

Condemnation Summit XXIV Speaker Bios
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Christopher W. Kramer is a member at Jennings, Strouss & Salmon. 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.



Jennifer Cranston is a shareholder and member of the Board of Directors at the law firm of Gallagher & Kennedy. Since 2000, 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 as one of AZRE's Most Influential Women in Commercial Real Estate in 2018 as well as Arizona Business Magazine's Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona in 2017, 2018, and 2019. Most recently, Jennifer was honored by the Phoenix Business Journal as one of 2019's Outstanding Women in Business. 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.



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.

Stephanie Heizer is a native of Flagstaff. She graduated from Arizona State University with a bachelor's degree in Spanish and graduated magna cum laude from Whittier Law School. Stephanie is an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Scottsdale. As a litigator, she represents the City in eminent domain actions as well as defending it against a wide variety of tort, contract and constitutional claims. For the 12 years prior to joining the City, Stephanie was an associate attorney at Ayers & Brown, P.C., where she focused on representing municipal clients in all aspects of acquiring real property for a variety of public purposes. She assisted Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe, Mesa, Gilbert, Goodyear, Flagstaff and other governments in acquiring property for such projects as Valley Metro Rail, ASU Downtown Campus and the Scottsdale Sonoran Preserve, in addition to hundreds of acquisitions for road-widening projects. In cases where eminent domain actions were necessary, Stephanie has handled numerous contested order of immediate possession hearings, mediations, trials and appeals for clients. While in private practice she also represented a wide variety of private and governmental clients in litigation and transactional matters related to breach of contract, landlord/tenant disputes, quiet title actions, partition actions, ejectment actions, and construction defect litigation.



Misty Guille graduated from Willamette University College of Law in 2000 and moved to Phoenix. She worked at Kerrin & Osborne, P.C. (2001-2003), then went to the Attorney General's Office in 2004. She has worked as an Assistant Attorney General representing the Department of Corrections (2005-2007) and the Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Division (2007-2017). She now represents ADOT in the acquisition of real property. Misty is also licensed to practice in Oregon.



Judge Brenden Griffin has strong ties to southern Arizona. He graduated from Salpointe Catholic High School in 1987 before earning his Bachelors (1991) and Juris Doctorate (1994) degrees from the University of San Diego. After law school, he clerked for the Illinois Appellate Court for a year before moving into private practice with the San Diego office of what is now Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman. After a short stint in San Diego, Judge Griffin returned to Tucson to raise a family with his wife. Upon returning, Judge Griffin joined the firm of Lewis and Roca (now Lewis Roca

Rothgerber), where he practiced primarily in insurance, product liability, and ERISA litigation for about 15 years. In 2011, he joined the firm of Gabroy, Rollman & Bossé, where he practiced until Governor Jan Brewer appointed him to the Pima County Superior Court in May 2013.

While a practicing attorney, Judge Griffin's professional affiliations included the Tucson Defense Bar Association, the Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, the Pima County and Arizona State bar associations, and the Tucson Federal Bar Association. He has served as a board member of the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel and the Pima County Bar Association, and has been an active member of the Morris K. Udall Inn of Court.

A former college soccer player, Judge Griffin has coached Salpointe High School's boys' varsity and the University of San Diego's women's soccer teams. For his academic and athletic accomplishments and service to the school, Judge Griffin was inducted into the Salpointe High School Sports Hall of Fame (2013). On a more personal note, Judge Griffin enjoys spending time with his family, reading, swimming, running, and golfing.



Don Bivens is a partner at Snell & Wilmer and is a recent chair of the 55,000-member Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association. He handles complex litigation of all types and corporate investigations. He has tried cases involving securities fraud, patent infringement, trade secrets, lender liability, environmental liability, professional negligence, officer and director liability, products liability, employment discrimination, real estate and construction matters, significant estate disputes, business torts, and class actions. Don leads internal investigations for corporations and special committees of corporate and special committees of corporate boards on a variety of issues. He also handles election law and government relations.



Judge Kent Cattani was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals on February 9, 2013. At the time of his appointment, he was an Assistant Arizona Attorney General, serving as Solicitor General, overseeing criminal appeals, capital litigation, and civil appeals.

