

**Nomination of Jacob Lines**  
**For APAAC'S 2013 APPELLATE PROSECUTOR OF THE YEAR Award**

**Nominator** Barbara LaWall  
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**Individual Nominated:** Jacob Lines  
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**SUMMARY**

Jacob Lines has been a prosecutor with the Pima County Attorney's Office for five years. He has been the supervisor of the Appellate Unit at the Pima County Attorney's Office the entire time he has been with the office.

As the supervisor of the Appellate Unit, Jacob helps trial prosecutors research emergency legal issues in their cases, helps respond to defense special actions, initiates State's special actions in the face of adverse rulings, and initiates State's appeals in appropriate cases after the Court has suppressed evidence in a pending case. Jacob is often relied on by his fellow Deputy County Attorneys to assist in important legal arguments in their cases, and is looked to as an expert in several areas of criminal prosecution. Not only do those he works with rely on his expertise, but others in the community recognize his expertise as well. Jacob has lectured on statewide trainings on appellate practice, and consistently receives praise for his lectures and presentations.

**WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION**

Jacob Lines joined the Pima County Attorney's Office in March 2005. He immediately took on the responsibility of the Appellate Unit Supervisor. In that capacity, Jacob helps trial prosecutors research last minute or emergency legal issues in trial cases, initiates and responds to special actions, initiates State's appeals in appropriate cases, and argues cases before the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

Jacob is valued by his colleagues as an expert in many areas of criminal law, and is often sought out for advice and help on legal issues. Jacob is also instrumental in training new attorneys in the office about how to make and protect the record in their cases. Jacob also

serves on the Ethics Committee in the Pima County Attorney's Office and provides advice and guidance on complex ethical issues facing the office and its prosecutions.

During this year, Jacob participated in several dozen appellate proceedings. His cases resulted in two published opinions and 30 non-published opinions this year. He also helps the attorneys in the Misdemeanors Unit appeal issues in Justice Court cases to Superior Court.

One of Jacob's most significant accomplishments came just a short time ago in ***Williams v. Cahill ex rel. County of Pima***, -- P.3d --, 2013 WL 215201, 2CA-SA 2012-0070. ***Williams*** is a pending capital case in Pima County. Williams is charged with the murder of two elderly men to whom Williams was a caregiver. After preliminary IQ screening, the defendant was determined to have an IQ of 70. After a hearing, the trial court found that the defendant was not intellectually disabled and that the case could go forward as a capital case. The defense filed a special action, challenging the Court's ruling and, pursuant to statute, asked the Court of Appeals to review the issue on the merits. During the special action proceedings, Jacob not only had to respond to the petition, but was ordered to file two supplemental briefs at the Court of Appeals' request regarding the standard of proof for finding intellectual disability. He also conducted oral argument at the Court of Appeals. The proceedings lasted seven months. Ultimately, the court issued a published opinion upholding the trial court's order and finding the statute on intellectual disability constitutional. This was an important win on an issue of statewide importance.

In addition to his own cases, Jacob provides unparalleled guidance and advice to the other two appellate attorneys. He edits their briefs, discusses legal issues and strategies, and makes himself available to critique and practice arguments. He also serves on the Pima County Attorney's Office Ethics Committee, and is often asked to conduct office-wide ethics trainings. Jacob trains new attorneys in the office about making and protecting their records, and has lectured for APPAC regarding appellate practice.

Jacob's dedication and commitment to appellate prosecution practice and his constant support, mentoring, and guidance to others make him worthy of recognition. I am honored to nominate him as APAAC's *Appellate Prosecutor of the Year*.

**Nomination of Nicol Green**  
**For the 2013 Prosecutor of the Year Award**

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**Individual Nominated:** Nicol Green  
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**SUMMARY**

Nicol Green has been a prosecutor at the Pima County Attorney's Office for approximately 12 years. She has worked in many different units in the office, but has developed an expertise in domestic violence and homicide prosecutions. She is currently assigned to the Cold Case Unit, where she works closely with law enforcement to solve old homicide cases. Nicol tried five felony trials last year, including a capital case that lasted six weeks. The trial resulted in guilty verdicts and two death sentences. In addition to her trial work, Nicol dedicates a significant portion of her time to helping less experienced attorneys in the office with their cases. Her input and expertise is valued by her peers.

**WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION**

Nicol Green joined the Pima County Attorney's Office in August of 2001. Before joining the Pima County Attorney's Office, she worked as a prosecutor in the Cochise County Attorney's Office. She is currently assigned as the Cold Case homicide prosecutor. In that capacity, she works closely with law enforcement re-examining the evidence and investigations from old, unsolved homicides. In addition to working on cold case homicides, Nicol is assigned to work on other homicide cases, including capital cases. Nicol has developed extensive expertise in the area of domestic violence prosecutions. She is an articulate, talented prosecutor who is absolutely committed to the pursuit of justice for victims and her community.

In April 2013, shortly after being assigned to the Cold Case Homicide Unit, Nicol, along with detectives from the Tucson Police Department's Homicide Squad, re-examined the investigation of the brutal 1976 murder of Donna Smith. Ms. Smith had been discovered murdered in the apartment she shared with her boyfriend. After reviewing the case and

developing new leads, Nicol and her detectives were able to secure the arrest of her boyfriend. The defendant was apprehended in San Diego and now awaits trial on the 37 year-old murder thanks to Nicol's efforts.

When not helping detectives solve old cases, Nicol enjoys pursuing her true passion: being in the courtroom in front of a jury. This year, Nicol tried four felony jury trials. She obtained convictions in three of them.

