



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 16, 2018

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Appointment of James Fullin as Pima County Legal Defender**

I have appointed James Fullin, currently a Trial Team Leader in the Legal Defender's Office to the position of Pima County's Legal Defender. Mr. Fullin takes the place of Dean Brault who was recently appointed to the Director position for Public Defense Services.

Mr. Fullin graduated with Honors from the University of Wisconsin (Madison) School of Law in 1996. Starting in 2015, Mr. Fullin served as a Trial Team Leader in the Legal Defender's Office handling homicides and complex felonies. Mr. Fullin was a solo practitioner from 2005-2013 appearing in state, tribal and federal courts, representing defendants charged with serious crimes. He served for a short time in the Pima County Attorney's Office handling DUI cases.

Mr. Fullin has had twenty years of criminal law practice and office management experience in both the public and private legal arenas.

Interview panel consisted of Public Defense Services Director Lori Lefferts, Assistant County Administrator Wendy Petersen and Legal Defender Dean Brault.

Mr. Fullin's appointment will be effective March 4, 2018, his resume is attached for your review.

Please contact me if you would like to meet with Mr. Fullin, and I will facilitate such a meeting.

Attachment

James L. Fullin

Admitted to the State Bar of Arizona
Admitted to Arizona Federal District Court & 9th Circuit Court of Appeals

EDUCATION

Beloit College
1993 Bachelor of Arts, French & Government
Beloit, WI

University of Wisconsin-Madison
1996 Doctor of Jurisprudence, with Honors
Madison, WI

EMPLOYMENT

Current

Trial Team Leader, Pima County Legal Defender's Office
Tucson, AZ

Trial attorney. Serious felony caseload including homicides and other complex cases.

August, 2005 to September, 2013

Solo practitioner
Fullin Law Office, PLLC
Tucson, AZ

Criminal defense attorney in state, federal and tribal courts. Includes successful defense of defendants charged with serious crimes including homicides and two capital cases.

November, 2004 to August, 2005

Deputy County Attorney
Pima County Attorney's Office
Tucson, AZ

Handled a felony caseload including multiple jury trials.

June, 1998 to October, 2004

Assistant & Senior Public Defender
Office of the City Public Defender
Tucson, AZ

High volume misdemeanor caseload including jury and bench trials, and mental health specialty court. Supervising attorney.

May, 1997 to June, 1998

Associate Attorney
Harold Hyams & Associates, P.C.
Tucson, AZ

Personal injury practice, litigation and pre-litigation caseload.