

Judge Lambert receives Trainer Excellence Award

KINGMAN – Justice of the Peace Rick Lambert of Kingman/Cerbat Justice Court has recently received statewide recognition.

On May 14, Phoenix Municipal Court Chief Presiding Judge Roxanne Song Ong, in her capacity as chair of the Arizona Supreme Court COJET (Committee on Judicial Education and Training), presented Lambert with a 2010 Trainer Excellence Award during a training coordinator conference in Phoenix. Four Trainer Excellence awards were presented that day, with all recipients other than Lambert coming from Phoenix.

According to the Arizona Judicial Branch website, the Judicial Staff Education Committee reviews the nominations for the awards for the following requirements: Does the nominated individual “demonstrate a command of the subject area(s) taught; create a stimulating and motivating learning environment; work diligently to ensure participants’ understanding of the material; demonstrate high self-expectations; exhibit initiative and taking risks; exude a positive attitude, treating others with respect; and demonstrate effective communication skills.”

Mohave County Superior Court Human Resources Manager Linda Yarbrough nominated Lambert for the honor. In doing so, she referred to Lambert’s class (Ethics – Doing the Right Thing) during the COJET Conference held in Kingman in January.

“He presented the class to 61 judges and employees from throughout the Mohave County Court System,” she wrote. “Judge Lambert spoke from the heart about his personal life experiences,



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while creatively using YouTube videos to demonstrate inappropriate courtroom demeanor.”

Yarbrough wrote that Lambert is “a passionate and gifted speaker” who makes topics “real and interesting for class participants.” She pointed out that Lambert “has served as faculty for the quarterly Mohave County Court’s Judicial New Employee Orientation Program...” and that, in that capacity, he “takes current events from the news, best-selling books, current movies and is able to relate key points to working in the courts system.”

“It was a complete surprise to me when I was told I was getting the award,” Judge Lambert said. “I say that because we have a lot of very talented and knowledgeable people in the judicial branch, both in our jurisdiction and statewide. I’m just grateful to be part of the judiciary and have the opportunity to serve.”