice of a high caliber,” said Bill. “We are very concerned with client satisfaction. We want to assist clients, not be at odds with them.”

Balancing the needs of multiple departments, many with conflicting interests, is a challenge for the 11 attorneys in the bureau. Providing excellent legal advice to each department, based on legal research and attorney collaboration, the Public Works Bureau conquers these challenges. Citizens rely on Maricopa County’s infrastructure everyday so, in Bill Knopf’s words, “things crop up when you least expect them.”

In 2002, “things cropping up” is an understatement. The involvement of the bureau in local high-profile events illustrates the significance of exact legal advice. For example, the Public Health Department’s concern regarding roof rat infestation in the Arcadia neighborhood and Environmental Service’s mandate that privately-owned Rose Valley Water install a permanent, mechanical chlorination system before resuming service to customers are events that spurred legal inquiries for the Public Works Bureau. The Public Works Bureau has also been embroiled in litigation to prevent a mining company from building in a flood control area. Even the hectic property tax area, whose three-panel board heard 700 property tax disputes last year, dealt with uncharted territory in 2002. Public Works attorneys had the task of determining the property tax value of the first cryogenic facility in Maricopa County.



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These legal decisions are not made in a vacuum, said Bureau Chief Knopf.

“While every attorney has a practice area, we cross-train people to work in a variety of areas, which allows our attorneys to go across the hall or into the office next door and collaborate before giving legal advice,” said Bill.

As Maricopa County continues to meet the demands of being the fastest growing county in the nation, its residents can be assured the Property and Public Works Bureau understands the legal needs of this developing region. The bureau continues to fulfill its mission to exceed the expectations of its clients, the citizens of Maricopa County.



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a. The Public Works Bureau is committed to client service.

b. Attorney Otis Smith acted as a liason between Ford Motor Company’s independent Blue Ribbon Panel and Maricopa County departments that drive Crowne Victoria cars, ensuring county fleets have the necessary mechanical equipment to insure safety.

RICHARD M. ROMLEY



*“...responsible
for administering
one of the largest
prosecuting
attorney’s offices...”*

Nationally recognized as a leader in criminal justice issues, Rick Romley is in his fourth elected term as the Maricopa County Attorney. He is responsible for administering one of the largest prosecuting attorney’s offices, serving the fourth most populated county in America. His comprehensive understanding of criminal behavior and his commitment to working towards solutions are the reasons Rick is often sought for counsel on important local and national issues. He has testified before the United States Congress on the issues of violent crime, terrorism, drug trafficking, youth violence, public corruption and victims’ rights. His opinions and commentaries, such as his essay, “There Are No Civilized Crimes” (*Wall Street Journal*, December 18, 1995), have been published in newspapers across the country.

Rick has championed many prosecution and reform policies. In the early 1990s, he successfully prosecuted “AzScam,” the largest public corruption case in Arizona’s history. His anti-drug

diversion program was adopted as a national model by the President’s Drug Advisory Committee. He helped Arizona become one of the first states to pass a constitutional amendment guaranteeing rights to victims during the criminal justice process. He played a leading role in rewriting Arizona’s Criminal Code, which resulted in “Truth-in-Sentencing,” requiring convicted criminals to serve their full sentence. Rick was a prominent figure in the drive to reform Arizona’s juvenile justice system, and he has been a key sponsor of the Violence Prevention Initiative, an effort to develop a comprehensive, long-term strategy to prevent violent crime. For these efforts, Rick has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the National Leadership Award, presented in Washington D.C. in 1997.

While Rick is known as a dedicated and successful prosecutor, he also believes in the need to develop community-based policies that enhance public safety. His strategy combines tough law enforcement aimed at chronic offenders, and vigorous



After a long week of prosecuting the county’s most dangerous criminals, Rick Romley relaxes by taking his Jeep off-road.

prevention efforts targeting our youth. And his strategy is working. Citizens in Maricopa County are seeing dramatic decreases in graffiti, reduced blight and substandard living conditions, all resulting in a reduced crime rate.

Continuing a 100-year Arizona family tradition, Rick and his wife, Carol, live in Scottsdale. They have three sons: Darin, David and Aaron. Rick, born in Tucson in 1949, joined the United States Marine Corps as a youth and served as a squad leader in Vietnam until wounded. Rick received numerous commendations, including the Purple Heart. In 2001, Rick received two additional distinguished national awards for his service in defense of our country: America's Presidential Unsung Hero Award, and the Outstanding Disabled American Veteran of the Year Award.

Upon returning from Vietnam, Rick enrolled at Arizona State University, graduating with honors in 1974 with a Business Management degree. After graduation, he owned and operated a retail business. Five years later, he sold the business, enrolled in law school at Arizona State University and received his Juris Doctorate in 1981. Since then, he has committed himself to a career in public service.

Rick Romley takes pride in being an innovative, aggressive prosecutor dedicated to improving the quality of life for the citizens of Maricopa County.



