

## **Sun Lakes Republican Club Minutes**

**When:** Tuesday, January 9th 6:30PM - 8:00 PM

**Where:** Sun Lakes Country Club AZ Room

**Who:** About 100 people in attendance

### **AGENDA:**

1. Mike Tennant opened the meeting with the Invocation.
2. Jay Sanderson led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Candidates in attendance were introduced and had 5 minutes to speak. Nora Ellen (running for State Legislature) , Eric Sloane (running for Corporation Commission), Mayor Tibshraeny (running for Justice of the Peace), and
4. Lee Huff represented our US Congressman Andy Biggs's office this evening. He told the veterans in attendance that he advocates for veterans in CD5 at the District Office in Mesa and all they have to do is contact him there to ask for help.
5. The main speaker was Justice Clint Bolick. Justice Clint Bolick of the Arizona Supreme Court is a dynamic and sought-after speaker who will explain the relationship of "Our Constitutions and Our Courts" and review some recent decisions that affect our liberties at both the federal and state level.

Justice Bolick was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Doug Ducey in January 2016. He was formerly the Vice President for Litigation at the Goldwater Institute from 2007-2016. He has also served as an attorney with the US Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, and was Special Assistant at the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

He has received many honors and awards for his public service, including "90 Greatest DC Lawyers in Past 30 Years", 2008, and the "Thomas J. Szasz Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Cause of Civil Liberties", 1999. Justice Bolick is the author of many books

and law review articles, including *Immigration Wars: Forging an American Solution*, 2013. He served on the Boards of BASIS Schools, Inc, 2006-2016, Great Hearts Academies, 2005-2016, and Arizona Charter Schools Association, 2006-2014.

Justices are nominated and then chosen by the sitting governor. AZ has 7 Justices. The Supreme Court chooses cases that will affect large numbers of people or those with difficult issues or unusual circumstances. They also hear cases involving the death penalty and those involving electoral appeals.

The ballots we get have listings on the backside of judges we are supposed to vote for to continue their service on the bench. The best place to see how Judges are rated is “The Judicial Performance Commission” <http://www.azcourts.gov/jpr>

<https://www.facebook.com/Arizona-Judicial-Performance-Review-148405891839323/>

It is Justice Bolick’s view that the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals should be split into smaller Appellate courts and that AZ should be allowed to leave it and be in a new western state court. It is the most overturned court in the nation because many times their decisions are an attempt to legislate law rather than following the law of the constitution. He said when he judges a case he does not use “case law” to determine his judgements he uses the US Constitution. He says it is important to get more “Constitutional Judges” on the bench.

6. The 50/50 % winner this evening won \$59.00.

7. The next meeting of the Sun Lakes Republican Club will be February 13th. The speaker will be Earl Taylor and he will be speaking on the US Constitution. It will be held at the same place and time.