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<http://supreme.state.az.us/courtserv/ComMinorities/minorities.htm>

Other Resource Links:

- Arizona Judicial Branch - <http://supreme.state.az.us/>
 - Judicial Vacancies - <http://supreme.state.az.us/hr/hrjobs/courts.htm>
 - Juvenile Justice Service Division - <http://supreme.state.az.us/jjsd/>
- State Bar of Arizona - <http://www.azbar.org/>
- Maricopa County Bar Association - <http://www.maricopabar.org/>
- Pima County Bar Association - <http://www.pimacountybar.org/>
- Arizona Black Bar Association (formerly known as the Hayzel B. Daniels Bar Association - <http://hbdaniels.com/>
- Los Abogados Bar Association - <http://www.losabogados.org/>
- American Bar Association Judicial Intern Opportunity Program - <http://www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop/>
- National Bar Association Arizona Diversity Pipeline Program - <http://www.nbapipeline.org/index.html>



Commission on Minorities in the Judiciary



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COMMISSION ON MINORITIES IN THE JUDICIARY



The Commission on Minorities in the Judiciary (Commission) is a standing commission of the Arizona Judicial Council (AJC). The work of the Commission is given direction by *Good to Great*, the Strategic Agenda for Arizona Courts, 2005-2010 and Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (ACJA) § 1-107.

Central to the Commission's purpose is assisting the Arizona Judicial Branch in achieving the goals of enhancing communication between the courts and minority communities; providing continuing education to the judiciary and judicial staff on issues of cultural competency and racial and ethnic diversity; increasing the diversity of the judiciary; and addressing the over representation of minority youth in the justice system.

Since 1990, the Commission, through its members' efforts, recommendations to the AJC and collaborations with other stakeholders, has accomplished *great* things. These accomplishments include:

- Hosting the *Color-blind Justice? Minority Youth Over-representation in the Arizona Juvenile Justice System* Conference
- Developing the 1993 Equitable Treatment of Minority Youth Report and subsequent reports and Statewide Report Cards
- Initiating Building Blocks Program in the Maryvale community - now a project of Maricopa County's Tinker Toys Initiative
- Initiating Project RESTORE (a civil rights restoration project) in Maryvale
- Establishing the Committee to Study Interpreter Issues
- Establishing the Arizona Court Interpreter Funding Committee
- Conducting the Chris Nakamura Judicial Appointment Workshop biannually at the Minority Bar Convention and standalone seminar in Pima County
- Conducting the Judicial Clerkship Workshops at the U of A and ASU Law Schools
- Instituting a Cultural competency component in New Judge Orientation
- In 2003 the Commission was awarded the Justice Award for Community and Court Involvement for *Community Outreach with Justice Zlaket*

The Commission collaborates with other stakeholders:

- Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- Arizona Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission
- Committee on Judicial Education and Training
- Council on Legal Education Opportunities (CLEO)
- State Bar of Arizona
- Arizona Asian American Bar Association
- Arizona Black Bar Association
- Los Abogados Bar Association

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