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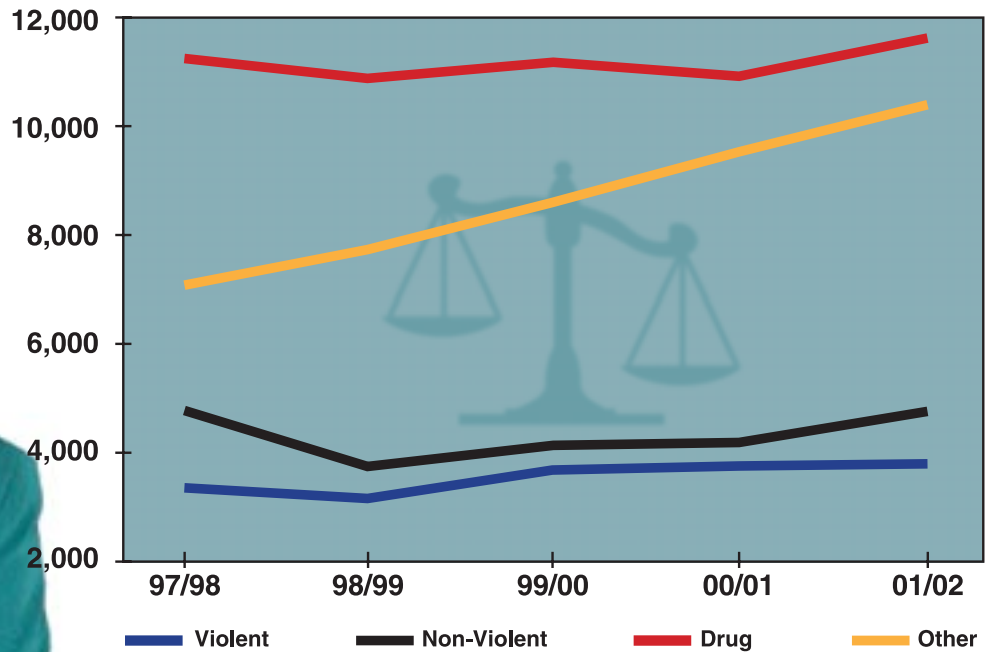


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a. Rick addresses Law Enforcement officials at the annual Demand Reduction meeting.

b. Rick and his wife Carol.

ADULT FILINGS



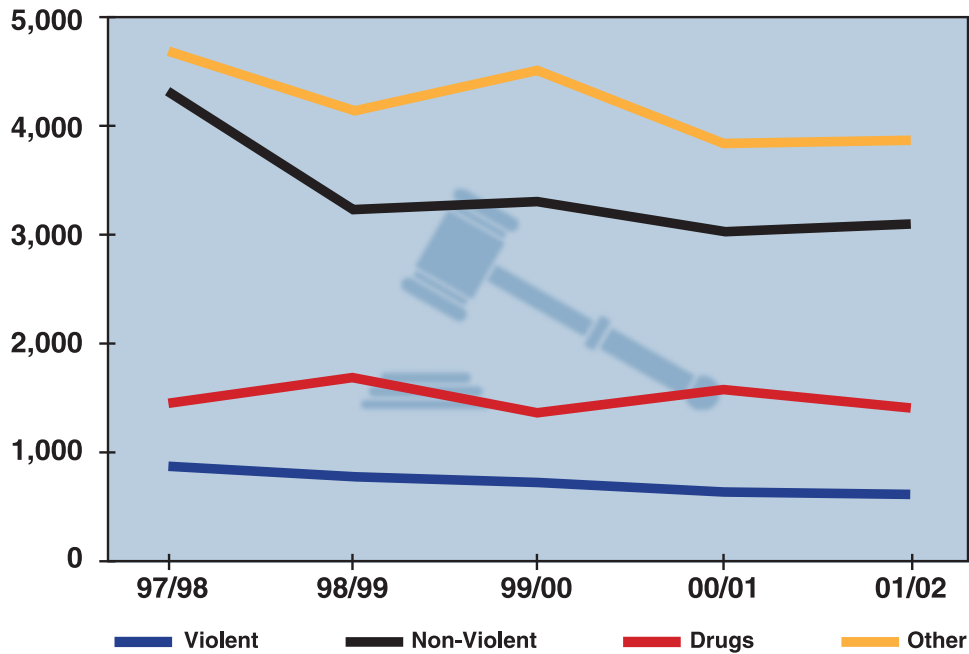
Maricopa County Attorney's Office Adult Felony Filings FY 2000/01 Compared to FY 2001/02 Case Defendant Analysis

Offense Type	Filings		
	FY 00/01	FY 01/02	% Change
Homicide	217	279	28.6%
Sexual Assault	91	90	-1.1%
Child Molestation	366	377	3.0%
Robbery	722	831	15.1%
Aggravated Assault	2,675	2,546	-4.8%
Burglary	1,629	1,738	6.7%
Arson	42	41	-2.4%
Vehicular Theft	1,619	2,167	33.8%
DUI	3,049	3,121	2.4%
Theft	840	860	2.4%
Drug Related	11,025	11,613	5.3%
Other Offenses	6,136	6,970	13.6%
Total	28,411	30,633	7.8%

2001/2002 Prosecutor of the Year, Deputy County Attorney Maria Armijo, Family Violence Bureau Chief.

