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Judge Mary Helen Maynard (Ret.)
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Nogales, AZ

Judge Mary Helen Maynard (Ret.) began her legal career in 1979 as an attorney in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1989, she became the City Attorney and Prosecutor for Nogales, Arizona. In 1993, she was appointed to the Justice Court of Santa Cruz County and was elected the following year. She was subsequently re-elected four times. In 2009, she was appointed Judge Pro Tem of the Santa Cruz Superior Court and presided over civil and criminal jury trials, criminal preliminary hearings in felony cases, and was responsible for budgeting and personnel administration of the court

In 2015, Judge Maynard retired from the court. She is the Founder and Development Director for an organization called “Circles of Peace,” whose Santa Cruz County program is the first court-referred domestic violence treatment program to use a restorative justice circle approach. She has served on the boards of the National Association of Women Judges, the Arizona Justice of the Peace Association, the Arizona Magistrates Association, the Santa Cruz County Bar Association, Zonta Club of Nogales, Santa Cruz Community Foundation, Pimeria Alta Historical Society, Nogales/Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce, the Teen Violence Prevention Program, the Lions Club of Nogales, and the Friends of Rotary. She holds a BA from Fontbonne College, a MEd from Memphis State University, a JD from Temple University Law Center, and a MJ from Nevada University.

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