



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 26, 2018

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Appointment of Dean Brault as Public Defense Services Director**

As discussed in my December 4, 2017 memorandum to the Board of Supervisors, Public Defense Services Director, Lori Lefferts announced her upcoming retirement after 30 years of service.

I have appointed Mr. Dean Brault as Public Defense Services Director, currently the Pima County Legal Defender, to succeed Ms. Lefferts.

Mr. Brault graduated from the University Of Arizona College Of Law in 1996. From 1997 through 2015 he served as an Assistant Pima County Public Defender and was a Trial Team Supervisor for three years. In 2015, he accepted the position of the County Legal Defender.

As a dedicated courtroom attorney, he won accolades including Attorney of the Year awarded by the Arizona Public Defender's Association.

Mr. Brault's appointment will be effective March 4, 2018. Mr. Brault's resume is attached for your review and information. Please contact me with any questions.

CHH/mp

Attachment

c: Wendy Petersen, Assistant County Administrator

DEAN J. BRAULT

Summary of Professional Experience

- Resolutely leads the Legal Defender's Office (LDO), which employs 22 attorneys and 18 staff
- 20+ years dedicated to defending indigent clients as a Public Defender, including 5 as a supervisor
- Diplomatically reorganized the LDO to increase accountability and effectiveness
- Spearheaded staff restructuring which resulted in better service and cost savings
- Effectively screens expense authorizations while maintaining very high quality legal representation
- Efficiently transitioned the LDO to a nearly paperless office, thereby increasing efficiency and organization while saving resources
- Actively counsels attorneys and staff about performance expectations while maintaining high morale
- Quickly and responsibly resolves personnel, professionalism, and ethical issues
- Routinely hears, addresses, and resolves complaints about assigned attorneys
- Constantly evaluates caseloads to insure efficiency and quality
- Successfully recruited 20 employees with a very high rate of retention
- Experienced trial attorney (100+ trials) who consistently exemplifies quality representation
- Enthusiastically consults with clients needing second opinions to resolve difficult cases
- Developing a dependency unit to contain costs and increase the quality of services
- Regularly collaborates with all Pima County criminal justice departments on systemic improvements
- Demonstrates a strong work ethic and commitment to efficiency by maintaining a full caseload

Work History: Pima County Legal Defender, Pima County Legal Defender's Office
August 2015 –Present

Trial Team Supervisor, Pima County Public Defender's Office
March 2012 – August 2015

Assistant Public Defender, Pima County Public Defender's Office
September 1997 – August 2015

Law Clerk and Bailiff for the Honorable John Davis, Pima County Superior Court
January 1997 – September 1997

Education: University of Arizona College of Law
Juris Doctor, 1996

University of Arizona Eller College of Business and Public Administration
Bachelor of Science in Public Administration, *Magna Cum Laude* and *With Honors*, 1993

Admissions: State Bar of Arizona, 1996
United States Supreme Court, 2002

Awards: Attorney of the Year, Pima County Public Defender's Office, 2003
Attorney of the Year, Arizona Public Defender Association, 2003
Sarah Weddington Warrior Award, Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona, 2007

Organizations: NACDL member, AACJ member, APDA Director, Supreme Court PTS Committee member