

## Judge Warner receives the public service award from the University of Arizona Law College Association

The Honorable Nanette Warner was honored at the end of April by the University of Arizona Law College Association (LCA) with that group's public service award. According to LCA, the public service award recognizes individuals who are present or past holders of public office. Recipients of the public service award have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the public. Also, special consideration is given to individuals who have received a degree from the university.

LCA officials said Judge Warner received the public service award because she "has devoted her more than 20-year career as a judge to helping two of the most vulnerable segments of our community: the mentally ill and juveniles. Her record of accomplishments in both areas is without parallel."



Hon. Nanette Warner

Under Judge Warner's leadership, the Pima County Juvenile Court was designated as one of only nine Model Juvenile Courts in the nation. "By streamlining processes, promoting better communication and cooperation, increasing family participation, and implementing mediation programs, the court now makes faster and more productive decisions," LCA officials said.

Judge Warner also participated in the development of an early intervention program for at-risk youth, she assisted in drafting a Juvenile Victims Rights Law, and Judge Warner oversaw the establishment of the Restitution Accountability Program.

As the founder of the Mental Health Specialty Court, Judge Warner presides over treatment for and assistance with defendants suffering from mental illnesses. According to LCA, the Mental Health Court is

responsible for decreases in recidivism, increases in public protection, and increases with compliance with treatment plans and probation conditions for defendants.

Judge Warner has served on several legislative and government task forces, committees, and the Families for Kids steering committee. Her volunteer work includes terms on numerous University of Arizona advisory committees, the Tucson Unified School District 4th R board of directors, the Tucson 30 We Care Coalition, and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters board of directors.

"With her unwavering spirit, Nanette makes life better for young people and for those afflicted with mental illness, and she makes Tucson a better place in which to live," according to the LCA citation for the award.