

# **GARYE VASQUEZ**

## **SC Alumni - Attorney – Judge**

### **Inducted into the SC Hall of Fame October 15, 2010**

Garye Vasquez, Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, was born in Casa Grande, Arizona, August 22, 1958. He attended Santa Cruz and was active in JV Baseball; Member of the Thespian Society; Member of the Yearbook Staff; Member of the Future Farmers of America; selected by the SC administration to be a student teaching assistant in the reading lab. He graduated from SCVUHS in 1976. He married Teresa Leal and has three children.

Garye received an Associate in General Studies Degree from Central Arizona College in 1978, a Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies from Arizona State University in 1981, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law in 1984. He was in private practice in Casa Grande, Arizona from 1984 - 2005 with the law firm Cooper, Vasquez & Rueter, LLP. During that time, he served as President of the Pinal County Bar Association, Chairman of the Casa Grande Elementary School District Governing Board, and Chairman of the Commission on Salaries for Elective State Offices. He is very proud to have served as general legal counsel for the City of Eloy while he was in private practice. During the five years he served as Eloy city attorney, Eloy was experiencing a tremendous opportunity for growth, with all of the associated growing pains. He was responsible for drafting complete revisions to the City's Zoning Code, Subdivision Ordinance, Personnel Policies and Guidelines, Business License Code, and Building Code. The City also entered into five development agreements for residential and commercial development projects on approximately 8,500 acres. Garye has served on numerous other boards and commissions. In December, 2005, he was appointed by Governor Janet Napolitano as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Division Two, he assumed that office on February 1, 2006. He also currently serves on the Arizona Supreme Court Commission on Technology, and Arizona Bar Association Appellate Practice Section Executive Council.

Garye has dedicated himself to many Pinal County Community Service organizations for the betterment of the community he lives and serves in. He is currently vice chairs of the Against Abuse, Inc. Board of Directors. He has assisted pro-bono in the formation of numerous non-profit, charitable, cultural and civic organizations. They include: Casa Grande's Cottonwood Elementary School PTO; Latino Familia Initiative (The organization's purpose is to improve the quality of life for Latinos in Pinal County by providing them with the services, training, tools, resources, and enrichment they will need to succeed, and to become leaders in their community); El Club Sonorense (purpose of the organization is to promote and perpetuate the memory of the Town of Sonora and its residents); G.O.L.D. Scholars Program (purpose of the organization is to provide Latino students with the tools, resources, and enrichment they will need to become successful high school, collegiate, and life-long Latino leaders); Casa Grande Drama Club and the New Hope Baptist Church.