

# ELLEN WHEELER

**New Nominee**

Term: First three-year term

*Active Members who wish to nominate themselves for a vacancy on the Board of Directors must complete and submit this nomination form to the TAA Clerk **no later than 11:59 p.m. on October 1, 2023.***

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Name: <b>Ellen Wheeler</b>		TAA Member since (year): <b>2013</b>	
Home Address:			
E-mail Address:			
Home Phone No.:		Mobile Phone No.:	
PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION			
Company: <b>Retired</b>		Profession/Industry: <b>Law/Government</b>	
Position/Title:			
Work Address:			
Work Phone No.:		Work E-mail Address:	
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (Optional)			
<b>What is your race/ethnicity?</b> Please mark the one box that describes the race/ethnicity with which you primarily identify.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b> a person of Cuban, Mexican, Chicano, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>White:</b> a person that has origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Black or African American:</b> a person that has origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Asian:</b> a person that has origins in any of the original peoples of East Asia, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:</b> a person that has origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>American Indian or Alaska Native:</b> a person that has origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Two or More Races:</b> a person who primarily identifies with two or more of the above race/ethnicity categories.	
<b>What is your gender?</b> Please mark the one box that describes the gender with which you primarily identify.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Male	<b>What is your age?</b> Please mark one box below.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Female	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-binary	
	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>		41-50
	<input type="checkbox"/>		51-60
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Over 60
<b>Do you have a disability?</b> Please mark the appropriate box.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I have a disability (or previously had a disability).	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No, I do not have (nor have I previously had) a disability.	


DIRECTOR INTEREST FORM

Please explain how the TAA will benefit from your service on the Board of Directors.

**First, I bring a wealth of experience from my career and volunteer activities in Tucson over many years. As a lawyer, I organized and advised corporate and other business entities. My subsequent career in government at the federal and county levels has given me a deep understanding of how federal, state and local governments operate and the constraints they face (including, as just one example, open meeting laws). I also have extensive experience serving on and leading non-profit boards and understand the dynamics and relationships of such boards. In addition, I have a deep appreciation for the importance of TAA/the airport to Tucson. I know how important it is for the board and members to be advocates for TIA in the community. Finally, I have served on several TAA councils, as a result of which I have gained an understanding of how TAA operates. I have been a member of the Nominating Council since 2021. I also have served on the Superfund Council and Audit Council, and a number of years ago I participated in a procurement process. In summary, I believe I will bring a great deal of experience, expertise, enthusiasm, and insight to my role as a TAA board member.**

SIGNATURE	DATE
	9-28-2023

**Member/Board of Directors Annual Disclosure Statement**  
**(Adopted August 7, 2012)**

<b>Name:</b> <b>Ellen Wheeler</b>	
<p>In an effort to avoid any appearance of a lack of integrity and transparency in Tucson Airport Authority's decision-making processes, TAA has adopted a <b>Conflict of Interest Policy</b> applicable to all TAA members. In addition, members of the TAA Board of Directors are required to submit an annual disclosure statement to disclose (i) any personal or financial interests that have a reasonable likelihood to create, or to appear to create, a conflict of interest with TAA, and (ii) any current business relationships involving TAA.</p>	
<b>I have the following personal or financial interests to disclose in accordance with the Policy:</b>	
None	
<b>In addition, I currently have the following business, contractual or other financial relations with the TAA:</b>	
None	
<p>I have read and agree to comply with the Tucson Airport Authority Conflict of Interest Policy. I have disclosed on the attached form all potential conflicts and relevant business relationships involving TAA of which I am aware, if any. I will promptly report any changes that may create or appear to create a conflict of interest with TAA.</p>	
<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
	<b>9-28-23</b>

## **ELLEN K. WHEELER**

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **PIMA COUNTY, Tucson, Arizona (2013 - 2018)**

##### ***Assistant County Administrator for Justice and Law Enforcement (2013-2017)***

Liaison to courts, County Attorney and law enforcement for County Administrator; facilitate joint planning and special projects with all law-related County departments. Lead acquisition and implementation of \$1.5 million, multi-year MacArthur Foundation grant.

##### ***Interim Director, Department of Behavioral Health (July 2018 – December 2018)***

#### **UDALL FOUNDATION, Tucson, Arizona (1999 – 2013)**

The Udall Foundation is an agency within the Executive Branch of the U.S. government.

