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3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

## **Pro Bono Appellate Court Programs and Clinics: Doing Good for Clients and the Courts**

### *Participants:*

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Moderator, Hon. Samuel A. Thumma, *Vice Chief Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One*

*Learning Objectives:* The panelists will provide background for the development, implementation and application of (1) court-based appellate pro bono programs and (2) law school clinic appellate programs. They will examine best practices, successes and lessons learned in both establishing and administering such programs. The panel also will address ethical issues related to these programs and the benefits to all involved in the programs and will entertain questions about these critically-important issues.

### *Outline:*

1. Introduction:
  - a. Terminology
  - b. Why you should care about this issue
2. History, evolution and variation of pro bono appellate court programs:
  - a. Background, structure and variations
  - b. Implementation and administration
  - c. Federal and state programs compared
  - d. Best practices, successes, lessons learned and ethical issues
3. History, evolution and variation of pro bono appellate clinics
  - a. Background, structure and variations
  - b. Implementation and administration
  - c. Federal and state programs compared
  - d. Best practices, successes, lessons learned and ethical issues
4. Literature on comparative appellate pro bono programs.
5. The future of pro bono appellate work