

Speaker Bios



Jennifer Cranston is a shareholder and member of the Board of Directors at Gallagher & Kennedy. Her unique practice includes real estate, insurance coverage, and regulatory representation. For over 23 years, she has counseled land developers, private property owners, and utilities in condemnation actions and valuation issues. Her work in this area has resulted in two of the largest condemnation verdicts in the history of Arizona.

Jennifer is an active member of AZCREW and the Maricopa County Bar Association and served on the board and as president of both organizations. She has earned an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell and been named to the Phoenix Business Journal's Outstanding Women in Business, the inaugural issue of Phoenix Magazine's Top Lawyers, AzBusiness Magazine's Top 100 Lawyers and Most Influential Woman in Arizona Commercial Real Estate, AZRE's "AZ Big 100: Women Leaders" and *People & Projects to Know in Commercial Real Estate*, and is recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* for Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Energy Regulatory Law, and Energy, Insurance, and Utilities Law. Jennifer earned her J.D. from the University of Arizona and B.A. from St. Mary's College of California.

Since 2017, Jennifer has proudly co-hosted the Condemnation Summit and is pleased to welcome you to Condemnation Summit XXXII.

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Ashley Mahoney is an eminent domain and valuation associate at Nossaman who assists public agencies with acquiring land for public infrastructure projects. She counsels public agencies on litigation avoidance through mitigation of impacts and damages to properties affected by public projects.

Ashley also represents clients in complex commercial litigation, including class actions, malpractice, and complex business matters.

Admitted in Arizona, Ashley earned her law degree *cum laude* from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University and her bachelor's degree from Arizona State University. She is a member of the Arizona Supreme Court Ethics Advisory Committee.

A past presenter and regular attendee, Ashley is pleased to serve as co-host for Condemnation Summit XXXII.

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William Fischbach is a trial attorney at Tiffany & Bosco handling complex commercial disputes, real estate, condemnation/ eminent domain, and select catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death cases.

Notably, Will secured a \$3.2 million judgment for a property owner in a condemnation case, a \$2.1 million judgment in a breach of contract claim against an Arizona county, a \$1.1 million judgment for a property owner in a condemnation case arising from a highway overpass, and a jury verdict in defense of a property owner against a plaintiff seeking \$800,000 in damages on alleged claims of nuisance and water damage.

Will serves as the Chairman of the Board for Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona, Vice Chairman of the Camelback East Village Planning and Zoning Committee, and a member of the State Bar of Arizona's Civil Practice and Procedure Committee.

Will's legal career began in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps, where he served with distinction in the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions. His military service included tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, and South Korea, and he completed Airborne, Air Assault, and Pathfinder training. Will was honorably discharged in 2008 with the rank of Major and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his service.

Will holds a B.S. in Political Science from Arizona State University and a J.D. and M.B.A. from Tulane University.

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William Bassoff is an associate attorney at Nossaman. He focuses his practice on eminent domain and valuation and also represents clients in commercial litigation, real estate, and employment matters. William has experience in all phases of litigation, including motion practice, oral argument, trial preparation, and appellate practice.

After graduating law school and before joining Nossaman, William served as an extern for Judge Michael Liburdi of the U.S. District Court, District of Arizona.

Admitted in Arizona, William earned his law degree *magna cum laude* from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University and his bachelor's degree at Arizona State University.

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Christopher Kramer is a partner at Nossaman. His practice emphasizes eminent domain and condemnation litigation and consulting, primarily representing condemning authorities. In more than 37 years in practice, he has condemned property for all manners of infrastructure. Chris advises clients on litigation avoidance through mitigation of impacts and damages to properties affected by public projects. He also serves as a mediator in eminent domain, property rights, and property valuation matters throughout the United States.

In addition to being a founding host of the Condemnation Summit, Chris frequently presents programs on eminent domain and related topics for organizations and conferences, including the Condemnation Summit, the State Bar of Arizona, the International Right of Way Association, the International Municipal Lawyers' Association, the American Council of Engineering Companies, the Institute of Traffic Engineers, the ALI-CLE National Eminent Domain Conference, and the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine.

Chris earned his law degree from Notre Dame School of Law and his bachelor's degree at Illinois State University.

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Thomas Baker is a highly qualified real estate appraiser at Baker & Associates, with extensive expertise in providing accurate and professional valuations. Certified as a General Real Estate Appraiser by the State of Arizona, Tom holds both the MAI and SRA designations from the Appraisal Institute, demonstrating a commitment to excellence in the field.

With a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Arizona, Tom has a solid foundation in both the technical and business aspects of real estate appraisal. He is a trusted expert witness, qualified in Superior Courts across Pima, Pinal, and Maricopa Counties, as well as in Federal Bankruptcy Court.

Specializing in right-of-way and eminent domain appraisal services for governmental entities, Tom provides unbiased appraisal services and consultation in real estate litigation matters. Dedicated to upholding the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, Tom ensures that every appraisal meets the highest standards of accuracy and professionalism.

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William Dominick is the managing director at Integra Realty Resources – Phoenix. He has been engaged in the valuation and analysis of real property since 1985, after graduating from Arizona State University with a B.S. in Accounting.

Throughout his career, Bill has cultivated his base of knowledge and expanded his scope of vision. He gained exposure to regional and national real estate markets through his experience with a number of firms, including CB Commercial Real Estate Group, Inc. His experience as a homebuilder and land developer provides invaluable insight into aspects of real estate that most appraisers do not properly understand.

