



## Office of the Pima County Attorney Significant Accomplishments 2017

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### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Asset Forfeiture Unit, during calendar year 2017, had 93 bonds forfeited and 29 bonds partially forfeited, resulting in \$548,216.52 in bond forfeiture monies sent directly to the county general fund.
2. The Adult Diversion Program collected \$35,776.42 in restitution and \$141,640.72 in revenue sent directly to the general fund for a total of \$177,417.14 for fiscal year 2016-17.
3. Victim Services Division utilized 173 trained community volunteers to provide crisis and advocacy services to crime victims. These trained volunteers, working along with our Victim Advocates, contributed 23,162 hours last fiscal year, gifting Pima County with \$446,563 in donated victim services. During fiscal year 2016-17, volunteers provided 7,474 services to 1,820 victims (1,270 crisis victims on-scene and 550 victims through court or in the office).
4. The Crime Victim Compensation Program processed 272 new victim claims and paid out \$297,267 from our grants and monies received from restitution awards, assisting victims with payments for medical, mental health, lost wages, crime-scene cleanup, transportation, and funeral expenses. Victims also received \$52,906.72 worth of services that did not have to be paid for because staff successfully negotiated discounts with medical and mental health providers, resulting in a combined total assistance of \$350,174.
5. The Civil Division Tort Unit received 26 new lawsuits in the period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and currently has 30 open/active lawsuits in various stages of litigation. In that same period, the Tort Unit closed 33 matters. The total demand in the closed and pending closure cases was \$125,187,500. The total payout in those cases was \$388,900, a savings of \$124,798,600 (over 124 million).
6. The Civil Division Tax & Bankruptcy Unit, during fiscal year 2016-17, filed claims in bankruptcy cases totaling \$311,256.48 and collected \$596,309.67 in real and personal property taxes, benefitting Pima County. During the 2017 fiscal year, the Unit handled 924 cases consisting of 147 bankruptcy cases, 269 excess proceeds cases, 337 tax lien foreclosure cases, 58 tax court appeals, 67 small claims tax court appeals, and 46 eminent domain cases.
7. The Bad Check Diversion Program served a total of 9,426 individuals and merchants participating in the program as victims of bad checks. For FY 2016-17, the Program successfully returned \$83,279 in restitution to victims of bad checks. The Bad Check Program continues to be the top program of its kind in the nation and is a pre-indictment program diverting cases from the criminal justice system.

8. The 88-CRIME Program, since inception, approved more than \$1,630,920 in cash rewards and assisted in the recovery or seizure of property valued at \$20,058,827, seized drugs valued at \$90,431,283 and 489 weapons. Tips received by 88-CRIME have resulted in 5,974 arrests. For FY 2016-17, 88-CRIME received 3,431 tips assisting law enforcement in protecting our community.
9. Administration staff trained and utilized 163 volunteers throughout the Pima County Attorney's Office (not including the Victim Services Division volunteers or Community Justice Board volunteers). Administrative volunteers donated 18,052 hours calculated at \$13.33 per hour saving Pima County \$240,626.50 in fiscal year 2016-17.
10. Our detectives, along with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force detectives, seized from criminal enterprises one residence and seven vehicles used in connection with their criminal activities, resulting in assets and currency totaling \$426,000.00; DEA Task Force detectives seized over 6.2 kilos of meth, over 34.5 kilos of cocaine, 20 kilos of heroin, and made 17 arrests.

Our detectives, along with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Task Force detectives seized over seven pounds of methamphetamine, 20 pounds of cocaine, 219 kilos of marijuana, 10 pounds of heroin, \$49,000 in U.S. currency, four firearms, five vehicles, and made 23 felony arrests/indictments. Fentanyl and ecstasy pills were also seized.

### **CRIMINAL PROSECUTION**

1. The Criminal Division, during fiscal year 2017, reviewed a total of 11,131 criminal cases presented by 30 federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies primarily throughout Pima County. Pima County continues to maintain one of the higher crime rates per 100,000 populations in the nation, with a crime index of 4,778 exceeding both Maricopa County (3,474) and the state of Arizona (3,347). However, the number of reported homicides in Pima County (49) for calendar year 2016 was a 6.5% increase over the number of reported homicides in Pima County (46) for calendar year 2015. The Felony Unit prosecutors' average caseloads are above the reasonable range.