Kent earned his J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1986, and he worked in private practice for 5 years before joining the Attorney General's Office in 1991. For the next 22 years, he represented the State of Arizona in state and federal court, briefing over 200 appellate cases, and arguing more than 95 cases in the Arizona Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Kent provided testimony to the United States Senate and House of Representatives regarding federal habeas and death penalty issues, and he helped draft legislation

and worked with the Arizona legislature in addressing a variety of criminal law issues. He also led the Attorney General's efforts to study lessons learned from DNA exonerations.

Kent is Vice-Chair of Arizona's Forensic Science Advisory Committee, and he serves as a member of the federal organization (Organization of Scientific Area Committees) charged with promulgating standards for the various forensic science disciplines.



John Egbert is the Chair of Jennings, Strouss & Salmon's Labor and Employment Practice Group and a member of the firm's management committee. He previously served as General Counsel.

Mr. Egbert assists employers with all types of employment litigation including discrimination, wrongful discharge, wage and hour and non-compete agreements. He frequently advises clients on employment policies and procedures, and represents employers before administrative agencies. Mr. Egbert has been selected by his peers for *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the category of Labor and Employment Law (2006-2018).



Charles Grombacher is a Program Manager at Overland, Pacific, & Cutler, Inc. who is responsible for the management of critical paths for right of way projects. He has over 35 years of experience in real property and eminent domain law including public acquisition and relocation assistance services. He is an expert in commercial and industrial acquisition and complex relocation issues, and has provided acquisition and relocation assistance services for the Arizona, California and Nevada Departments of Transportation. Mr. Grombacher has defended complex business relocation suits as counsel and has provided expert consulting services in several relocation suits. Past projects include Task Lead for right of way services for Phase I and Program Manager for NDOT's Project Neon, DB Phase, a freeway improvement project that addresses short and long-term transportation needs for the I-15 corridor; Program Manager for the Centennial Corridor Project in Central California; and Delivery Manager for California High Speed Rail Projects. Mr. Grombacher is licensed to

practice law in Arizona, Minnesota, and Illinois, and is a licensed real estate broker in Arizona. While a majority of his acquisition and relocation work has been performed under the URA for transportation, housing, and LPA projects, he has also acquired both transmission and distribution easements for electrical utilities.



William Fischbach is a Shareholder in the Phoenix, Arizona office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. Will is an experienced trial attorney that concentrates his practice in commercial and civil litigation with an emphasis in real estate, intra-company and business disputes, eminent domain, and select catastrophic personal injury/wrongful death/medical malpractice cases. Will is rated AV® Preeminent™ in the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, a member of Arizona's Finest Lawyers, and a member of the American Arbitration Association's (AAA) panel of arbitrators.

Will's community activities include serving on the State Bar of Arizona's Civil Practice and Procedure Committee, the Camelback East Village Planning and Zoning Committee, and the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona.

Will's first courtroom experiences were in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps, where he served with the 101st Airborne Division and 82nd Airborne Division. Will was the lead prosecutor in two high-profile war crimes cases during the Iraq war—the Mahmudiyah Massacre and the Operation Iron Triangle killings—and won convictions in each case. He was honorably discharged in 2008 at the rank of Major. Will is a veteran of Iraq, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, and the Republic of Korea, and is a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal.

Will received his B.S. from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona and his J.D./M.B.A. from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

In his free time, Will enjoys training for and competing in Ironman races and short-course triathlons, as well as mountain biking and snowboarding. He lives in Phoenix with his wife Terri and their Chesapeake Bay retriever Chinook.



Jerry Zaddack is an appraiser/consultant at Strategic Valuation Group of Arizona and has a B.S. Degree in Management Information Systems. In 1990, Mr. Zaddack earned the MAI designation from the Appraisal Institute. In 1996, Mr. Zaddack was invited to membership in the Counselors of Real Estate (CRE), the organization for the most trusted advisors in real estate. Prior to entering the appraisal profession in 1986, Mr. Zaddack was a computer system analyst and helped design one of the first and largest integrated real estate/word processing systems in the United States.

He also operated his own computer consulting business in Tucson and Phoenix. Mr. Zaddack has extensive experience in computer-assisted real estate applications including feasibility and market analysis as well as litigation support including eminent domain, bankruptcy, contract disputes and impact assessments. He also provides appraisal review services.



Vail Cloar is an associate attorney at Dickinson Wright, PLLC. His practice focuses on eminent domain, complex municipal and commercial litigation, and appellate litigation. Prior to joining Dickinson Wright, Mr. Cloar served as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Robert M. Brutinel of the Arizona Supreme Court.