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Thomas A. Jacobs, J.D., was an Arizona Assistant Attorney General from 1972 to 1985, where he practiced criminal and child welfare law. He was appointed to the Maricopa County Superior Court in 1985, where he served as a judge pro tem/commissioner in the juvenile and family courts until his retirement in 2008. He also taught juvenile law for ten years as an adjunct professor at the Arizona State University School of Social Work. He continues to write for teens, lawyers, judges, and law students.

Jacobs is also the founder of www.askthejudge.info, a free interactive educational tool that provides current information regarding laws, court decisions, and national news affecting teens. It is the only site of its kind to provide legal questions and answers for teens and parents with the unique ability to interact with Judge Jacobs, his daughter, attorney Natalie C. Jacobs, and other teens.

Publications by Jacobs include the following:

Books from Thomson Reuters/West Publishing with annual updates:

- Arizona Community Property Law (2004) with co-author, Natalie C. Jacobs
- Children and the Law: Rights and Obligations (1995) with co-author, Natalie C. Jacobs, et al.
- Arizona Juvenile Law & Practice (1991)

Books from Free Spirit Publishing, Inc. for their "Teen Law Series:"

- What Are My Rights: Q & A About Teens and the Law (4th edition 2019)
- Every Vote Matters: The Power of Your Voice, From Student Elections to the Supreme Court (2016) with co-author, Natalie C. Jacobs

- Teen Cyberbullying Investigated: Where Do Your Rights End and Consequences Begin? (2010)
- Teens Take It to Court: Young People Who Challenged the Law—and Changed Your Life (2000, 2006)
- They Broke the Law—You Be the Judge (2003)