

# ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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## 49TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**DATE:** March 16, 2009      **TIME:** 1:30 p.m.      **ROOM:** SHR1

**CHAIRMAN:** Senator Paton      **VICE CHAIRMAN:** Senator Huppenthal

**ANALYST:** Christina Estes-Werther      **ASSISTANT ANALYST:** Dakotah Pratt-Hewitt

**INTERN:** Monica Pineda      **COMMITTEE SECRETARY:** Bill Ritz

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#### ATTENDANCE

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#### BILLS

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| <u>Committee Members</u>          | <u>Pr</u> | <u>Ab</u> | <u>Ex</u> | <u>Bill Number</u> | <u>Disposition</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Senator Burton Cahill             | X         |           |           |                    |                    |
| Senator Cheuvront                 | X         |           |           |                    |                    |
| Senator C. Gray                   | X         |           |           |                    |                    |
| Senator Miranda                   | X         |           |           |                    |                    |
| Senator Pearce                    | X         |           |           |                    |                    |
| Senator Huppenthal, Vice Chairman | X         |           |           |                    |                    |
| Senator Paton, Chairman           | X         |           |           |                    |                    |

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#### EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

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| <u>Name</u>  | <u>Position</u>                                         | <u>Recommendation</u> |
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| Jill C. Kusy | Commission on Trial Court Appointments, Maricopa County | CONFIRMATION          |

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#### PRESENTATIONS

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Structure of Domestic Violence Services in Arizona – Allie Bones, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Critical Policy Issues – Kendra Leiby, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The Practical Applications of Domestic Violence Statutes

Chairman Paton called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and attendance was taken.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Senator Paton stated, without objection, the minutes of March 2, 2009 were approved as distributed.**

## **EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

### **Jill C. Kusy, Commission on Trial Court Appointments, Maricopa County – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED**

**Jill Kusy** briefly explained her background and answered questions posed by the Committee members.

**Linda Stiles, Director, Appointments, Boards and Commissions, Office of the Governor,** testified in support of Ms. Kusy and answered questions posed by the Committee members.

**Senator Huppenthal moved the Committee on Judiciary recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Jill C. Kusy to the Commission on Trial Court Appointments, Maricopa County. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-1-1 (Attachment 1).**

Senator Gray, Senator Huppenthal and Senator Paton explained their votes.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Structure of Domestic Violence Services in Arizona**

**Allie Bones, Executive Director, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence,** presented information regarding domestic violence services and policies in Arizona, referring to a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Domestic Violence in Arizona” (Attachment A).

### **Critical Policy Issues**

**Kendra Leiby, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence,** provided information regarding domestic violence policy issues in Arizona and answered questions posed by the Committee members.

### **The Practical Applications of Domestic Violence Statutes**

**Kathleen Mayer, Legislative Liaison, Pima County Attorney’s Office,** testified regarding gaps in Arizona statutes related to domestic violence offences, referring to a handout entitled “Daughter: Slain mom had told her of earlier choking attack” (Attachment B), and answered questions posed by the Committee members.

**Rebecca Baker, Deputy County Attorney and Legislative Liaison, Maricopa County Attorney’s Office,** provided information regarding shortcomings in Arizona statutes as it relates to prosecuting domestic violence offences and answered questions posed by the Committee members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Ritz  
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments on file in the Secretary of Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azsenate.gov>).