

# NEWSFLASH



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## **Clerk of the Superior Court's Office recognized by the Arizona Attorney General's Office for program that assists victims of crime**

The Arizona Attorney General's Office recently announced that the Maricopa County Clerk of the Superior Court's Victim Locate Program (VLP) was selected to receive the 2018 Arizona Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for Innovative Practices. The Attorney's General Office stated the award was presented to the Clerk of the Court in recognition of its outstanding contributions to victims and their tireless efforts on behalf of victims' rights and assistance.

The Clerk of the Court's Office launched the VLP several years ago to find the victims of crime who were not receiving their court-ordered restitution. The VLP staff uses multiple sources and contacts to locate the victims whose information was either missing or outdated, often times due to an unreported change of address.

At the end of last fiscal year, the Office had issued a total 6,619 checks to victims who were located resulting in the disbursement of nearly \$1.7 million.

The Attorney General's Office will present the award to the Office at the statewide collaborative Victims' Rights Week event at 11:15 a.m. on Monday, April 9 at the El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium in Phoenix.