In order to protect public safety, the County Attorney places a priority on taking violent and dangerous offenders to trial. This ensures that they receive prison sentences that will hold them fully accountable and remove them from the community for as long as possible. For FY 2016-17, a total of 74.4% of all felony trials involved defendants charged with violent and dangerous crimes, including homicides, aggravated assaults, sexual assaults, armed robberies, drive-by shootings, and felony DUIs.

2. The Misdemeanor Unit handled 18,585 cases with 11 prosecutors (1,690 cases per prosecutor) compared to the City of Tucson, which handled 38,757 cases with 30 prosecutors (1,292 cases per prosecutor). Our misdemeanor prosecutors' caseloads are now at the high end of the reasonable range.
3. The Juvenile Unit was presented 3,998 cases by law enforcement resulting in 2,517 cases

filed. Our juvenile prosecutors' caseloads are in the reasonable range.

4. The Detective Division received 10,909 requests for investigative services, served 2,869 subpoenas, conducted 534 interviews, located 1,020 victims, located 960 witnesses, and completed 48 special investigations during FY 2016-17. The Detectives Division also made 48 arrests.
5. A PCAO detective is assigned to and participates with the Pima County Sheriff's Department Domestic Violence Task Force. During FY 2016-17, Domestic Violence Detectives served 370 arrest warrants and made 10 probable cause arrests.
6. The Pima County Attorney's Office addresses domestic violence through specialized prosecution, a dedicated court, and victim advocacy. Domestic Violence Court arraigned 1,536 misdemeanor cases, channeling 811 of the most serious cases for heightened oversight. Victim advocates assisted a total of 2,180 domestic violence victims in court (1,209 through Domestic Violence Court) and 504 domestic violence victims on-scene.
7. The Pima County Attorney's Office has taken the lead in developing and implementing a statewide Domestic Violence Intimate Partner Risk Assessment Instrument and in developing a local Protocol for use in Pima County in coordination with law enforcement and nonprofit domestic violence service agencies. In 2017, major progress was made in this endeavor. The goal of the Assessment and related Protocol is to reduce the number of domestic violence murders and assaults causing serious physical injury. The Assessment evaluates a victim's risk for lethality or assault causing serious physical injury. The Assessment instrument is completed by law enforcement officers at the scene of a domestic violence arrest. The results of the risk Assessment then are immediately used in two ways: first, the results are submitted to the Court with the arrest paperwork so that the judge can consider, at the arrestee's Initial Appearance at the Jail, whether to impose release conditions on the arrestee (such as orders of no-contact with the victim and no return to the home) while the case is pending; and, second, the results are used by law enforcement officers and victim advocates to determine which victims are at elevated risk or high risk for homicide or serious physical injury, to inform those victims of their risk level, and to immediately connect those at elevated or high risk with safety planning and community-based services, including housing and counseling services, among others. In fiscal year 2016-17, a total of 627 victims were screened at felony crime-scenes in Pima County, of whom about 77% screened at high-risk of being murdered. The majority (76%) of those at high-risk were successfully connected with community-based advocacy and support services.
8. In 2016, the Arizona Supreme Court requested consideration of statewide implementation of the Pima County Lethality Assessment/Intimate Partner Risk Assessment form and Protocol. The Supreme Court asked the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council (APAAC) to develop recommendations for a uniform, statewide form with a statewide protocol and to submit them to the Court. APAAC then appointed a committee whose co-chair was a representative from the Pima County Attorney's Office. Shortly thereafter in 2016, the Governor's Office of Youth Faith and Family sponsored evidence-based research regarding the use of risk assessments in intimate partner domestic violence cases. The Governor's Office supported research by

Dr. Neil Websdale of NAU in collaboration with Dr. Jill Messing from ASU. In 2017, the APAAC Committee - which was co-chaired by a representative of the Pima County Attorney's Office and included as members both Drs. Websdale and Messing, as well as a representative from Pima County's local service provider, Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse – developed and presented recommendations to the Arizona Supreme Court. Among those recommendations was a request that the Court issue an Administrative Order approving a new, standardized domestic violence intimate partner risk assessment instrument for use statewide. That recommendation was approved in December 2017, with an effective date of April 2, 2018, to allow time for printing and training prior to implementation.

