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Hon. Katie Hobbs, Governor  
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Re: Retirement

Dear Governor Hobbs,

I write to advise you that I am retiring as a justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. My last day of employment and my effective retirement date will be October 31, 2024. The decision to leave the court has not been easy and I will greatly miss the Court's interesting and challenging work and particularly all the wonderful people with whom I have had the pleasure of working.

Working in Arizona's courts for the past 28 years has been a tremendous privilege. Arizona's judicial system, at all levels, enjoys a reputation both nationally and internationally of excellence and innovation. I cannot adequately express how thankful I am for the opportunity to have served as a part of Arizona's judiciary.

It has been the greatest honor of my career to serve as Chief Justice, to participate in the administration and improvement of Arizona's courts and to work with the outstanding judges and staff across our great State, particularly our Presiding Judges. Our Court Administrators, Clerks, and staff demonstrate daily a commitment to excellence and remarkable dedication to public service. I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with such dedicated professionals.

I am grateful for the faith, trust and confidence Governors Symington and Brewer had in appointing me to the Superior Court and Supreme Court, respectively. I also want to express my appreciation to the voters of Yavapai County for electing me to office and to the voters of the State of Arizona for retaining me as a Supreme Court Justice.

During my tenure, I could not have asked for better colleagues and staff at both the Superior Court and the Supreme Court. I currently work with six outstanding, hardworking,

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impartial and extremely smart justices and I will miss the intellectual exchange and debate. I have been extremely blessed to serve the court system and, more broadly, the people of Arizona. I leave this position with pride in my service on the courts and great confidence in the future of our judicial system, knowing that the courts are in very good hands. The future of our courts is bright.

After 42 years as a lawyer and 28 years as a judge, I believe more strongly than ever in the rule of law and that everyone is equal before the law. Arizona's judicial branch is truly committed to the idea that our courts and the law are a positive force for protecting our rights and improving the lives of our fellow citizens.

Finally, I wish you all the best in your service as governor and in the important task of appointing the next justice.

Sincerely,



Robert Brutinel

cc: Chief Justice Ann A. Scott Timmer  
Vice Chief Justice John R. Lopez IV  
Dave Byers, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts