

CONDEMNATION SUMMIT XXVI 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 Best Lawyers in America for 2021 and 2022 as well as Arizona Business Magazine's Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona in 2017 thru 2021. 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.



Judge Kenneth L. Fields is a retired Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona, Maricopa County, Phoenix Arizona. He presided over civil, juvenile, criminal, probate, special assignment, and family court calendars. From February 1993 through June 1995, he served as the Presiding Judge of the Domestic Relations Department (family court).

Since his retirement, Judge (ret) Fields has worked as a re-call judge doing both civil and criminal cases in various courts in the State of Arizona in addition to having an active mediation and arbitration private practice. In addition to civilian courts, Judge Fields, a retired Army officer, acted as a Military Trial Judge for the Arizona National Guard presiding over Court-martials from 2010 until 2015. He also taught as an adjunct faculty member at the Law School at Arizona State University and as adjunct/non-resident faculty at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.



D. Douglas Metcalf is a Judge of the Superior Court for Pima County. Appointed by Governor Jan Brewer in 2013. Judge Metcalf has served on the civil and juvenile benches, and served as the civil presiding judge from 2019 to 2021. Prior to his appointment, he was a partner in the Tucson office of Lewis and Roca, LLP. Prior to that, he was a partner at Brown & Bain, P.A. Before moving to Arizona, he served as a federal prosecutor for U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division, and as a law clerk for the U.S. Tax Court, both in

Washington, D.C. He graduated from the University of Iowa, and Drake Law School. He also has an LLM from Georgetown Law Center.



Danielle J.K. Constant focuses her practice in the area of litigation, with an emphasis on eminent domain, real estate litigation, and government representation. She formerly practiced at the Pima County Attorney's Office before joining Jennings Strouss in 2017, bringing with her more than 14 years of litigation experience. She is committed to using her experience to give great value for her clients.

While she was a prosecutor, Ms. Constant prosecuted more than 40 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. She brought her familiarity of these court proceedings to her civil litigation practice. Ms. Constant also reviewed and assessed hundreds of criminal cases and conducted legal research. She was an instrumental part of the negotiation of thousands of felony cases.

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.



Anthony H. Misseldine is a shareholder with JacksonWhite. He represents property owners in all aspects of eminent domain takings by government agencies. He also represents property owners and businesses displaced by government takings of private property in administrative appeals and litigation over relocation entitlements and benefits. Anthony's practice also includes, land use litigation, title disputes, representation of financial institutions (market valuation proceedings and deficiency claims), and other complex commercial lawsuits. In the areas of eminent domain and property rights, Anthony only represents clients with interests in the real property.



Charles A. Grombacher brings more than 40 years of experience providing right-of-way services to public and private agencies across the southwest under the Uniform Act. As Program Manager, he is responsible for the management of critical path requirements for right-of-way projects. He has extensive experience in real property and eminent domain law, including public acquisition and relocation assistance services.

Mr. Grombacher is an expert in commercial and industrial acquisition and mitigating risk associated to complex relocation issues and has provided acquisition relocation assistance and program management services to Arizona and Nevada Departments of Transportation (ADOT/NDOT). As outside counsel for acquiring agencies, he defended complex business relocation lawsuits and provided expert consulting services for the Arizona Attorney General and Maricopa County Attorney Offices.



Justice William G. Montgomery was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court in 2019. Prior to his appointment, he served as the Maricopa County Attorney, beginning with his election at a Special Election in 2010. In addition to his official duties as a County Attorney, he served on numerous boards, commissions, and task forces, including chairing the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership, the Maricopa Justice Coordinating Council, and the Governor's Task Forces on Child Safety, Human Trafficking, and Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit. Prior to assuming elective office, Justice Montgomery served as a Deputy County Attorney, as well as practicing civil law with a local insurance defense firm and advocacy work on behalf of victims of crime. Justice Montgomery earned a B.S. degree and received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1989. During his time on Active Duty, he served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm with the 1st Cavalry Division and commanded an Armored Cavalry Troop with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Justice Montgomery received his law degree from Arizona State University in 2001.



