

## **Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council** **Rule 15.1 Disclosure Database**

### **History of Disclosure Database**

The Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council (APAAC) created a multidisciplinary workgroup to develop model best practices regarding disclosure of potential law enforcement officer integrity issues. The product of that workgroup was initially approved as a policy by APAAC in 2018 and was revised in 2020.

Pursuant to the approved policy, APAAC created a searchable database on the public-facing portion of its website: <https://apaac.az.gov/rule-15-1-disclosure-database>. The database contains information regarding officers which Arizona prosecution agencies have determined may need to be disclosed pursuant to law and the rules of discovery.

### **Administrative Function of APAAC**

APAAC serves solely as the database administrator. Neither the APAAC Council nor APAAC staff have authority to add or delete information from the database without specific direction from the submitting prosecution agency. In other words, Arizona prosecution agencies submit an officer's name and identifying information to APAAC to add to the database. That entry may only be removed from the database with the express direction of the submitting prosecution agency. The database does not include, nor does APAAC possess, information regarding the underlying reason(s) why a prosecution agency submitted an officer for database inclusion. Inquiries regarding the basis for submission are directed to the submitting prosecution agency.

APAAC updates the database on a weekly basis and shares those updates with prosecution offices that have compatible case management software.

### **Purpose of the Database**

APAAC created the database: (1) to support prosecutors in meeting their ethical disclosure obligations; (2) to make the information readily available to interested parties - from prosecutors to defense counsel to the public; and (3) to increase public confidence that officer integrity issues are addressed.

### **Database Status**

Prosecution office database participation is voluntary. As of October 1, 2024, fourteen Arizona prosecution offices have submitted officer information for the database, resulting in a total of 2,623 entries. It should be noted that each submission is counted as its own entry. If multiple prosecution offices submit the same officer's name, each submission is considered its own entry.