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# Shannon Clark

**TITLE:** Attorney

**ORGANIZATION:** Gallagher & Kennedy PA

**AGE:** 39

**FAMILY/PETS:** Wife, Hallie; sons, Carson, 11, and Harrison, 8; and a beagle, Sophie, 13

**ALMA MATER:** Cornell University

**DESCRIBE YOUR JOB:** Trial and litigation attorney representing tort victims in catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases

**FIRST EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE:** I started doing free yardwork for elderly residents of Tucson early in my high school career.

**MOST CHERISHED AWARD OR RECOGNITION:** The *Tucson Citizen's* Student Achievement Award, which the daily newspaper gave each year to one high school senior who exemplified academic achievement and community and extracurricular involvement.

**MOST ADMIRER OR RESPECTED**

**COMMUNITY LEADERS:** Steve Welker of the Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Jason Schechterle of the Foundation for Burns and Trauma. I have the most profound respect for how each of them has overcome horrific personal tragedy and not only grown from the

**SHANNON CLARK** has worked on many high-profile cases as part of Gallagher & Kennedy's personal injury and product liability team, but he balances work with family: He coaches one son's basketball team and attends sporting events for both with his wife of 16 years. He also serves on the board of the Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and as an adjunct professor at the Phoenix School of Law.

experience, but also helped inspire others through the process.

**HOW YOU WOULD SOLVE ONE PRESSING SOCIAL ISSUE IN ARIZONA:**

I would like to see more public service announcements and community coalitions dedicated to water conservation efforts. Greater efforts to provide education and easy-to-implement tips for water management, irrigation and conservation could result in dramatic water savings. This is an area where a little effort can go a long way, but it has to start with consumer buy-in.

**FAVORITE VIDEO GAME CHARACTER OF ALL**

**TIME:** Samus Aran, from Nintendo's "Metroid." Loved the twist at the end finding out that the warrior was a female.

**ONE THING YOU COULD LEARN FROM THAT**

**CHARACTER:** No matter what native abilities and gifts you have, you can do anything you set your mind to through hard work and perseverance.

**IS THERE ONE MOMENT IN YOUR LIFE YOU WISH YOU COULD PRESS THE**

**"RESET" BUTTON FOR?** There are too many to count, but I've always tried to grow from these experiences. For the most part, I've been able to do so.

