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Hon. Christopher T. Whitten is a general jurisdiction trial court judge on the Superior Court of Arizona. Before his appointment to the bench in 2006, he was a trial lawyer for fifteen years, a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and was certified by the Arizona State Bar as a specialist in injury and wrongful death litigation. As a Judge on the Superior Court of Arizona, he has presided over criminal, family, civil and commercial litigation cases. He currently serves as the Presiding Tax Court Judge for Arizona. He has also served as a Judge Pro Tempore of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Judge Whitten is the Immediate Past Chair of the American Bar Association's National Conference of State Trial Judges and the current Judicial Division representative on the ABA House of Delegates. He also serves on the ABA Nominations Committee. Judge Whitten is the Chair of the Commission on the American Jury and the Judicial Division's liaison to the Section of Litigation Council. He has served as a liaison to the Coalition for Justice, the Trial Court Time Standards Committee and the Advisory Group for Language Access to State Courts. He sits on the Empirical Research Steering Committee of the Civil Jury Project at New York University. He also represented his colleagues from Maricopa County on the board of directors of the Arizona Judges Association.

Judge Whitten has taught as an adjunct professor at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, at Louisiana State University School of Law, at The University of San Diego School of Law, at Emory University School of Law and at the Arizona Summit Law School. He sits on the Board of Trustees for the National Judicial College and regularly works with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, both nationally and internationally. He has trained fellow judges and lawyers in four of Mexico's states as they reform their judicial process. He has worked on trial skills with Solicitors in Ireland as their rights of appearance have expanded, with lawyers in Myanmar stressing the importance of the Rule of Law in their emerging democracy, with Judges in Egypt in developing procedures to combat human trafficking, and with law professors in Japan on effective teaching techniques.

Away from the bench, he has enjoyed serving his community as a board member and officer for many organizations, including the Arizona Foundation for Blind Children, the University of San Diego School of Law Alumni Board, the Arizona School for the Arts, the Recreational Association of Madison Meadows and Simis, the St. Thomas Moore Society and the Brophy Lacrosse Club.

He has been married to his high school girlfriend, Ann, for over twenty five years. Together, they raised two remarkable sons, Tom and Charlie. Judge Whitten and his sons recently were part of a team that successfully led a group of thirteen blind hikers on a marathon twenty-four mile, one-day trek from rim to rim across the Grand Canyon.