

Hon. Krista M. Carman

In 2019, Governor Ducey appointed Judge Carman to Division 4 of the Yavapai County Superior Court. She was elected in 2020 and is seeking reelection to her position. Currently, she serves as the Associate Presiding Judge and the Criminal Presiding Judge. Prior to her assignment on the criminal bench, she presided over civil, family and mental health matters.

Judge Krista M. Carman obtained her Bachelor of Science Degrees from Northern Arizona University in special education and elementary education. She taught special education for a short time in Chandler, Arizona. Judge Carman then went on to law school and earned her Juris Doctor from the College of Law at Arizona State University. Judge Carman began her law practice in Phoenix and subsequently moved to Prescott in 2004. Her practice experience includes civil litigation involving employment law, insurance coverage, personal injury and education law in federal and state courts all over Arizona. She also practiced as an appellate attorney with cases in the Arizona Court of Appeals, Arizona Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Carman served on the Supreme Court Commission on Appellate Appointments as well as the Civil Practice Reform Commission.

Judge Carman remains active in her local community serving on the board of directors for the Prescott Unified School District Education Foundation and United Christian Youth Camp. She and her family enjoy serving in their church. Judge Carman serves on the Commission for Crime Victims in the Courts, the Supreme Court's Evidence Committee, and the Yavapai County Courts Strategic Planning Steering Committee. She is also a member of the Arizona Supreme Court's Task Force for Equality in Plea Agreements and Sentencing. Finally, she is the coordinator of the high school regional mock trial competition for Northern Arizona. Judge Carman and her husband, Andre, have been married for 25 years. They have five children whom she counts as her greatest blessings.