

Courtroom Tools for Addressing Human Trafficking, Domestic and Sexual Violence, and Child Exploitation in the time of COVID-19

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THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH R. FINN is the Presiding Judge for Glendale City Court in Arizona. She has spearheaded the development of specialized courts such as Domestic Violence Treatment Court, DUI Review Court, DV Supervised Probation Court and a Mental Health Court. She also served as a pilot with another city to conduct competency examinations at the city court level as opposed to those cases being transferred to general jurisdiction court. Based on the success of the program, the Supreme Court had a state law passed allowed all counties to delegate this authority to limited jurisdiction courts. She has written most of Arizona's domestic violence laws, designed the protective order forms and created the first Benchbook for protective orders and was a member of the Supreme Court Committee elevating the Benchbook to Arizona Rules of Protective Order Procedure. For the new Arizona system for protective orders called AZPoint, her Court spearheaded this project for the entire state applicable to every court and every law enforcement agency in the state. At 40 years of service, she is the longest sitting judge in Arizona. Judge Finn is a Past Chair of the National Conference of Specialized Court Judges currently serving as a member of the Executive Committee. She currently serves as the Editor for the Conference for the Judicial Record, is a member of the Standing Committee on Diversity in the Judiciary, member of the Judicial Division's Professionalism and Ethics Committee as well as the Technology Committee.

She serves on two Arizona Supreme Court Committees by virtue of being appointed by the Chief Justice: Limited Jurisdiction Committee and the Mental Health Committee. Judge Finn currently serves as the Chair of the Maricopa County Regional Homeless Court Governing Council consisting of 50 city and justice of the peace courts.