



**SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD APPOINTMENTS**  
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July 1, 2021 (PHOENIX, AZ) – The Sandra Day O'Connor Institute For American Democracy has named six new members to the organization's Board of Directors. **John Bridger, Jan Lewis, Karen McConnell, Mark Stebbings, Jason Rowley, and Jenny Holsman Tetreault** have each been appointed to a three-year term.

O'Connor Institute Board Officers for the 2021-2022 administrative year are **Board Co-Chairs Matthew P. Feeney**, Snell & Wilmer Managing Partner and philanthropist **Gay Firestone Wray**; **Vice Chair Wendy Breuder**, retired MUFG Bank Arizona President; **Secretary Cita Stelzer**, author and historian; and **Treasurer Brian Scott**, MidFirst Bank Executive Vice President.

"As we continue the legacy and lifetime work of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to advance American democracy, the Institute looks forward to working with our outstanding new Board members," stated Matthew P. Feeney, Board Co-Chair.

**John Bridger** spent 19 years as executive director of the Thunderbirds. John grew the organization's annual charitable giving from \$1 million when he started to \$13 million when he retired in 2020. Prior to coming to the Thunderbirds, he served as executive vice president for Bank of America in Dallas, Texas, and was directly responsible for more than 425 bank centers. John is an inductee of the 2020 Arizona Sports Hall of Fame.

**Jenny Holsman Tetreault** serves as the General Counsel of the West Region at US Foods, one of the leading foodservice distributors in the nation. Jenny is a graduate of Arizona State University, and earned both her masters and law degrees from Syracuse University, where she was named the Outstanding Law School Graduate. She currently serves as the Board Chair for the Valley of the Sun United Way and also serves on the Board of Directors for Syracuse University Law School Association, Charter 100, the Cactus-Pine Council of the Girl Scouts, Sun Devil Club, the YMCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona, Community Legal Services, Ballet Arizona, the Herberger Theater, Activate Food Arizona, Waste Not, United Food Bank, Teach for America and Phoenix Library Foundation.

**Jan Lewis** is the co-founder and trustee of the T.W. Lewis Foundation which supports a wide range of programs for children and families in need, character education and other causes that help strengthen our community. She is a dedicated leader and volunteer who champions the mission of the Foundation with her involvement in many organizations throughout the Valley. She is currently the Vice President of the Board of Trustees at the Desert Botanical Garden, a member of the Women's Board of the O'Connor Institute, and is a member of the Women's Board of the Barrow Neurological Foundation. She is especially passionate about the Migraine Treatment Program at Barrow Neurological Institute, which she helped to create.

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**Karen C. McConnell** is a partner and the Co-Practice Leader of Ballard Spahr's Private Equity Group. Karen attended University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D., magna cum laude, and BBA, Ohio University summa cum laude. A Board Member of the Barrow Neurological Foundation, Karen also volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children in foster care.

**Mark Stebbings** is Executive Vice President for National Bank of Arizona. Mark's areas of focus include investor real estate financing for multi-family, industrial, office, retail, residential projects as well as overseeing other lending groups at NBAZ. He is currently the Vice Chairman of Treasure House, a non-profit focused on the housing needs of young adults with intellectual disabilities.

**Jason Rowley** is President and CEO of the Phoenix Suns. He also served as the team's COO as well as Sr. VP and General Counsel. Jason began his career with Snell & Wilmer and represented the Suns' ownership group in their acquisition of the club in 2004. Rowley earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona then joined the U.S. Navy, serving as an intelligence analyst. He returned to the U of A for his law degree. Rowley serves on Greater Phoenix Leadership, the Thunderbirds, the Board of Phoenix Suns Charities, and the Board of Downtown Phoenix Inc.

To view the full Board of Directors list please visit: [www.OConnorInstitute.org](http://www.OConnorInstitute.org)

### **About the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute For American Democracy**

Founded in 2009 by retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the O'Connor Institute, a nonprofit, nonpartisan 501(c)(3), continues her distinguished legacy and lifetime work to advance civil discourse, civic engagement and civics education.

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