

**Hon. Samuel A. Thumma, *Chief Judge***

*Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One*

Honorable Samuel A. Thumma serves as the Chief Judge of the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, starting July 1, 2017, having previously served as Vice Chief Judge for two years. He is a member of the Arizona Judicial Council, the policy-making body that oversees the Arizona judicial system. Before being appointed to the Court of Appeals in 2012, Sam served as a Judge on the Arizona Superior Court, Maricopa County, for nearly five years, presiding over criminal and juvenile matters and serving as an elected member of the Judicial Executive Committee. Nationally, Sam is a Uniform Law Commissioner and chaired the Uniform Employee and Student Online Protection and Privacy Drafting Committee; is an Advisor to the American Law Institute's Restatement of the Law (Third) of Torts: Liability for Economic Loss; is Secretary of the American Bar Association's Judicial Division Appellate Judges Conference (and Secretary of the Appellate Judges Education Institute, Inc., Board of Directors), is Chair of the ABA JD's Technology Committee and is a member of the ABA JD's Ethics and Professionalism Committee. Sam also is a member of the American Bar Foundation and the Sedona Conference Judicial Advisory Board. In Arizona, Sam is Chair of the Arizona Supreme Court's Digital Evidence Task Force; Co-Chair of the Arizona Supreme Court's Committee on the Rules of Evidence; Chair of Arizona's Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee; Co-Editor of the Arizona Appellate Handbook and a member of the State Bar of Arizona's Civil Recommended Arizona Jury Instructions Committee. Sam has chaired the State Bar's Civil Practice and Procedure and Fee Arbitration Committees and served as a member of the Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct. Sam is past president of the Thurgood Marshall Inn of Court. He has presented at more than 280 seminars, and published 10 law review articles and nearly 50 other law-related articles. In the community, Sam is a Rotary 100 Club Member and a Paul Harris Fellow, is a liturgist and church choir member and has been involved in the American Red Cross nationally, regionally and locally. Before serving on the bench, Sam was a partner at Perkins Coie Brown & Bain, P.A., in Phoenix, and an associate at Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C. He served as a law clerk for Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Stanley G. Feldman and Judge David R. Hansen, United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa. Sam graduated Order of the Coif from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1988, where he was a Note & Comment Editor on the Iowa Law Review, and from Iowa State University in 1984, where he was a member of Cardinal Key and a Harry S. Truman Memorial Scholar.