

## Phoenix Lawyer Mark Harrison to Head Justice at Stake Board Former Arizona Bar President Works to Keep Courts Fair and Impartial

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Justice at Stake Campaign, a national, nonpartisan judicial watchdog group, announced that attorney **Mark Harrison** of Arizona is the new Chairman of its Board of Directors.

Harrison was elected to the Justice at Stake board in 2008. He is a partner at Osborn Maledon, P.A. in Phoenix. Harrison previously was a partner at Bryan Cave LLP and Harrison, Harper, Christian and Dichter PC. He serves as a judge *pro tempore* of the Maricopa County Superior Court and has served as a judge *pro tempore* on the Arizona Court of Appeals.

He has served on several Standing Committees of the American Bar Association and most recently served as Chair of the American Bar Association Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct, which was adopted by the ABA House of Delegates in 2007.

Currently an Adjunct Professor at Arizona State University's College of Law, Harrison is a member of the American Law Institute and has published works on judicial and legal ethics. They include *The 2007 ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct: Blueprint for a Generation of Judges*, Vol. 28, The Justice Journal, No. 3 (2007).

Harrison is a Past President of the State Bar of Arizona, the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers. His awards include the Walter E. Craig Award from the State Bar of Arizona in 2003 for Lifetime Achievement, the ABA Mike Franck Award for Professional Responsibility in 1996, the AJC Learned Hand Award for Community Service in 2005 and the National Conference of Bar Presidents 2010 Fellows Award for his continuing commitment to public service. In 2007 and 2008, he was included in the Top 50 Southwest Arizona Super Lawyers and has been included in "Best Lawyers in America" for more than 20 years. Harrison is President of Justice For All, an Arizona-based group that works to protect courts.

Harrison is a 1960 graduate of Harvard Law School. He earned his B.A. from Antioch College. He replaces Roger Warren, president emeritus of the National Center for State Courts, as JAS board chairman.

## Other directors elected to the Justice at Stake board in 2010 include:

Retired Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice **Ruth V. McGregor**, who retired in 2009 after 11 years on Arizona's high court, the last four as chief justice. She was named in 2009 to the advisory committee of the O'Connor Judicial Selection Project, a group advocating the appointment of judges that is run by the Denver-based Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System.

Professor **John McKay** of the Seattle University School of Law, a former U.S. attorney from Seattle, nominated by President George W. Bush in 2001. From 1997 to 2001, Professor McKay served as president of the Legal Services Corporation in Washington, D.C., which works to assure civil legal representation to lower-income Americans.

Judge **Jeffery P. Hopkins** of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, who is based in Cincinnati. He also served as an assistant U.S. attorney and chief of the civil division of the U.S. Attorney's office, and he is a member of the Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati and has served on boards of numerous community organizations.

Professor **James Alfini** of the South Texas College of Law in Houston, where Alfini completed six years as dean in 2009. He also taught for 12 years as a law professor at Northern Illinois University College of Law and served as dean for six years.

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The Justice at Stake Campaign is a nonpartisan, nonprofit campaign working to keep America's courts fair and impartial. Justice at Stake and its 50-plus state and national partners educate the public, and work for reforms to keep politics and special interests out of the courtroom—so judges can protect our Constitution, our rights and the Rule of law. For more about Justice at Stake, go to <a href="https://www.justiceatstake.org">www.justiceatstake.org</a>, or <a href="https://www.gavelgrab.org">www.gavelgrab.org</a>.

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