

Judge John Leonardo (Ret.) Pima County Superior Court Judge Tucson, AZ

Judge John Leonardo began his career as an Assistant State's Attorney for Prince George's County, Maryland in 1972. He also served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana and the District of Arizona from 1973 until 1992. In 1993, he was elected as Pima County Superior Court Judge.

Subsequently, in 2012, he became the United States Attorney for the District of Arizona. Judge Leonardo was appointed as an International Observer to the European Union sponsored justice reform initiative in Tirana, Albania in 2017 and served in this post until 2019. Although Judge Leonardo retired in 2019, he continues to work towards

sentencing reforms in Arizona.

Judge Leonardo holds a Bachelor of Arts with honors from the University of Notre Dame and a Juris Doctorate from George Washington University Law School. He was awarded the Judicial Integrity Award from Arizona Trial Lawyers Association in 2011. Judge Leonardo also received the State Bar of Arizona Criminal Justice Award in 2017.

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