Her most significant case was ***State v. Michael Carlson***. Michael Carlson had a lengthy criminal history from Texas, and had been residing in Arizona for a number of years. He had long been a suspect in the murder of his sister, but for years the State did not have sufficient evidence to prosecute him for her murder. In May 2009, Carlson was staying with two friends in a rural area of Pima County. His two friends suddenly went missing. Shortly after the victims went missing, police stopped Carlson for a traffic violation. Carlson fled from police, crashed the vehicle, and managed to get away. Police discovered that the car he had been driving had blood in it. When Carlson was eventually arrested, he admitted to police he had shot and killed his friends in the car and later burned their bodies in a fire pit on their property. Police searched the pit and found bones. The Office of the Medical Examiner identified the bones as human.

During the same statement to police, Carlson admitted to murdering his sister.

Carlson was charged with the murder of his friends in one case and also with the murder of his sister. The cases were assigned to two different judges. The judge assigned to the sister's murder suppressed the confession, leaving the State without sufficient evidence to prove that charge. Undaunted, Nicol focused her efforts on convicting this incredibly dangerous man of murdering his friends. After several years of trial preparation, the case proceeded to trial last summer. After a six-week trial, involving many significant legal challenges, the jury returned guilty verdicts on two counts of first degree murder. In a subsequent penalty phase, the jury returned death sentences against the defendant for each of the murders.

Nicol's relentless pursuit of justice in the Carlson case, despite the legal difficulties, setbacks, and challenges is admirable and make her deserving of recognition. I am honored to nominate her as *APAAC's Arizona Prosecutor of the Year*.

**Nomination of Beth Anderson**  
**For the 2013 APAAC Lifetime Achievement Award**

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**Individual Nominated:** Beth Anderson  
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**SUMMARY**

Beth Anderson is a prosecutor with the Pima County Attorney's Office. She graduated *Magna Cum Laude* with a 4.0 GPA from Arizona State University. She joined the Pima County Attorney's Office after graduating second in her class from the ASU College of Law in 1992.

Ms. Anderson is currently assigned to the Narcotics Unit, where she prosecutes drug traffickers, most of whom are career criminals. She has also served in the Property Crimes and Vehicular Units. During her career as a prosecutor, she has prosecuted over 300 felony jury trials.

Ms. Anderson is one of the most experienced and knowledgeable prosecutors in the office. She serves as a major source of inspiration to all those who work with and know her. She has worked tirelessly throughout her career to honorably serve her community and the citizens of Pima County.

**WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION**

I am honored to nominate Deputy County Attorney Beth Anderson for *APAAC'S Lifetime Achievement Award*. Ms. Anderson is a dedicated prosecutor who is devoted to public safety and obtaining justice. She has worked tirelessly throughout her career to advance the principles of criminal justice by representing the public's interest with integrity, fairness, tenacity, creativity, brilliance, and, above all, professionalism.

Ms. Anderson is a career prosecutor. She joined the Pima County Attorney's Office in 1992. Ms. Anderson is one of the most experienced and knowledgeable prosecutors in the County Attorney's Office, and serves as a major source of inspiration to those who work with and know her. She has devoted herself to pursuing justice, helping victims, protecting the community, and making Pima County a safer place to live by vigorously prosecuting those who violate the law and threaten and endanger the safety of others.

Beth is currently assigned to the Narcotics Unit where she prosecutes drug traffickers who sell methamphetamine, crack cocaine, heroin, and other illegal drugs in the community. Because of her experience, skills, and expertise, she handles prosecutions of career and habitual criminals where the stakes are high. Ms. Anderson's commitment to removing drug dealers from the community helps make Pima County safer and significantly improves the quality of life for its citizens.

Prior to working in the Narcotics Unit, Ms. Anderson was assigned to the Property Crimes Unit where she prosecuted hundreds of burglary, theft, trafficking in stolen property, and auto theft cases. She worked closely with victims whose valuables were stolen and whose sense of security was violated. As a result of her hard work, hundreds of burglars and thieves were removed from the community and sent to prison, where they could no longer do harm to the community.

Ms. Anderson also handled many DUI and vehicular homicide cases when assigned to the Vehicular Offenses Unit, where she prosecuted defendants whose impaired driving resulted not only in property damage, but also serious injury and death.

Ms. Anderson performs her job with the utmost integrity. She is always fair, ethical, and professional. Ms. Anderson is legendary for the number of cases she handles, and her productivity and dedication to public safety is extraordinary. The thousands of defendants she has prosecuted and the huge number of felony trials she has handled are unmatched by any other prosecutor in Pima County. Since joining the Office, Ms. Anderson has prosecuted more than 300 felony jury trials.

Among her awards and nominations, Beth Anderson has been recognized by the *International Academy of Trial Lawyers* for her distinguished achievement in the art and science of advocacy, and she received the YWCA's prestigious *Women on the Move Award* for her public service and volunteerism. She has also received the State Bar's *Michael C. Cudahy Criminal Justice Award*.

Although Ms. Anderson was born without sight, it has never held her back. She puts forth incredible effort and adapts well to challenges and excels at all she does. Ms. Anderson is a

professional prosecutor who thinks logically, spots the issues and problems, and finds solutions because she pays meticulous attention to the details and thinks critically and analytically.

Ms. Anderson has uncommon courage, strength, resilience, and fortitude. She is a source of inspiration for those who know and work with her. She is humble and modest, never seeking attention or accolades. She is absolutely worthy of acknowledgement and recognition, and it is my privilege to nominate Deputy County Attorney Beth Anderson for *APAAC's Lifetime Achievement Award*.