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BIOGRAPHY

Richard Mear's litigation approach is motivated by his wish to gain helpful and efficient results for the people he serves. His realistic way of thinking is built upon a thorough involvement in his customers' companies, aspirations, and products. Richard's practice covers defending businesses in areas of responsibility matters, product liability circumstances (including medical equipment), as well as "toxic tort" cases involving asbestos and benzene exposures. He also has a rich practice in regard to transportation/trucking claims, construction defect allegations, professional responsibility, medical negligence, and disputes concerning officer and director liabilities occurring among commercial entities.

Richard has substantial experience in various litigation matters including trial, mediation and arbitration activities. He was in charge of or secondary-chaired numerous jury and nonjury trials which yielded victorious outcomes for the defense. Richard first chaired a month-long products liability trial in Federal Court, despite the high demand by plaintiffs amounting to \$30 million initially and \$12 million pre-trial. Moreover, he finalized a two-week jury trial with a defense verdict in February 2017 - it also came with Rule 68 sanctions.

PRACTICE AREAS

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INDUSTRIES

- Automotive
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EDUCATION

- **Notre Dame Law School**, Indiana
 - J.D. - 2006
 - Honors: Graduated in top 20% of class
 - Honors: ATLA Trial Advocacy Team, Participant
 - Honors: Dean's List
- **Brigham Young University**
 - B.A. - 2003
 - Honors: Golden Key Honor Society

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Arizona, 2006
- U.S. District Court District of Arizona, 2006

HONORS

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rated Attorney in Litigation, Products Liability, and Construction Law
- 2015 Top Rated Lawyer by The Arizona Republic
- Played five seasons of professional baseball with the St. Louis Cardinals, Detroit Tigers, and Arizona Diamondbacks

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- The Harmonie Group
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Thurgood Marshall Inn of Court
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel
- J. Rueben Clark Law Society
- Board of Directors, Valley Youth Theatre
- Varsity Scout Coach, Cub Master Boy Scouts of America

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Black v. Sensing Enterprises Inc., 2020 WL 7625306 (Ariz. App. Dec. 22, 2020)
- Guzman v. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, 2017 WL 4337339 (D. Ariz. 2018)
- Musical v. Telesteps Inc., 2016 WL 3969426 (D. Ariz. July 25, 2016)
- Monje v. Spin Master Inc., 2013 WL 2390625 (D. Ariz. 2013)
- Microchip Technology Inc. v. State of Arizona, et al., 283 P.2d 34, 635 Ariz. Adv. Rep. 31 (App. 2012)
- Pierce v. Laydon Leasing, Inc., 2011 WL1631931 (Ariz. App. 2011)
- Microgroup Mfg. Inc. v. Sottera Inc., Superior Court of Arizona, 2011 WL 1896725 (February 8, 2011)
- Caudillo v. City of Phoenix, 2010 WL 2146408 (Ariz. App. 2010)

LITIGATION

- 75%

PAST POSITION

- Maricopa County Justice Courts, Judge Pro Tem, 1991 to 1994

PRO-BONO ACTIVITIES

- City of Peoria, Planning & Zoning Commission, Member
- City of Glendale, Bond Committee
- Glendale Industrial Development Authority, Board Member /Treasurer
- Glendale/Peoria YMCA, Board of Managers
- Glendale Chamber of Commerce, Member
- City of Phoenix, Bond Committee
- Deer Valley Planning Committee
- Deer Valley Education Foundation
- Deer Valley School District, Budget Committee
- North Valley Chamber of Commerce, Past President and Director
- Arrowhead Community Bank, Board of Directors

LITIGATION

Blogs

- "Qualifying Parties May Now Have to Face Personal Liability for Construction Company's Obligations," Author, Jennings Strouss Blog (February 11, 2021)
- "Does COVID-19 Impact Your Contracts? Perhaps Its Time To Review Your Agreements," Author, Jennings Strouss Blog (March 25, 2020)
- "Small Business Real Estate Series, Part III: Personal Guarantees to Commercial Leases," Author, Jennings Strouss Blog (2015)
- "Small Business Real Estate Series, Part II: Commercial Lease Negotiations," Author, Jennings Strouss Blog (2015)
- "Small Business Real Estate Series, Part I: Commercial Leases," Author, Jennings Strouss Blog (2015)
- "Housing Bust Bad Loans May Still be an Issue for Lenders," Author, Jennings Strouss Blog (2014)
- "Does a Real Estate Appraiser Have a Duty to Your Client?" Author, Jennings Strouss Blog (2013)

Presentations

- "Highlights of Arizona's New Limited Liability Act," Entrepreneurial CPA Network (December 2, 2020)
- "The New Arizona Limited Liability Company Act (ALLCA)," West USA Realty (August 2019)

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