



**Condemnation Summit XXIII Speaker Bios  
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**Christopher W. Kramer – Member, Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, P.L.C.**

Mr. Kramer's practice emphasizes eminent domain and condemnation litigation and consulting, primarily representing condemning authorities. In over 30 years in practice, Mr. Kramer has condemned property for all manner of infrastructure. In addition to serving as lead trial counsel in condemnation cases, he advises clients on litigation avoidance through mitigation of impacts and damages to properties affected by public projects. Mr. Kramer also mediates eminent domain, property rights and property valuation matters.

**Laura Curry – Associate, Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, P.L.C.**

Ms. Curry focuses her practice on eminent domain litigation. She primarily represents condemning authorities, acquiring or condemning property for the expansion of roads, utilities, and other public infrastructure projects. Ms. Curry also advises clients in all aspects of civil litigation, including motion practice, discovery, trial, and appeals. Following graduation with honors from the Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law at Arizona State University, where she served on the law review, Ms. Curry was selected to clerk at the Arizona Court of Appeals. She regularly speaks on eminent domain and related topics, most recently for the International Right of Way Association, the International Institute of Transportation Engineers, and the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies' Law Conference.

**Jennifer A. Cranston – Shareholder, Gallagher & Kennedy**

Since 2000, Ms. Cranston 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. She has an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell and was listed in *AZRE's* 2017 "People to Know in Commercial Real Estate" and 2018 "Most Influential Women in Commercial Real Estate." Ms. Cranston was also selected as *Arizona Business Magazine's* "Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona" in 2017 and 2018. In her condemnation practice, she has experience representing both condemnors and private property owners, including representation of landowners who obtained two of the largest condemnation verdicts in the history of Arizona.

**Bruce Washburn – City Attorney, City of Scottsdale**

Mr. Washburn has practiced condemnation law in Arizona for twenty years, first with the law firm of Ayers & Brown, and then as a staff attorney at the City of Scottsdale, where, since 2009, he has served as City Attorney.

**Damian Fellows – Principal Assistant City Attorney, City of Tucson**

Mr. Fellows joined the City of Tucson in February 2008. He represents the city's Department of Transportation and Real Estate Division, managing real estate transactions and litigation, including property acquisitions through eminent domain. Prior to joining the City of Tucson, Mr. Fellows practiced eminent domain and litigated real property disputes on behalf of private parties at Stubbs & Schubart, P.C. in Tucson. Mr. Fellows earned his J.D. at the University of Arizona School of Law in 1990 and a degree in Business Administration from Arizona State University in 1985.

**Hon. Catherine Woods – Superior Court, Pima County**

Judge Woods was appointed to Division 17 of the Pima County Superior Court by Governor Jan Brewer in 2011. She served on the Juvenile Bench from November 2011 to July 2015. Since then, Judge Woods has served on the Civil Bench where she has presided over several eminent domain cases, both as a trial and as a settlement judge. Prior to her appointment, she was in private practice as a civil trial attorney for 23 years, focusing on medical negligence defense and general commercial litigation, with substantial experience in a variety of other civil matters, including products liability, wrongful death, personal injury, civil rights, and employment litigation.

**Charles J. Muchmore – Mediator and Arbitrator, Skelly, Muchmore & Oberbillig L.L.C.**

Mr. Muchmore has broad alternative dispute resolution and litigation experience. Since January 2015, he has practiced as a full-time neutral with the Alternative Dispute Resolution-focused firm Skelly, Muchmore & Oberbillig, LLC. Mr. Muchmore's career in alternative dispute resolution began in the early 1980s by conducting mediations as a Judge Pro Tem for the Maricopa County Superior Court, where he then served as a special master, mediator, and arbitrator. He has extensive experience with litigation involving construction, commercial litigation and insurance defense, including personal injury, professional liability, and insurance coverage disputes. He has been certified as an Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation Specialist by the Arizona Board of Legal Specialization since 1991, has been listed in *Southwest Super Lawyers* since 2009, is included among *Arizona's Finest Lawyers*, and has an AV® Preeminent peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell. Mr. Muchmore is also a member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.