Source: CAIS, FY 1999/00 to FY 2001/02. Lejis, FY 1997/98 to 1998/99.

JUVENILE FILINGS



Maricopa County Attorney's Office Juvenile Filings FY 2000/01 Compared to FY 2001/02 Case Defendant Analysis

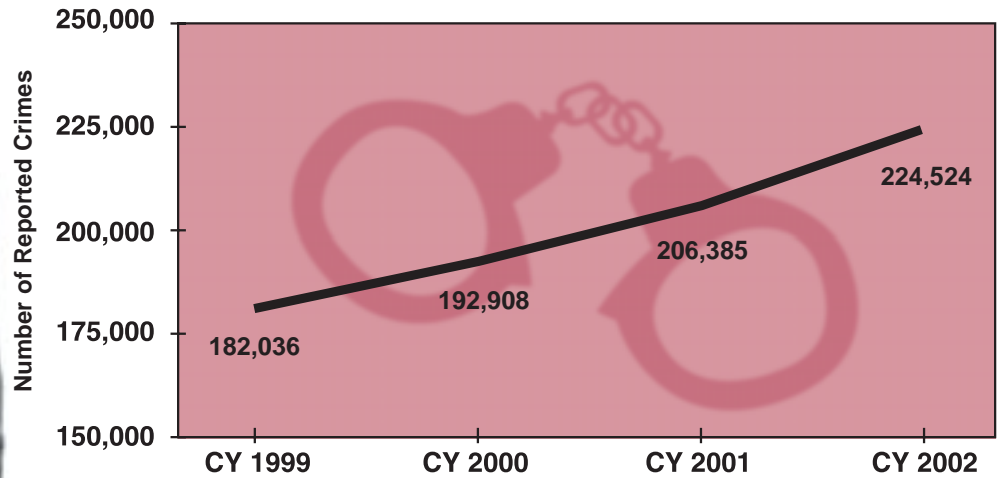
Offense Type	Filings		
	FY 00/01	FY 01/02	% Change
Homicide	1	2	100.0%
Sexual Assault	8	5	-37.5%
Child Molestation	66	66	0.0%
Robbery	84	83	-1.2%
Aggravated Assault	532	542	1.9%
Burglary	863	831	-3.7%
Arson	47	32	-31.9%
Vehicular Theft	655	753	15.0%
DUI	43	76	76.7%
Theft	1,481	1,481	0.0%
Drug Related	1,580	1,424	-9.9%
Other Offenses	3,657	3,655	-0.1%
Total	9,017	8,950	-0.7%

Source: JOLTS, FY 1997/98 to FY 2001/02.



2001/2002 Juvenile Division
Prosecutor of the Year, Deputy
County Attorney David Bash,
Adoptions Bureau Chief.

MARICOPA COUNTY CRIME RATE



- From 1999 to 2001, Maricopa County's population increased 7.6 percent compared with the State of Arizona at 8 percent.
- Overall Maricopa County's crime rate has seen an increase of 3.5 percent from 1999 to 2001.
- Maricopa County's violent crime rate decreased 2.2 percent from 1999 to 2001.
- Maricopa County's property crime rate increased 4.1 percent from 1999 to 2001.

For three years Maricopa County has experienced a decrease in violent crime. The decrease occurred notwithstanding a significant population increase. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the property crime rate, which has increased as the population has grown.

Source: DPS "Crime in Arizona," 1999, 2000, 2001
Crime rates are reported per 100,000 people

Overview of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office

- One of the largest prosecuting attorney's offices in the country.
- Staff of 934, including 298 prosecutors, 35 attorneys handling civil matters, 93 paralegals, 58 victim services advocates, 51 detectives and 399 support and administrative staff.
- 51 victim services volunteers and 88 legal assistant volunteers.
- Five locations throughout Maricopa County including offices in downtown Phoenix and Mesa, juvenile crimes offices in West Phoenix and Mesa.



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Carol McFadden,
Executive Chief

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Specific Information on Programs of Interest

- Kids in Court
Program (602) 506-8522
- Media Relations . . . (602) 506-3411
- Speakers Bureau . . . (602) 506-7799
- Drug Free AZ (602) 506-7630
- Adoptions (480) 962-8002
- Community Action
Bureau (602) 506-3411
- Victim Services
Division (602) 506-8522
- Victim Compensation
Bureau (602) 506-4955

Hotlines

- Graffiti (602) 262-7327
- Hate Crimes (602) 506-5000
- Illegal Dumping . . . (602) 506-6616
- Slumlord (602) 372-7586





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