



The Come Together Music Project, founded by Shaka Mitchell, is a unique initiative that uses music as a catalyst for storytelling, connection, and civil discourse. Each session pairs guests from differing backgrounds to share songs linked to personal experiences, providing an opportunity to build new relationships, deepen existing ones, and bridge divides.

Joining this conversation **at 5:30p on October 8, 2025 at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University** are Arizona Supreme Court Justices Maria Elena Cruz and Clint Bolick. **Doors open at 5:00p.**

Maria Elena Cruz was appointed by Governor Katie Hobbs, Justice Maria Elena Cruz joined the Arizona Supreme Court in February 2025 as the first Latina and first Black justice in the court's history. A Yuma County native, she brings over two decades of judicial experience—spanning Cocopah Tribal Court, Yuma County Superior Court, and the Arizona Court of Appeals (2017–2025). She earned both her bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Arizona.

Clint Bolick was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court in January 2016 by Governor Doug Ducey and retained by voters in 2018 and again in 2024, Justice Clint Bolick is a seasoned constitutional litigator who has argued cases across state and federal courts—including the U.S. Supreme Court. Before joining the bench, he co-founded the Institute for Justice and served as Vice President of Litigation at the Goldwater Institute. He's also a Hoover Institution research fellow and the author of several legal books.

Shaka Mitchell is a Senior Fellow at the American Federation for Children, advocating nationally for K–12 school choice and educational equity. Shaka helped launch Rocketship charter schools, Nashville's largest charter schools and was the Outreach Director at the Institute for Justice. An adjunct professor at Belmont University, Shaka teaches American Government and Constitutional Law. He holds a J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law and a B.S. in Political Science and Philosophy from Belmont.

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