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My Practice
LITIGATION

PLAINTIFF'S PERSONAL INJURY & WRONGFUL DEATH

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Austin represents his client's rights with the utmost dedication in personal injury, wrongful death, and a variety of business litigation matters. Austin is skilled in managing major cases from start to finish. A recognized Arizona Super Lawyers Rising Star, Austin recently served as first chair in a trial involving a complex wrongful death lawsuit, which he handled from inception all the way through a favorable settlement on the third day of trial.

Austin believes in going the distance on behalf of the individuals he represents and is dedicated to giving his clients the best possible advocacy imaginable. He is passionate about ensuring the right outcome and thrives in managing and advocating personal injury cases because such matters are often professionally challenging and personally fulfilling.

Valued for his responsiveness to clients and colleagues alike and for creating and presenting arguments that are persuasive and make sense to judges, juries, and other matter constituents, Austin is at his best when faced with reconciling the law with humanity and dignity. Austin is appreciated by everyone around him for his clear communication style, steadfast civility, absolute persistence when it comes to problem-solving, compassion for those he serves, and consummate professionalism in dealing with even the most emotional situations in a fact-based and logical way.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Practices in all areas of litigation and trial work, including plaintiff's personal injury, wrongful death, and commercial litigation.
- Handled virtually all varieties of injury cases, including car accidents, medical malpractice, products liability, premises liability, bicycle crashes, elevator failures, insurance bad faith, and insurance malpractice.
- Handled a variety of traditional commercial litigation including, business to business disputes, landlord-tenant disputes, partnership dissolutions, and real estate theft.

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

J.D., 2015
Dean's Scholar

Arizona State University
B.A., B.S., *summa cum laude*, 2012

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Arizona, 2016
- Colorado, 2015
- California, 2018
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 2016
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado, 2016

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Arizona, Member
- State Bar of California, Member
- State Bar of Colorado, Member

HONORS & AWARDS

- *Southwest Super Lawyers® Rising Stars*, Products Liability, 2021

COMMUNITY & PHILANTHROPY

- Almost There Rescue, Board Member, 2021
- Arizona State University, Sparky Supporting Brain Tumor Research, Former Founder and President, 2009

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- First-chaired wrongful death trial for bicycle crash and obtained 7-figure settlement mid-trial.
- Successfully second-chaired personal injury trial for burn case against a private country club, receiving a \$640,000 verdict.
- Directed and resolved life insurance malpractice case from failing to recommend appropriate insurance coverage.
- Successfully obtained injured plaintiff a significant pre-suit resolution for injuries suffered in elevator failure.
- Assisted in negotiating and resolving several 7-figure cases.
- Successfully represented countless plaintiffs who were victims of negligence in car accidents
- Resolved various medical malpractice cases for negligence of medical professionals and hospitals.
- Helped wrongful death beneficiaries secure favorable result for opioid overdose of family member.
- Assisted in various tread separation and other automotive product liability cases which obtained significant resolutions.
- Assisted in significant boating accident case against public entities.