In addition to his valuation expertise, Bill has developed extensive knowledge in the fields of new construction, rehabilitation, development, litigation, asset management, appraisal review, brokerage/sales activity, purchase/lease negotiation, and bankruptcy workouts. Because of this broad-based experience, he has developed an extensive consulting/valuation practice focused on litigation support and expert witness testimony. His litigation assignments include: bankruptcy lift-stay hearings, bankruptcy plan confirmation hearings, deficiency hearings, condemnation proceedings, breach of contract damages, fire/restoration damages, marital dissolutions, Native American lease/easement valuations (allotments), standard of care violations, and settlement valuations.

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Honorable Joseph R. Georgini is the Presiding Judge of the Pinal County Superior Court, a position he has held since his election in September 2006. He earned his bachelor of arts in paralegal science from Eastern Kentucky University in 1990 and his law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1995. Judge Georgini is admitted to practice law before all Arizona Trial and Appellate Courts, as well as the United States District Court of Arizona.

Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Georgini was a partner at McCarville, Cooper & Vasquez, LLP, in Casa Grande. He also served as the Town Attorney for the Town of Mammoth from 1995 to 2005. His judicial career began with his appointment as Judge Pro Tempore by Presiding Superior Court Judge William J. O'Neil in July 2002, and he was later selected as a Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore in 2005.

Judge Georgini is actively involved in his community and the legal profession. He has served as President of the Pinal-Gila County Legal Aid Board and the Casa Grande Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors. He is a former President of the Pinal County Bar Association and the St. Anthony of Padua School Board. Currently, he is a member of the Arizona Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Knights of Columbus, and the St. Anthony's Parish Finance Committee. He also dedicates his time to teaching religious education at St. Anthony's Parish and is a member of the Latino Familiar Initiative.

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Honorable John D. Napper is the Presiding Judge of the Yavapai County Superior Court. He was appointed by Chief Justice Brutinel as the Presiding Judge of Yavapai County, a position he has held since August 1, 2020. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Napper served as the Yavapai County Public Defender from May 2014 to December 2016, where he led a team of 17 attorneys, 15 staff members, and around 20 contract lawyers.

Before his role as Public Defender, Judge Napper was in private practice, handling a diverse range of civil, criminal, and appellate cases.

Judge Napper graduated with honors from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago in 2002.

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Honorable David W. Thorn is the Presiding Judge of the Cochise County Superior Court. He was elected to the bench in 2018, filling a vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Wallace Hoggatt.

Prior to his election, Judge Thorn spent twenty years as an attorney in Cochise County. During this time, he worked as a civil attorney, a criminal defense attorney, and a prosecutor.

Judge Thorn earned a bachelor's degree in communication and media studies from Arizona State University in 1994. He then completed a J.D. at Gonzaga University School of Law in 1998.

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Honorable Timothy M. Wright is the Presiding Judge of the Gila County Superior Court. He took office in January 2015 and was appointed Presiding Judge by the Arizona Supreme Court in July 2015, and reelected in 2018 and 2022. Judge Wright's court calendar includes criminal, civil, juvenile, dependency, probate, and domestic relations cases.

Before his judicial appointment, Judge Wright was a Deputy County Attorney with the Gila County Attorney's Office, where he prosecuted juvenile, misdemeanor, and felony matters. In 2000, he began working as a prosecutor for the City of Peoria and was promoted to Senior Assistant City Prosecutor, becoming responsible for all of Peoria's municipal prosecutions. From 2002 through 2014, Judge Wright worked for the Town of Payson, first as the Deputy Town Attorney/Prosecutor, and then as Town Attorney for four years.

Judge Wright earned his B.S. *magna cum laude* in Marketing in 1990 and J.D. *cum laude* in 1995 from Arizona State University. Judge Wright has been a guest instructor at the Arizona Law Enforcement Academy and a guest lecturer at Gila County Community College. He currently co-chairs the Supreme Court's General Jurisdiction New Judge Orientation, a two week course attended by all Superior Court Judicial Officers.

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Vail Cloar is an attorney at Dickinson Wright and focuses his practice on a wide array of litigation matters including constitutional litigation, eminent domain matters, professional malpractice litigation, and appeals before both state and federal courts. Vail has represented all manner of both private and governmental clients in eminent domain matters across the state. He has litigated appeals before the Arizona Court of Appeals, the Arizona Supreme Court, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Eighth, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Vail is also an adjunct faculty member at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University and teaches two classes, Private Property Rights and Business and Real Estate Valuation.

Vail earned his law degree *magna cum laude* from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University and his undergraduate degree from Arizona State University in European History *summa cum laude*.

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Megan Carrasco is an experienced litigator, helping protect innovations and resolve complex disputes in business, construction, and intellectual property. Her practice focuses on commercial litigation, construction disputes, intellectual property and patent litigation, as well as investigations, government enforcement, and white-collar defense. From initial pleadings to motion practice and trial or arbitration, Megan is highly skilled in every phase of litigation.

She regularly helps clients navigate complex commercial disputes, including contract disputes and business torts. Megan also represents owners (including homeowners), contractors, and subcontractors in a wide array of construction-related disputes, such as defective workmanship, wrongful termination, change orders, mechanic's liens, and breach of contract claims.

In addition to her commercial and construction work, Megan conducts internal investigations and represents companies and individuals facing federal and state criminal, civil, and regulatory enforcement actions. She also maintains an active intellectual property litigation practice, assisting clients in protecting their innovations in competitive markets.

As a graduate *magna cum laude* from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, Megan previously clerked for the Arizona Supreme Court and the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. She also gained experience through externships with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Arizona Court of Appeals, the Arizona Department of Gaming, and the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

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