**Patricia A. Sallen - Attorney/Legal Ethics Consultant**

Ms. Sallen focuses her law practice on advising and representing lawyers on professional responsibility issues and serves as an expert witness on related topics. She also teaches professional responsibility as an adjunct professor at the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, and at local, state and national ethics-related CLE seminars. Ms. Sallen frequently writes on ethics topics, contributed the chapter on ethics in the State Bar's Arizona Attorney's Fees Manual, and was an editor and writer for the third edition of the State Bar of Arizona's Arizona Legal Ethics Handbook. She also discusses professional responsibility issues on her website, [ethicsatlaw.com](http://ethicsatlaw.com). Ms. Sallen is a member the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers, the American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility, and the Maricopa County Bar Association. She also is an Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education Next Generation Founding Fellow, and served for seven years as a charter member of the Attorney Regulation Advisory Committee for the Arizona Supreme Court.

**Vail C. Cloar – Associate, Dickinson Wright PLLC**

Mr. Cloar focuses his practice on complex municipal, commercial, appellate, and eminent domain litigation. Prior to joining Dickinson Wright, he served as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Robert M. Brutinel of the Arizona Supreme Court.

**Misty Guille – Assistant Attorney General, Arizona Attorney General's Office**

Ms. Guille came to Arizona from Oregon in 2000, after graduating from Willamette University College of Law. She practiced at Kerrin & Osborne, P.C., a small employment law firm, for two years until it closed in late 2003. In early 2004, Ms. Guille joined the Arizona Attorney General's Office and from 2005-2007, she was an Assistant Attorney General in the Liability Management Section, representing the Department of Corrections and its employees in tort litigation. She then worked for the next ten years as an Assistant Attorney General in the Transportation Section, representing the Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division. From July 2017 to present, Ms. Guille has worked as an Assistant Attorney General in the Transportation Section, representing the Department of Transportation in the acquisition of real property, which includes eminent domain litigation. She is licensed to practice in Arizona and Oregon.

**Danielle J.K. Constant – Member, Jennings, Strouss & Salmon**

Ms. Constant focuses her practice in the area of litigation, with an emphasis on eminent domain and real estate litigation. She formerly practiced at the Pima County Attorney's Office prior to joining Jennings Strouss in 2017, bringing with her more than 14 years of litigation experience. While at the Pima County Attorney's Office, Ms. Constant prosecuted more than 40 felony jury trials and appeared in Justice and Superior Courts on more than 1,000 occasions for bench trials, motions, evidentiary and restitution hearings, and calendaring matters. Prior to working for the Pima County Attorney's Office, Ms. Constant interned for the City of Mesa Attorney's Office and the Maricopa County Attorney's Office and has worked as a Curatorial Intern for the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, D.C.

**Sara R. Baker, MAI, SRA – Partner, Baker, Peterson, Baker & Associates**

Ms. Baker is a real estate appraiser based in Tucson. She specializes in eminent domain and litigation appraising. Ms. Baker appraises all property types, including commercial, vacant land, and residential properties. She holds the MAI and SRA designations from the Appraisal Institute. Ms. Baker is a past president of the Southern Arizona chapter of the Appraisal Institute, 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.

**James T. Braselton – Member, Dickinson Wright**

Mr. Braselton's practice focuses on eminent domain litigation and includes related valuation and real estate related litigation, such as property tax appeals, boundary disputes, and real estate purchase contract disputes. With regard to condemnation, depending upon the project, Mr. Braselton represents both property owners and acquiring agencies.

**Hon. Timothy Thomason – Superior Court Judge, Maricopa County**

Judge Thompson is a Superior Court judge, presently serving on the commercial court. Prior to taking the bench, he was a trial lawyer in private practice from 1984 to 2001 at Streich Lang, now Quarles & Brady, and at Mariscal Weeks, now Dickinson Wright, from 2001 to 2014. Judge Thomason is a fellow in the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers.

**Dr. Michelle Gazica – Assistant Professor of Psychology, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**

Dr. Gazica teaches courses in forensic and industrial-organizational psychology and has additional expertise in legal analysis and test and measurement theory. Her research falls primarily within the field of occupational health psychology and focuses on meaningful work, the work-family interface, and work stress. Dr. Gazica received her Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from the University of South Florida and her J.D. from the University of Florida. She practiced law for seven years before pursuing her PhD.

**Megan Irgens – Doctoral Student, Clinical Psychology Program, University of Arizona**

Ms. Irgens' research interests broadly concern how the law and legal processes impact individuals and families. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, where she worked on research investigating prosecutorial misconduct as it relates to death row exonerations. Ms. Irgens currently co-directs a research study examining risk and protective factors of families who re-enter the child welfare system. She hopes her work will assist in better understanding how legal system involvement impacts the mental health of individuals that work within it, and individuals and families who use it to resolve issues.