##### ***Executive Director (2008 – January 2013)***

- Oversight of all programs and staff located in Tucson and Washington, D.C. Strategic planning, policy development, outreach and day-to-day operations. Coordinate and write annual budget request to Office of Management and Budget; liaison with Congressional staff, assist Board chair on legislative efforts.

##### ***Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel (2004 – 2007)***

##### ***Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel (2002 -- 2004)***

##### ***General Counsel (1999-2002)***

- Oversight of all programs and staff, supervision of other managers, and oversight of budget requests and legislative liaison, all as detailed above.
- Legal counsel to the Board of Trustees and staff for all program areas. *Legal focus is on federal law, including the following areas: appropriations; legislative relations; start-up of U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution; employment and personnel issues; Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts; confidentiality in mediation; federal contracting rules; compliance with Executive Orders, policy directives and other federal requirements; internal policy development; ethics laws. Serve as Agency Ethics Officer, overseeing financial disclosure requirements and ethics training. Wrote and published Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act regulations, 36 C.F.R. Part 1600 (2001).*

#### **LEGAL: PRIVATE PRACTICE and COURT EXPERIENCE, Tucson (1983 – 1998)**

##### ***Law Office of Ellen K. Wheeler (1993 – 1998)***

- General legal practice, with emphasis on real estate, corporations, business transactions,

and litigation

- Legal counsel to Udall Foundation beginning with the inception of the Foundation's activities in late 1994. *Includes drafting legislation to establish the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution and securing 1998 congressional passage and start-up appropriations (Public Law 105-156).*

***Monroe and Associates (1987 – 1993)***

Partner in law firm, focusing on real estate, corporations, business transactions, and litigation

***Hecker, Phillips & Hooker (1984 – 1986)***

Associate in firm with a practice focused on business and real estate, tax, partnerships and corporate law

***Law Clerk to Hon. Richard M. Bilby, U.S. District Court, (1983 – 1984)***

Legal research and writing for federal district judge.

**JOURNALISM AND GOVERNMENT (1972 – 1980)**

***Rocky Mountain News, Denver, CO (1977 – 1980)***

Reporter on energy and environment; chief copy editor

***Office of Guy R. Martin, Assistant Secretary of Interior, Washington, DC (5/78 – 8/78)***

Press secretary

***Office of U.S. Sen. Floyd K. Haskell, D-CO, Washington, DC (1975 – 1977)***

Press Aide

***Times Herald-Record, Middletown, NY (1974 – 1975)***

Reporter and copy editor

***Green Valley News and Nogales International newspapers, Arizona (1972 – 1974)***

Associate editor

**EDUCATION**

***Juris Doctor***, with highest distinction (Class Rank: First)

University of Arizona College of Law, 1983

Order of the Coif; Executive Editor of Arizona Law Review

***Bachelor of Arts in English***, with highest distinction

University of Arizona, 1973

Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi

## COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

*State Bar of Arizona*, member, 1983 – present

*Tucson Airport Authority*, member, 2013 – present

*Tucson Botanical Gardens*, Board of Directors, 2019 – present; Vice President, 2022- present

*Las Doñas de Tucson*, member, 2018 – present

*Southern Arizona Visitors Center*, volunteer and Certified Tourism Ambassador, 2023

*Rotary Club of Tucson*, member 2006 – 2021

*Miramonte Neighborhood Association*, President, 2021 - present

*Pima County Health Benefits Trust Advisory Board*, 2019 -- 2022

*Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona*, Grant Selection Committee, 2018-2020

*Tucson Festival of Books*, Moderator, author panels, 2011 - 2020

*Habitat for Humanity Tucson*, Board President, 2010-2012; Board Secretary, 2000-2007; Board of Directors, 1998 – 2007 and 2008 – 2017

*Women at the Top*, 2014 - 2019

*Pima County Bar Association*, President, 1997 – 1998; Board of Directors, 1993 – 1999

*Board of Visitors, University of Arizona College of Law*, 2000 – 2014

*Arizona Town Hall*, member 2006 – present; participant in Spring 2006 Town Hall

*Arizona’s Children Association*, Board of Directors, 2003 – 2006

*Las Familias*, Board of Directors, 1991 – 2003 (merged into Arizona’s Children)

*West University Neighborhood Association*, President 1986, 1988

## LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Note: “The Right to Use Groundwater in Arizona after *Chino Valley II* and *Cherry v. Steiner*,” 25 Ariz. L. Rev. 475 (1983).

Casenote: “The Tavernkeeper’s Duty to Protect Patrons from Violence,” 23 Ariz. L. Rev. 1525 (1981).