9. The Pima County Attorney's Office has been the lead in coordinating and implementing the current Domestic Violence Intimate Partner Risk Assessment Protocol in conjunction with law enforcement and nonprofit agencies in Pima County and will continue to be the lead in implementing the new, statewide standardized instrument. The Pima County Attorney's Office, in partnership and collaboration with the Pima County Sheriff's Department, the Tucson Police Department, Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse, and Southern Arizona Legal Aid, has developed plans to expand use of the newly-approved, uniform risk assessment to include victims of misdemeanor as well as felony intimate partner domestic violence throughout Pima County. Together, they have formed a Task Force to seek private grant funding for this expansion, and the Task Force submitted a number of grant proposals in 2017.
10. The Pima County Attorney's Office in coordination with local law enforcement and local community providers implemented and administered collaborative trainings focusing on the investigation and prosecution of Domestic Violence cases. On May 24, 2017, advocates from the Victims Services Division and prosecutors from the Criminal Division's DV Unit coordinated with the Tucson Police Department for a full day of training/presentation to Law Enforcement from various local agencies including Marana Police Department, Oro Valley Police Department, and South Tucson Police Department. On October 23, 2017, advocates from the Victim Services Division and prosecutors from the DV Unit coordinated with the Pima County Sheriff's Department for a full day training/presentation to law enforcement from various local agencies including the Casa Grande Police Department. The trainings were well received by all agencies, and the feedback on the evaluations was such that both PCSD and TPD each has considered adopting the full day training as an annual event with the Pima County Attorney's Office as their partner.
11. For the last four years, the Pima County Attorney's Office has been the lead for the Domestic Violence Forensic Strangulation Protocol in Pima County. This protocol has been a collaborative effort with the Pima County Sheriff's Department and the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault. In 2017, the Strangulation Protocol expanded to include the Tucson Police Department. For the last two quarters of 2017, the victims of intimate partner violence with a strangulation component were evaluated for the same access to medical treatment and evidence collection services.
12. In 2017, the Pima County Attorney's Office and the Pima County Sheriff's Department revived the P.C. Alert protocols. The collaborative protocol, which began in 2011,

connected victims of domestic violence with services and immediate access to Victim Services in the Criminal Justice System upon arrest of the perpetrator. In 2017, the protocol expanded to include arrests made from compliance checks. Currently, the Pima County Sheriff's Department DV Team (which includes a Pima County Attorney's Office Detective) performs compliance checks, which are unannounced visits to locations prohibited to the defendant by the Criminal Courts. Any defendant found to be in violation is arrested and charged. The information is forwarded to the Victim Services Division of the Pima County Attorney's Office for immediate outreach to the victim.

13. On April 20, 2017, the Pima County Attorney's Office participated in a committee to review current Order of Protection standards across the state. At the initial meeting many barriers and obstacles that limit Order of Protection access to victims were discussed with ideas to amend or eliminate those barriers. A follow-up webinar for the committee was scheduled for September 15, 2017. The Pima County Attorney's Office participated in the follow-up meeting aimed at reviewing recommendations for the improvement of Orders of Protection in Arizona. Recommendations include items that can be implemented today with policy changes, as well as items for future legislative/systemic changes. These recommendations range from advocate availability in rural courthouses to extending the length of time Emergency Orders of Protection can remain active
14. Victim advocates made 50,064 contacts with 10,163 crime victims, providing 106,767 services (including 24-hour crisis intervention, group crisis intervention, court accompaniment, advocacy, assistance with victim compensation, and referrals to community services) during FY 2016-17.
15. In 2012, the Pima County Attorney's Office initiated a Courthouse Dog Program with the addition of Russell, a Golden Retriever and fully-trained service dog. Russell quickly demonstrated his value and the demand was so great that in 2013 we added a second dog, Blake, a Black Labrador with the same training. Both dogs help victims cope better with their past trauma while reducing the stress they face in the criminal justice system. Russell and Blake complement other efforts such as our Kids and Teens in Court program. Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, there were 86 cases in which Blake was involved in assisting victims. Of those 86 cases – 14 of them went to trial. Colleen, the courthouse dog's handler, had more than 146 contacts with victims where Blake was involved. Many of these were child victims of terrible abuse. Blake was able to comfort and provide a feeling of safety for these young victims.
16. The Pima County Attorney's Office maintains several multi-agency protocols for the Investigation and prosecution of crimes affecting children and families. They are the Multidisciplinary Investigation of Child Abuse Protocol, the Drug-Endangered Children Multidisciplinary Protocol, the Custodial Interference Protocol, the Sexual Assault Protocol, the Domestic Violence Response Protocol, and the Drug Treatment Alternative to Prison Protocol. The protocols are available through the Pima County Attorney's Office website at <http://www.pcao.pima.gov/>. Periodically these protocols are updated to reflect changes in legislation and service agencies. In the past year, updates/revisions have been made to the protocol for the Multidisciplinary Investigation of Child Abuse and to the Domestic Violence Response Protocol. Revisions to the Domestic Violence Response Protocol continue as the Arizona Supreme Court will be issuing a decision on

the risk/lethality assessment instruments in December. If approved, there will be an implementation date of April 2, 2018, followed by judicial training by the Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts and law enforcement basic training by AZPOST to occur in March, 2018.

