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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA**  
**IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YUMA**

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In the Matter of:	)	
	)	Administrative Order
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS	)	2025-34
TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE	)	(Replaces 2020-23 )
TO NOMINATE SPECIAL JUDICIAL	)	(Corrected as to Appointment Term)
OFFICERS FOR SUPERIOR COURT	)	
IN YUMA COUNTY	)	
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Administrative Order 2025-33 of the Superior Court in Yuma County sets forth the procedure for the Selection of Special Judicial Officers. This Administrative Order replaces expired Administrative Order 2020-23 appointing Selection Committee members to nominate Special Judicial Officers in Yuma County.

After due consideration, the following individuals are appointed, or reappointed, by the undersigned Presiding Judge to serve on the Selection Committee for Special Judicial Officers.

These appointments shall be in effect from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

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|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Phil Townsend     | Reappointment | Term Expires December 31, 2026 |
| 2. Jim Smith         | Appointment   | Term Expires December 31, 2026 |
| 3. Amanda Dallabetta | Appointment   | Term Expires December 31, 2026 |
| 4. Anna Martinez     | Appointment   | Term Expires December 31, 2026 |
| 5. Ricardo Perez     | Appointment   | Term Expires December 31, 2026 |

The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Presiding Judge of Yuma County Superior Court and shall be responsible for calling such meetings, as necessary, of the Selection Committee. The Chairperson shall be Phil Townsend.

1 Kathleen M. Schaben, Court Administrator, will provide technical assistance and staff  
2 support to the Chair and the Selection Committee for the screening and interview process.  
3 Ms. Schaben can be contacted at (928) 817-4090 for any assistance needed.

4 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Administrative Order supersedes all previous  
5 orders appointing members to the selection committee.

6 **DATED** this 15 day of December 2025.

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9 Honorable David M. Haws  
10 Presiding Judge

11 **Copies to:**

12 Hon. Mark Wayne Reeves, Div. 1  
13 Hon. R. Erin Farrar, Div. 2  
14 Hon. Claudia González, Div. 3  
15 Hon. Roger A. Nelson, Div. 5  
16 Hon. Nathaniel Sorenson, Div. 6  
17 Hon. Darci D. Weede, Div. 7  
18 Hon. Eliza B. Johnson, Comm. 2  
19 Hon. Levi Gunderson, Comm. 3  
20 Hon. Gregory Stewart, Justice Court Precinct 1  
21 Hon. Scarlett Harper, Justice Court Precinct 2  
22 Hon. Russ Jones, Justice Court Precinct 3/Wellton Municipal Court  
23 Hon. James Coil, Yuma Municipal Court  
24 Hon. Danae Figueroa, San Luis Municipal Court  
25 Hon. Edna Lugo, Somerton Municipal Court  
26 Kathleen M. Schaben, Court Administrator  
27 Imelda Arellano-Núñez, Director of Juvenile Court  
28 Ryan M. Byrd, Chief Adult Probation Officer  
Dona Miller-Robbins, Judicial Case Manager  
Reyna Curiel, Justice Court Administrator  
Ian McGaughey, Yuma County Administrator  
Karolyn Kaczorowski, Yuma County Attorney  
Sheriff Leon N. Wilmot, Yuma County Sheriff  
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