



GRANT WOODS

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My Practice

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS & LOBBYING

LITIGATION

PLAINTIFF'S PERSONAL INJURY & WRONGFUL DEATH

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Grant Woods is one of Arizona's premier attorneys and enjoys a superior reputation as a trial lawyer and negotiator. He has a successful government relations practice that includes Apollo/University of Phoenix, Arizona Coyotes, CenturyLink, Diamond Resorts International, Tresona Multimedia, LLC, TriVita, Inc., and Government Brands, LLC.

He served as Arizona's Attorney General from 1991-1999. He led the ballot among all candidates in the 1990 and 1994 elections. Grant was President of the Conference of Western Attorneys General and chaired the Civil Rights and Supreme Court committees for the National Association of Attorneys General. He was selected by his peers as the nation's top attorney general in 1995. He successfully argued Lewis v. Casey before the United States Supreme Court. He was one of the principal architects of the states' lawsuits against the tobacco companies and was a key negotiator in the resulting largest civil settlement in history.

Grant graduated from Occidental College in 1976, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was the 2000 Occidental College Alumnus of the Year and serves on the Board of Trustees. He graduated from Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law in 1979 and was the 1999 Alumnus of the Year from the law school. The courtroom classroom at the law school is named J. Grant Woods Courtroom. Grant served as the first Congressional Chief of Staff for John McCain of Arizona.

Grant has been elected to the International Academy of Trial Lawyers which is limited to the top 500 trial lawyers in the world.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Grant has won many multi-million dollar verdicts, including successful litigation involving antitrust, fraud, breach of contract, wrongful termination, medical malpractice, and toxic torts. His jury verdicts include a \$269,000,000 federal verdict on behalf of Meritage Homes (the ninth largest verdict in the country in 2008), an \$11,000,000 verdict against Arizona Public Service for negligence, a \$4,500,000 verdict against Maricopa County, the largest whistleblower verdict in State history, and a \$2,000,000 verdict against American Family Insurance in Colorado Federal Court. Mr. Woods was appointed as a Special Prosecutor to investigate public corruption in Apache County, resulting in the conviction and removal from office of the Apache County Sheriff. He was also Special Prosecutor for murder cases in Cochise County and Maricopa County.

EDUCATION

Arizona State University
J.D., 1979

Occidental College
B.A., 1976

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Arizona
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
- U.S. Supreme Court

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Occidental College Board of Trustees, Member
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Member, 2007

HONORS & AWARDS

- ASU Gold 'n Gavel Award for Public Service, 2014
- American Cancer Society Award for Commitment to Community
- American Lung Association Award for Commitment to Community
- The Salvation Army Award for Commitment to Community
- The Horace Steele Child Advocacy Award, Children's Action Alliance, 1999
- Chicanos Por La Causa Award for Exemplary Leadership

COMMUNITY & PHILANTHROPY

Grant is the founder of the Mesa Boys & Girls Club, the Mesa Education Foundation and the Mesa Arts Academy, one of Arizona's first successful charter schools. The Mesa Boys & Girls Club, one of the largest in the State, is named after him. Grant and Marlene Woods were among the early forces behind the Phoenix Children's Museum and the Woods family sponsors a permanent construction exhibit there. As Arizona Attorney General Grant helped create MEAPA, an organization that promotes public awareness, education, and community outreach for the prevention of Elder Abuse and Late-Life Domestic Violence.

- The Mesa Boys & Girls Club, Founder
- The Mesa Education Foundation, Founder
- The Mesa Arts Academy, Founder

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Grant is a sought after speaker throughout Arizona and the Country.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Civil Jury Trials

- Beth Meier v. Lithotech, Inc., CV99-15372 (Lead Counsel, Plaintiff Verdict)
- Santos Godinez Marquez v. Mercy Healthcare Arizona, Inc., CV1998-008146, (Lead Counsel, Plaintiff Verdict)
- Marion v. Columbia Medical Center, CV1997-020134 (Lead Counsel, Plaintiff Verdict)
- Betty B. Wagoner v. Arizona Public Service, CV99-17665 (Lead Counsel, Plaintiff Verdict)
- Delno Hall v. Medical Security Card Co., CV2001-012017 (Lead Counsel, Plaintiff Verdict)
- Walters v. Maricopa County, CV2000-0396 (Lead Counsel, Plaintiff Verdict)
- Meritage Homes v. Greg Hancock, USDC 04-CV-00384-PHX-ROS (Lead Counsel, Plaintiff Verdict)
- Breaux v. American Family Mutual Insurance, USDC 04-CV-00191-REB-MJW (Lead Counsel, Plaintiff Verdict, Colorado Federal District Court)
- Phelan v. ILX, Inc., CV2002-009716 (Lead Counsel for ILX, Defense Verdict)

Class Action Lawsuits

- Byrl Lane v. Lifelock, Inc.USDC – 08-1977-MHM-PHX,(Lead Counsel with Hagens Berman) – Settled
- Holden v. Arch Chemicals, Inc.CV2000-016167(Lead Counsel) – Settled
- State Of AZ v. AWPUSDC OI-CV-12257-PBS & 06-CV-II069-PBS(Lead Counsel with Hagens Berman) – Settled

OTHER

Grant has hosted his own radio talk show on top rated KTAR and KFYI in Phoenix, and has been honored by the Associated Press as Arizona's top talk show host. A prolific writer, his plays have been produced in Los Angeles and Phoenix, and his songs have been recorded by many top recording artists. His essays have appeared in the Arizona Republic, USA Today, Arizona Attorney, and many other publications.