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My Practice

PLAINTIFF'S PERSONAL INJURY & WRONGFUL DEATH - Aviation Disasters, Dram Shop/Bar, Drug and Medical Device Litigation, Fire and Explosions, Fraud and Commercial Torts, Government Liability, Insurance and Bad Faith, Legal and Other Professional Liability, Medical Malpractice, Motor Vehicle/Motorcycle/Commercial Trucking Collisions, Negligence, Nursing Home/Elder Abuse, Products Liability, Sexual Misconduct

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Shannon is a shareholder, member of the Gallagher & Kennedy board of directors and co-leader of the firm's Plaintiff's Personal Injury & Wrongful Death practice group. For nearly two decades, Shannon has been a tireless advocate for victims of negligent and wrongful conduct throughout Arizona and around the United States. His passionate commitment to the rights of injured or wronged individuals has garnered in excess of \$250,000,000 in jury verdicts, arbitration awards, mediation results and negotiated settlements for personal injury, wrongful death and legal and medical malpractice clients. Beyond helping his clients obtain compensation for devastating injuries and personal tragedy, Shannon also assists clients with many of the (often non-legal) details of putting their lives back together and moving forward.

From the beginning of his career at Gallagher & Kennedy in 2000, Shannon has been drawn to legal matters that allowed him to advocate for individuals who have been harmed in some way through the fault of others. As a member the firm's highly skilled and successful Plaintiff's Personal Injury and Wrongful Death team, Shannon gained invaluable experience in high-profile cases at the state and national levels.

Shannon is deeply committed to his clients, and his effort extends beyond the intricacies of any given lawsuit to champion consumer safety issues for greater social impact. While commanding the fortitude, experience, resources and overall "fire in the belly" needed to take on major manufacturers and institutional defendants, Shannon remains unfailingly sensitive to the human element of each case he handles. He approaches his clients as people first, which makes him broadly effective in understanding his clients' challenges and advocating their causes.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Practice in all areas of litigation and trial work, including personal injury, commercial litigation and appellate advocacy.
- Handled virtually all varieties of personal injury cases, including product liability, motor vehicle accidents, Dram Shop actions, premises liability, elder abuse, medical malpractice, commercial trucking, sexual assault, and insurance bad faith.
- Represented clients throughout Arizona and in Texas, Nevada, California, New Mexico and Washington, D.C.

EDUCATION

Duke University
J.D., with honors, 1999
Order of the Coif
Note Editor, Duke Law Journal

Cornell University
B.A., with distinction, 1996
Dean's Scholar
Phi Beta Kappa
Phi Kappa Phi

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Arizona, 1999
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1999
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 2001

ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Lawyers Associated Worldwide, Firm Representative
- State Bar of Arizona, Member
- The American Association for Justice, Member
- Arizona Association for Justice, Member
- The National Trial Lawyers Association, Member
- 100 Club of Arizona, Member
- Arizona's Finest Lawyers, Member
- Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow, 2019-Present
- International Society of Barristers, North American Fellow

HONORS & AWARDS

- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating, *Martindale-Hubbell*
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Appellate Practice, 2016-2020; Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs, 2012-2020; Product Liability Litigation - Plaintiffs, 2020; Professional Malpractice Law - Plaintiffs, 2020
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*®, Personal Injury - General: Plaintiff, 2014-2019
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*®, Top 50 Arizona, 2016
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*® - Rising Stars Edition, Personal Injury - General: Plaintiff, 2012-2013
- *The National Trial Lawyers*, Top 100 Trial Lawyers, 2012-2017
- *The National Trial Lawyers*, Top 40 Under 40, 2012-2013
- *Arizona's Finest Lawyers*, Sustaining Member, 2013-Present
- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education (AFLSE), Top Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, 2018
- *Phoenix Business Journal*, 40 Under 40, 2013
- Phi Beta Kappa, Cornell University, 1996
- Phi Kappa Phi, Cornell University, 1996
- Gold Key National Honor Societies, Cornell University, 1996
- Cornell National Scholarship, Cornell University, 1996

COMMUNITY & PHILANTHROPY

Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired Board of Directors, 2005-2011, 2013-Present
(Chairman 2010-2011)

100 Club of Arizona Board of Directors, 2015-2017

ICAN: Positive Programs for Youth, Fund Development Committee Member, 2018-Present

Cayley Manor Homeowners Association Board of Directors, 2008-2011
(President 2009-2011)

PUBLISHED WORKS

- *Demonstrative Evidence*, March 1, 2013
- *The Evolution of Products Liability, A Historical Accounting, Arizona Tort Law Handbook* (Co-Author), 2012
- *Wrongful Death, Arizona Tort Law Handbook* (Co-Author), 2012
- *E-Sign of the Times*, Newsletter, February, 2001

LIVE MEDIA

- Gallagher & Kennedy Participates in the 2018 Channel 12 Turkey Tuesday Challenge, November 20, 2018
- Old Tires Pose Tread Separation Risk, October 22, 2014
- Ford Recalls '01-'04 Escapes After Deadly Arizona Crash, May 13, 2012

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- APA Seminar, Managing Success Through the Art of Preparation and Presentation, 2012
- NALA Seminar, Demonstrative Evidence – How to Do It Right, 2011
- State Bar Association, Motor Vehicle Accident Cases: Winning Presentation with the Use of Expert Witnesses and Graphic Illustrations, 2011
- NBI Plaintiff Personal Injury Seminar, Personal Injury Damages, 2006

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Plaintiffs' Leadership Committee and trial team member for mass tort claims against Bard for defective IVC filters.
- Helped defrauded family resolve settlement fraud claims relating to defective truck tire.
- Helped secure important Arizona Supreme Court ruling that Arizona hospitals can be subject to liability for abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults.
- Successfully resolved case for victims of failed (and later recalled) telescoping aerial ladder unit on fire engine.
- Helped secure compensation from and government investigation of a major automobile manufacturer that failed to recall a dangerous stuck throttle defect on a popular SUV.
- Resolved legal and accounting malpractice claims against major accounting firm on behalf of heirs to high profile businessman and entrepreneur.
- Successfully represented dozens of tread separation and/or rollover accident victims in product liability cases against Ford Motor Company, Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., Bridgestone Corporation, Dunlop Tire Company, Cooper Tire and Rubber Company, Kuhmo Tire Company, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Michelin North America and most tire manufacturers.
- Member of team representing victims of fuel-fed fires caused by rear-impact collisions in Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors; helped cause Ford to spend \$350,000,000 to improve safety of police vehicles.
- After a two-month trial, recovered record settlement for victims of elder abuse at a nursing home.
- Member of trial team for victims of Mexican Hat, Utah ski bus accident.
- Represented family of man who died in Sedona Sweat Lodge tragedy.
- \$1,225,000 settlement for parents of teen killed in intersection accident.
- Represented child pedestrian catastrophically impaired by inattentive police officer.
- Confidential settlement for man paralyzed using unstable golf cart.
- Confidential settlements against auto manufacturers for defects causing seatback failure, unwanted acceleration, rollovers, airbag failures, and seatbelt malfunction.

LANGUAGES

Spanish

OTHER

Judicial Clerkships

Judicial Clerk, Honorable Mary M. Schroeder, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1999-2000

Academic Appointments

Phoenix School of Law, Phoenix, AZ, Adjunct Professor, 2012-2013

Arizona Summit Law School, Phoenix, AZ, Adjunct Professor, 2013-2015

Study Abroad

Universidad de Sevilla, Seville, Spain, 1994-1995