

**Condemnation Summit XXII Speaker Bios
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Chris Kramer's practice emphasizes eminent domain litigation, primarily the representation of condemning authorities. He has handled projects including major urban freeway corridors, such as the Red Mountain and Sky Harbor freeways; traffic interchanges; roadway expansions such as State Route 179 through Oak Creek and Sedona; and has condemned property throughout Arizona for roads, bridges, transit (including light rail), flood control, parks, wetlands, airports, public buildings, and utilities. Mr. Kramer's practice includes assisting clients with right of way and property valuation issues arising during a project, from design through completion. These issues may include such matters as obtaining right of way clearances; utility prior rights; relocation assistance; compliance with federal and state regulations; coordination with other stakeholders and governmental entities; and preparation of appropriate documentation.

Jennifer Cranston is a shareholder at the law firm of Gallagher & Kennedy. Over the past 18 years, she has developed a unique practice spanning three distinct areas of the law: real estate disputes involving condemnation and valuation issues; insurance coverage analysis and bad faith litigation; and public utility regulation. Jennifer has an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell and was listed in AZRE's 2017 People to Know in Commercial Real Estate as well as Arizona Business Magazine's Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona in 2017 and 2018. In her condemnation practice, she has experience representing both condemners and private property owners, including representation of landowners who obtained two of the largest condemnation verdicts in the history of Arizona.

Robert Thomas is a land use and appellate lawyer, and focuses on regulatory takings, eminent domain, water rights, and election and political law cases. He has tried cases and appeals in Hawaii, California, and the federal courts. He is a frequent speaker on land use and eminent domain issues in Hawaii and nationwide. Robert regularly publishes scholarly and practical articles in his area of practice.

Laura Curry is an associate at Jennings Strouss Salmon where her practice is focused on eminent domain work. She represents condemning authorities, acquiring or condemning property for the expansion of roads, parkways and utilities. She advises clients in all aspects of civil litigation, including motion practice, discovery, trial and appeals.

Jeffrey Gross is a certified specialist in real estate, concentrating his practice in real estate related litigation, including eminent domain, zoning, inverse condemnation and real estate valuation disputes. He has extensive experience in eminent domain and land use matters at the government, trial court and appellate court levels in city, state, federal and tribal jurisdictions. Although the focus of his work is in condemnation and land use law, he has also addressed diverse real property issues such as adverse possession, landlord/tenant disputes, homeowner association actions, easement violations, title insurance claims and contract breaches. Gross has assisted many developers, homeowners and other property owners in successfully prosecuting, defending and settling claims before or after litigation has been filed.

Sara Baker is a real estate appraiser based in Tucson and is a partner with the firm Baker, Peterson, Baker & Associates. She specializes in eminent domain and litigation appraising. Sara appraises all property types including commercial, vacant land, and residential properties. She holds the MAI and SRA designations from the Appraisal Institute. Sara is a past president of the Southern Arizona chapter of the Appraisal Institute and currently serves on the regional and national levels of the Appraisal Institute and is the current president of the Tucson chapter of the IRWA. She also volunteers extensively in her community.

Justice John R. Lopez IV was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court in 2017. Prior to his appointment, he was Solicitor General for the State of Arizona in the Office of Attorney General where he handled civil lawsuits and appeals, as well as

criminal appeals, including capital cases. He worked in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Phoenix for over 12 years serving in various roles, including Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney, Chief Assistant of the Phoenix office, Chief of Financial Crimes and Public Integrity Section, and Deputy Appellate Chief. He also served for six months in Iraq as a legal advisor with the Regime Crimes Liaison Office, the Department of Justice-led group tasked with assisting the Iraqi government with the prosecution of Saddam Hussein. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, he worked in private practice with a Phoenix law firm as a civil litigator for several years. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1992, and from the Arizona State University College of Law in 1998.

Tom Parsons graduated in 1984 from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a minor in linguistics; in 1987, he received his *Juris Doctor* from the University of Arizona. He joined Stubbs & Schubart, P.C. in 1987 and is a partner. Mr. Parsons is fluent in Portuguese and is AV® rated by Martindale-Hubbell®.

Peter Martori is the founder of Martori & Company, specializing in real estate services that include real estate consulting, litigation support and expert witness testimony. The company focuses primarily in the valuation of detrimental conditions, construction defects, environmental property, transmission lines and condemnation. Mr. Martori has also retains long time brokerage clients with farms and ranching operations throughout Arizona. Since 1995, he has provided various types of litigation support for well-known projects that included individual sites at the Bank One Ballpark, the Spur Cross Ranch, Miller Park/SRP Case (went to Supreme Court), McDowell Mountain Preserve, the Goldberg Residence, numerous light rail cases, Apache Junction Town Center Bankruptcy, the Mountain Shadows Resort Bankruptcy, the ASU Fraternity takings by the Arizona Board of Regents and more recently the Desert Ridge Bankruptcy.

Eric Anderson is the executive director of the Maricopa Association of Governments. Prior to this position, to which he was appointed effective April 6th 2018, Mr. Anderson was the organization's director of transportation. In this role he was responsible for transportation planning for the region including the implementation of Proposition 400, the region's transportation sales tax funding plan. Prior to joining MAG, Mr. Anderson was responsible for regional growth projections and demographic analysis including population, employment and housing projections for the region. He has also developed and implemented financial strategies to fund large public sector projects including the Regional Freeway Program and Chase Field. Mr. Anderson is member of the Urban Land Institute Arizona Advisory Board, Lambda Alpha International, and the board of directors of the Arizona Transit Association. Mr. Anderson holds a M.S. in Economics from Arizona State University.

Otto Shill has helped businesses and business owners comply with government regulations, navigate government investigations, and build wealth through business transactions and long-term planning for more than 30 years. He has significant experience in federal and state tax compliance and tax controversies; compensation, benefits, and employment regulation; and government contracting compliance and disputes.

Mr. Shill regularly represents clients before federal and state government agencies, including the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), Arizona Attorney General's office, Arizona Industrial Commission, Arizona Department of Revenue and other Arizona regulatory boards. Mr. Shill also drafts and lobbies for the passage of legislation to address client issues.