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By Chris DeRose, Clerk of the Superior Court

**Hello from the New Guy**

I'm Chris DeRose – your new Clerk of the Superior Court for Maricopa County. Governor Doug Ducey appointed me to complete the term of Michael Jeanes on March 22. I know I speak for everyone when I say that Michael was an incredible public servant. I am grateful for his support and look forward to building on his successes. You will be glad to know that his phenomenal team has agreed to stay on. But not as glad as I am.

I come to the office with a unique perspective. I have practiced law in Maricopa County my entire career, appearing countless times in Superior Court, and arguing 47 cases in our Court of Appeals with two appearances before the Arizona Supreme Court. I was most recently the Senior Litigation Counsel to our Attorney General. Prior to that, I was a professor of Constitutional, International, and Election Law.

I have been busy meeting with the Clerk's office staff, the management team, county leadership, judges and of course, Presiding Judge Janet Barton and Superior Court Administrator Ray Billotte, both of whom have been welcoming and generous with their time and insight.

I would be glad to meet with you as well or speak to your organization. I want to be as accessible as possible and hear how we're doing. I accepted 40 calendar invites this morning alone (it goes faster if you don't read them – I assume they're all important).

I am committed to recruiting and retaining the best talent for our 700 person team; establishing online payments; transitioning to electronic case initiation; and creating a system of 24-hour docketing. As Clerk I am accountable to everyone in Maricopa County. Please let me know if there are important priorities to add to this list. My e-mail is [derosec@cosc.maricopa.gov](mailto:derosec@cosc.maricopa.gov).

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