Why Death?

Dissecting Arizona’s Death Penalty

Panel discussion guests:
- Colin Campbell
  – Former presiding judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court
- Susan Corey
  – Attorney with the Maricopa County Legal Advocate
- Bill Montgomery
  – Maricopa County Attorney
- Rep. Maria Syms (R-28)
  – Member of the House Judiciary Committee and former assistant attorney general

The roundtable discussion format has each panelist making a 5-minute opening statement, followed by all four responding to questions from the moderator – while also being able to ask questions themselves and engage in dialogues among themselves.

The last 15 minutes or so will be a Q&A period with the audience.

Moderator will be Rick DeBruhl, Chief Communications Officer, State Bar of Arizona

Join us:
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 9-10:30am
Morrison Institute for Public Policy
411 N Central Avenue, Suite 900
ASU Downtown Phoenix Campus

Parking: Pay lots are available at North Central Avenue and East Fillmore Street, just north of the Cronkite School of Journalism building. There also are parking meters around the Arizona State University Downtown Phoenix Campus.

The public is invited to attend. Free. *Please RSVP to save your seat.
Colin Campbell
Former presiding judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court

After twelve years of practicing both civil and criminal trial law, Colin Campbell was appointed a Judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court in 1990. During his seventeen years as a Judge, he sat on every assignment (civil, criminal, juvenile and family), and was Presiding Judge from 2000 to 2005.

On returning to Osborn Maledon in 2007 after his retirement from the Bench, he has had an active commercial and public law trial practice.

Susan Corey
Attorney with the Maricopa County Legal Advocate

Susan Corey is a veteran Phoenix attorney who works for the Maricopa County Office of the Legal Advocate and does death penalty trial work exclusively.

A lawyer since 1988, she also serves as an adjunct professor at Arizona State University.

She graduated from the University of Tulsa, where she served on the law review.

Born in Japan, she attended high school in the Philippines. She has one son, who is currently serving his country—like his grandfather—in the U.S. Army.

Bill Montgomery
Maricopa County Attorney

Bill Montgomery was first elected Maricopa County Attorney in a special election in 2010, and was re-elected in 2012.

A West Point Graduate, decorated Gulf War Veteran and former deputy county attorney, he earned his J.D. from ASU’s College of Law, graduating Magna Cum Laude and receiving the Order of the Coif. While a prosecutor with the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, he served as the chief of the Auto Theft Bureau.

Montgomery believes in upholding Arizona’s tough sentencing laws while seeking to deal with issues such as substance abuse, mental health and child welfare.

Rep. Maria Syms (R-28)
Member of the House Judiciary Committee

Maria Syms represents legislative district 28 in the Arizona Legislature and is a member of the Commerce, Health and Public/Safety Judiciary Committees. Syms served as a staff attorney and law clerk to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, where she worked under future Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito. She has also served as an assistant United States attorney, a Paradise Valley town councilwoman, and an adjunct professor at ASU’s Bues Center for Law and Society.

She graduated from Smith College and received her law degree from American University; she also holds a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University.

Rick DeBruhl
Chief Communications Officer, State Bar of Arizona

Rick DeBruhl served as a reporter/anchor at Channel 12/KPNX-TV from 1978 to 2009 and wrote a weekly consumer column for The Arizona Republic. He has earned three Rocky Mountain Emmys, and has received awards from the Arizona Press Club and the Arizona Associated Press. He won an Arizona State University Diversity Award in 2006 and was named American Women in Radio and Television Reporter of the Year in 1999. DeBruhl is presently the Chief Communications Officer for the State Bar of Arizona.

He has a bachelor’s degree in Journalism from California Polytechnic State University and a master’s degree from the University of Missouri in media management.