17. The Pima County Multidisciplinary Task Force (MDT) for Child Abuse Prevention is managed by the Pima County Attorney's Office Special Victims Unit and the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center, a non-profit agency that began under leadership from the Pima County Attorney's Office in 1995. In FY 2016-17, the Arizona Children's Advocacy Center served 1,318 victims of alleged child abuse and conducted 1,163 forensic interviews. There were 868 case dispositions (including actions that occurred at issuing and after indictment) through the County Attorney's Office for 971 child abuse charges. Additionally, 96% of the cases presented at the Advocacy Center were jointly investigated by the Department of Child Services, the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, and law enforcement, ensuring a high level of service coordination across agencies.
18. The Pima County Attorney's Office co-chairs the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT). DVFRT is committed to working together in a "no blame, no shame" environment to critically review systems related to a domestic violence homicide in an effort to uncover areas where the response may have been inadequate and to make systemic improvements going forward. This year, DVFRT expanded its membership to include DV survivors and representatives from the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. It completed its fourth review and report to the Arizona Attorney General and worked on implementing the recommendations of past reports.
19. The Pima County Attorney's Office continued to work with law enforcement, victim services, and the Sexual Assault Resource Team, previously Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault, to develop a forensic strangulation exam program. In appropriate cases, victims of strangulation are offered a free forensic exam to determine whether the victim is injured and to document evidence of domestic violence. Twenty-nine forensic strangulation exams have been performed. The forensic strangulation team continues to track its cases and evaluate team agent performance.

### **CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES**

1. The Employment Unit opened 18 employment related cases in 2017. These cases were administrative proceedings before the Pima County Merit System Commission and Pima County Law Enforcement Merit System Council, the Arizona Civil Rights Division/Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Federal Court and Arizona Superior Court. A total of 16 employment cases are currently pending. The Unit closed 15 employment cases in the last year, with no adverse decisions to the County and one monetary settlement. In total, the Employment Unit saved the County at least \$35,601,190 in demanded claims. In addition to handling this caseload, the Employment Unit provided legal advice and information on a daily basis to Pima County's elected officials and departments, including training all supervisors and managers on implementation of Prop. 206. The legal advice included analysis, research, and

assistance in a variety of disciplinary matters as well as Paid Sick Time, Americans with Disabilities Act, and Fair Labor Standards Act issues.

2. The Health Law Unit during FY 2016-2017, reviewed, revised, and drafted health-related contracts and managed approximately 2,143 active cases involving petitions for involuntary commitments to the hospitals for mental health treatment which is a significant increase from the previous FY year. The Unit provided numerous hours of training to law enforcement agencies and hospitals on the civil commitment process as well as several hours of training to various County departments and community organizations on topics such as legal intervention in tuberculosis cases, as well as open meetings and public records laws. The Unit worked closely with community partners to design an outpatient evaluation process which, when implemented, will save the County money by reducing the number of hospital days for which it pays. The Unit works with the County's Data Exchange Committee to identify the various data sources in the County's health, community services, and justice systems in order facilitate the exchange and analysis of that data to improve outcomes for individuals using County programs. Once again, the Unit worked to further the safety and protection of the public through the successful prosecution of involuntary TB cases and numerous dangerous dog cases. The Unit is implementing new legislation for the supervision and treatment of non-competent-not-restorable and guilty except insane criminal defendants.
3. The Sheriff's Legal Advisor Unit responds to requests for legal advice and assistance on a 24-hour, seven-day-per-week basis. During FY 2016-2017, the Unit provided 70 hours of training and reviewed 51 contracts and Intergovernmental Agreements. In addition to responding daily to multiple requests for advice, the Unit reviewed approximately 3,341 public records request.
4. The Business & Transactions Unit (BTU) provides legal advice to most Pima County departments and special taxing districts about all aspects of their operations; assists in the structuring of the County's many business transactions; handles commercial litigation matters, either in-house or with assistance of outside counsel; acts as issuer's counsel on all County debt issuances; and provides PCAO's audit-response letters to the County's auditors. BTU also provides advice and training throughout the County on open meeting and public records laws. Last year the BTU attorneys, along with the Health Law Unit attorneys, reviewed, negotiated, and/or drafted several thousand contracts, contract amendments, ordinances, and resolutions involving complex business and legal issues. They provided legal advice on issues ranging from environmental compliance and liability to state constitutional requirements and business-risk assessment. BTU lawyers are currently defending the County in a lawsuit brought by the Goldwater Institute, and have briefed or helped other units brief several significant appellate cases. Significant matters the Unit worked on last year include:
  - a. Assisted outside counsel in settling a large lawsuit involving a \$5,000,000 claim by a County roadway contractor; settled for \$400,000, with payment going to the contractor's surety

