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Adoption Day

On Saturday, Nov. 19, the Juvenile Court Center will host an adoption celebration to raise awareness of the need for and benefits of adoption in the Valley. There will be six courtrooms running simultaneously from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Seventy-three cases are set for hearing. Some hearings, which are usually closed to the public, will be open to help educate the community about the adoption process. Each year this successful event is a memorable day for those involved. The event will be held at 3131 W. Durango Ave. in Phoenix. If your practice involves family issues or if you have an interest in this subject area, please feel free to join us. For more information, contact the Superior Court's Communications area at 602.506.7378.

Northeast Court Opens

On Sept. 13, 2005, the long-awaited Northeast Regional Court Center (RCC) was dedicated to the citizens of Maricopa County. By spreading the word about this convenient location, we hope that our customers will take advantage of the Northeast RCC as an alternative for selected court filings.

At this RCC, the Clerk's Office provides a filing counter with 6 windows to serve customers. The Northeast RCC will accept filings for civil, family, probate, and tax cases, but will not accept filings in juvenile or criminal cases. For after-hours filings, an external filing depository box is located at the complex. Adult case type filings may be filed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Again, juvenile and criminal case filings will not be accepted.

In addition to Clerk's services, the Trial Courts offer additional services at the center, including a Self-Service Center, Family Violence Prevention Center, Juror Services, Court Interpreter and Translation Services, and a Conciliation Services office.

The Northeast RCC Clerk's Office is located at 18380 N. 40th Street, Suite 120, Phoenix, AZ 85032, just east of State Route 51 at the Union Hills exit. For additional information about Clerk's services at the Northeast RCC, contact 602.506.3360.

Notary Bonds

A notary bond website was created to improve customer service by offering quick and easy access to the notary bond or certificate information. The site can be accessed at: http://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/notary_bonds/notarybonds.asp The notary bond site offers search ability to find specific information regarding the status of the notary bond or certificate, existing problems with the submissions, and dates relating to mailings. For additional questions about notary bonds, customers may e-mail notarybonds@cosc.maricopa.gov.

E-Filing

Judge Peter Swann's division continues to expand electronic filing. Due largely to the success, ease and manageability of e-filing, few general civil cases remain in Judge Swann's division that have not been designated for the pilot. Stay tuned as electronic filing expands into other civil divisions in the near future.

The Clerk's Office conducts monthly one-hour demonstrations of the e-filing system for general civil cases. The training room is located on the 2nd floor of the Central Court Building, 201 W. Jefferson St. in Phoenix. Demonstrations are scheduled for Nov. 16 and Dec. 21, from 10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. More information is available at <http://eventures.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/GenCVE-File.pdf>

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