Jordan T. Leavitt is a commercial litigation associate at Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, PLC. He primarily represents governmental entities in eminent domain actions. Jordan's other areas of practice include civil litigation, real property disputes, employment defense, and tax controversy. Prior to joining Jennings Strouss, Jordan worked as a judicial law clerk at the Idaho Court of Appeals and the Fourth Judicial District Court of Nevada.



Dina G. Aouad is an Associate in the Jennings Strouss Business Litigation department, focusing her practice on commercial litigation and labor and employment. She graduated summa cum laude from Arizona State University with a B.A.Sc. in Political Science and Government, and a minor in Business. She is a recent graduate of University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law where she earned her J.D. There, she was elected President of the Law Women's Association, and was involved with the Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law as a Note and Comment Editor. In 2019, Aouad worked at Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, P.L.C. as a Summer Associate. Prior to that, she worked as a Legal Intern for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).



Mindy Korth is an executive vice president of investment services with Colliers. Ms. Korth is accomplished in all sectors of the investment real estate community, including office, medical office, retail, datacenters, high-finish industrial, commercial land and unique projects across metropolitan Phoenix and nationally.

Ms. Korth is focused on identifying investment opportunities, executing client strategy, establishing relationships between parties, and coordinating property financial analysis and due diligence. Her wealth of industry, market, property and financial intelligence provides clients with the information they need to make informed decisions and complete successful investment transactions.

Throughout her career, Mindy has been involved in each aspect of real estate, including new and rehab development, financial structuring deals in capital markets, leasing, management, site selection, network planning, acquisitions and dispositions programming, financial analysis and underwriting.



Jerry Zaddack, MAI, CRE is an appraiser/consultant at Zaddack Valuation Advisors, Inc (ZVA) and has a B.S. Degree in Management Information Systems. He also has a real estate appraiser and consultant for 35 years. 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. Mr. Zaddack has held the Certified General Real Estate Appraiser license in the State of Arizona since mandatory licensing requirements started in 1991 and he is a licensed salesperson in the State of Arizona.

Mr. Zaddack has extensive experience in litigation support including eminent domain, bankruptcy, contract disputes and impact assessments. Mr. Zaddack has been qualified to testify as an expert either in deposition, hearing or trial, 75± times. He has been qualified to testify as an expert in Federal Bankruptcy Court in Phoenix as well as in Superior Court (Maricopa & Pima counties). Mr. Zaddack also provides appraisal review services.

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.



Rick Biers has practiced commercial appraisal in Arizona, California and Nevada over the past 37 years specializing in eminent domain and forensic valuation. He has been qualified to testify as an expert witness in almost every county in Arizona, as well as Federal Bankruptcy Court and in Clark County, Nevada. The scope of Rick's appraisal practice includes all classes and types of commercial property and he has experience performing appraisals of partial acquisitions for virtually every form of easement taking including air rights and development rights. He earned a bachelor's degree in Real Estate from the University of Arizona in 1984 and began his career with Appraisal Sciences Ltd. He stayed with that firm for 15 years until the passing of its founder, Robert E. Francy. After working for a few years as a consultant he returned to appraising and joined Loper and Associates in 2006. Rick formed Biers and Associates, LLC after John Loper's retirement in 2019. His clients include a variety of public and quasi-public agencies, law firms, engineering firms, right of way companies, development companies and individual property owners.

Rick is married and has four adult children. His wife Roberta Voss is an attorney and a former Arizona State Legislator who has a real estate team at RE/MAX Professionals in Glendale, Arizona. Rick and Roberta have several Labrador Retrievers and both are accomplished DockDogs competitors. In 2016, Rick won a World Championship in DockDogs and he has earned several awards for achieving the top worldwide ranking in various classes of competition over the years with his dogs.