- b. Participated, on behalf of the County, in power company rate cases before the Arizona Corporation Commission; helped convince Commission to maintain a municipal discount, which will save the County around \$1,000,000 this year
  - c. Continued pursuing an administrative appeal involving water quality certification for the Rosemont Mine
  - d. Assisted Procurement with revising and updating County contract templates
  - e. Participated as issuer's counsel in several debt issuances
  - f. Currently defending a Goldwater Institute lawsuit challenging the legality of the County's lease-purchase transaction with World View. The Court of Appeals recently ruled in the County's favor on one issue; other aspects of the case continue to be litigated in the trial court
  - g. Currently working on several ground leases for the development of land both downtown and at the Aerospace Business Park for new and existing employers
5. The Land Use and Environmental Unit enforces County environmental and land use ordinances, provides legal advice, and defends claims related to County activities for the County and affiliated entities. The Unit manages an active caseload of administrative proceedings and matters litigated in state and federal courts. The Unit also provides representation in defending the County from environmental liability for landfills once owned or operated by the County.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

1. IT released CAMMS for Felony Case Management System replacing the 25+ year old CAPS PowerBuilder application. This release removes the dependency on WordPerfect as all documents generated in CAMMS are Microsoft Word paving the way for the eventual elimination of WordPerfect.
2. In coordination with the release of the CAMMS Felony Case Management System, IT re-developed and released a new external CAMMS web-based application to replace the CAPS-based web application ensuring that the courts and law enforcement maintain continued access to critical case information.
3. IT procured and upgraded three critical primary Cisco firewalls that had come to end-of-life to continue meeting ACJIS security requirements. This project was completed internally by IT staff saving the County \$22,000 in consultant fees.
4. IT, along with Administration, continued to participate in collaborative efforts among multiple agencies to provide required data and assistance to the County in its efforts to support the MacArthur grant.
5. IT implemented Worldox Web to enable civil staff to access data and documents remotely.



6. IT replaced 28 aging HP 4700 LaserJet printers with HP M651xh and M653dn printers, reducing printing repair costs significantly and enhancing security through the use of Secure Print technology.
7. IT replaced and configured the Juvenile Division ASA-5540 firewall, as the current firewall reached its end of life in September 2017.
8. IT developed a Priors component for CAMMS to allow the input and tracking of all priors requests against cases in CAMMS. This includes all felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile cases.
9. IT developed a specialized application to assist all County Attorney Offices and Law Enforcement Agencies throughout the state in managing RICO monies and reporting of all seized assets as required by the state legislature.
10. The Pima County Attorney's Information Technology (I.T.) unit successfully upgraded its OnBase solution from version 16 to version 17 to ensure continued technical relevance, security, and distribution of enhanced user features.
11. Administrative Services prepared and submitted, on time, 686 monthly, quarterly, and annual financial reports to federal, state, and local agencies, as well as various departments during FY 2016-17.

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

1. The Community Justice Board Program, a juvenile diversion program operated by the County Attorney in collaboration with community volunteers, holds juvenile offenders accountable and provides early intervention strategies. Currently, there are 87 adult volunteers participating in the program. The 18 Community Justice Boards have received 376 referrals in calendar year 2017. Program compliance in 2017 is 96%. The cases referred to the Community Justice Boards are juvenile cases that were not prosecuted. Successful completion and diversion from prosecution saves the county from defense, court, and probation costs.
2. The Communities Addressing Responsible Gun Ownership Program (CARGO) attended 15 community events and distributed 1,135 gunlocks in 2017. The "Lock up Your Gun" campaign distributed 5,480 gunlocks to 43 participating community organizations and partners. A total of 6,615 gunlocks were distributed free to the community for calendar year 2017. Since inception of the CARGO Program and the "Lock up Your Gun" campaign, we have distributed more than 86,000 gunlocks. These gunlocks are paid for with funds seized from criminal enterprises.
3. The Adult Diversion Programs diverted 850 defendants from criminal prosecution providing significant savings to the county and the courts. The success rates for these programs were 88% for felonies, 92% for substance charges, and 78% for misdemeanors, with an overall success rate of 85%.

