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### PRACTICE AREAS

Complex Civil Litigation  
Commercial Litigation  
Medical Malpractice Litigation  
Professional Liability  
Wrongful Death and Personal Injury  
Real Estate Litigation  
Employment Litigation

### EDUCATION

University of Arizona, J.D., 1987; Writer, *Arizona Law Review*, 1986-1987  
University of Michigan, B.A. Communication, 1984

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Arizona: Trial Practice Section, Employment & Labor Law Section  
Arizona Association of Defense Counsel: Board Member (2005 to 2008)  
Defense Research Institute  
Judge *Pro Tempore*, Pima County Superior Court (2007-2009)  
Judge *Pro Tempore*, Pima County Juvenile Court (2000-2002)  
Arizona College of Trial Advocacy (1996)  
NITA Trial Advocacy Program (1992)  
Arizona Women Lawyers Association: Member (1996 to present), Southern Arizona Chapter President (2000-2001), Steering Committee Member (1997-2003), Secretary (1998-1999), Program Committee Chair (1997-1998)  
Pima County Bar Association: Member (1988 to present), Board Member (1993-2000), Executive Committee (1993-1994, 1996-1997), Treasurer (1996-1997), CLE Committee Chair (1992-1993, 1995-1996, 2001-2003), Young Lawyers Division (President, 1993-1994)  
Maricopa County Bar Association  
Morris K. Udall Inn of Court: Member (1994-2000), Administrator (1996-1999)  
Tucson Defense Bar

### PUBLISHED ARTICLES

"*State v. Ault*: Arizona's Inevitable Discovery Doctrine Does Not Apply to Unlawful Searches and Seizures of a Home," 29 Ariz. L.Rev. 343 (1987)  
"Anatomy of the Complex Motor Vehicle Case: The Defense Perspective," prepared for distribution at the Litigating the Complex Motor Vehicle Crash Worthiness Case program, October-November (1989)

#### PROFESSIONAL LECTURES

- "Legal Ethics: Solutions to the Most Common Challenges,"  
National Business Institute (May 2007)
- "Attorney Ethics and Avoiding Legal Malpractice Claims,"  
National Business Institute (May 1997)
- "Law Office Ethics," Tucson Legal Secretaries Association (July  
1995)
- "Employment Discrimination," Green Valley Women's Association  
(May 1992)

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Best Lawyers in America (2009, 2010), Medical Malpractice  
Litigation and Professional Liability Litigation
- Recognized with A-V rating by Martindale-Hubbell
- Certificate of Appreciation for Services as a Judge *Pro Tempore*,  
Pima County Juvenile Court
- Arizona Bar Foundation's Top 50 Pro Bono Attorneys in Arizona  
(June 2002)
- Pima County Bar Association Bar Service Award (2001-2002)
- Pima County Pro Bono Attorney of the Month (October 2001)

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Boy & Girls Clubs of Tucson, Board Member (2006-present),  
Associate Board Member (1995-2003)
- YMCA of Metropolitan Tucson, Board Member (1998-2002), Public  
Policy Committee Chair (1999-2002)
- Arizona Chamber of Commerce Health and Insurance  
Subcommittee (2004-2005)
- Tucson Fiesta Bowl Committee, Life Member