4. The Pima County Attorney's Office, along with the Sheriff's Department and the Tucson Police Department, has taken a leadership role in providing Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) to law enforcement officers throughout Pima County. In the last fiscal year we have conducted three trainings, which included representatives from every law enforcement agency in Pima County (including Pima College, University of Arizona, and tribal police departments). Each training averages about 45 participants, and is a full 40 hour week. This training facilitates safe intervention by law enforcement officers when dealing with individuals suffering from mental health crises.
5. The Pima County Attorney's Office worked closely throughout 2016-17 with the County Administrator, the Sheriff, the Court, Pretrial Services, the Probation Department, and Indigent Defense on the MacArthur Foundation Safety + Justice Challenge to assist with implementation of strategies to reduce the Jail population and to eliminate racial disparities in that population. The Pima County Attorney's Office devoted significant staff time and office leadership toward participation in the Community Collaborative and the various committees, as well as attending national conferences and meetings, and hosting a national leadership institute of prosecutors from across the United States. As part of its commitment to the Safety + Justice Challenge, the Pima County Attorney's Office has implemented a Misdemeanor Drug Diversion Program and is piloting a Felony Drug Diversion Program in conjunction with Community Bridges, Inc. and the Public Defender's Office, with technical assistance from the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys and financial assistance from the MacArthur Foundation. PCAO has obtained state funding for the Felony Drug Diversion Program to sustain it on an ongoing basis, and has worked with the Superior Court Presiding Judge, through the Behavioral Health Treatment Court Collaborative, to implement a timeline and a plan to develop a Consolidated, Multi-Jurisdiction Misdemeanor Problem-Solving Court adding substance abuse assessment, drug testing, and addiction treatment services to the range of services available in the Misdemeanor Mental Health Courts at Justice Court and Tucson City Court.

Once completed, the Consolidated, Multi-Jurisdiction Misdemeanor Problem-Solving Court is expected to reduce recidivism; thereby, reducing the use of incarceration in the Jail for non-violent, non-dangerous defendants suffering from mental illness and drug addiction, and those who are homeless. The Pima County Attorney's Office is using funds it administers under the Behavioral Health Treatment Court Collaborative (BHTCC) grant from the federal Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to plan and develop this new Problem-Solving Court. Moreover, the Pima County Attorney's Office is pursuing means by which to improve and expand its Adult Diversion Programs for those non-violent, non-dangerous defendants charged with both misdemeanors and felony drug possession or paraphernalia offenses.

6. The Pima County Attorney's Office was selected by the national Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA) and the MacArthur Foundation (MacArthur) as the first prosecutor's office in the country to host a national Leadership Institute on "Prosecutors as Change Agents." The conference included events at the County Attorney's Office, as well as at the Justice Courts building and other locations throughout Tucson. Attendees included more than two dozen prosecutors from over 13 states, as well as representatives from the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Vera Institute of Justice, the APA, and MacArthur. Pima County is one of only ten core sites selected to receive significant grant funding from MacArthur's Safety

+ Justice Challenge to safely reduce its county Jail population. We are the only core site in Arizona. Our Office has been one of the County's key partner agencies involved with the Safety + Justice Challenge from its inception, and we are pleased to be recognized as a national leader with regard to making positive changes in the criminal justice system. Being selected as the first host site for the national Leadership Institute recognizes the leadership role the Pima County Attorney's Office has undertaken as part of the Safety + Justice Challenge and the resources we have dedicated to the Challenge.

7. The Pima County Attorney's Office has continued its leadership role in facilitating a special ethics training for law enforcement officers and prosecutors throughout Pima County known as "What You Do Matters: Lessons from the Holocaust." This training was developed by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with top prosecutors and law enforcement officers, and its curriculum is approved by the Museum. Arizona is the first state to bring the training out of the Museum and into the community. Facilitators underwent a year-long training to become certified and subsequently have undergone mandatory, annual refresher trainings. The ethics training, which has been presented to law enforcement academy trainees, to law enforcement agency commanders, and to law enforcement officers from a variety of local and state agencies is sponsored jointly by the Arizona Police Officer Standards and Training Board and the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council, both of which offer continuing education credits for the training.