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SENIOR MEMBER

# **BIOGRAPHY**

Karen Stafford's practice is primarily focused on litigation and insurance coverage. Ms. Stafford's diverse litigation practice includes insurance bad faith litigation, general commercial litigation, premises liability, product liability, auto liability, professional liability, restaurant and hospitality liability, wrongful death, nursing home liability, and appellate law. With respect to her insurance coverage practice, Ms. Stafford advises clients on a wide range of complex insurance issues, including first party, third party, and bad faith actions. Ms. Stafford has presented numerous seminars and continuing legal education presentations in the areas of insurance coverage, wrongful death, medical funding, and more. Ms. Stafford has also served as an adjunct  $professor\ at\ Arizona\ State\ University\ at\ the\ W.P.\ Carey\ School\ of\ Business\ and\ at\ the\ Sandra\ Day\ O'Connormal Connormal Connorma$ College of Law in the areas of business law and legal research and writing.

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Defense
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability, Pharmaceutical And Medical
- Special Risk Insurance Litigation

#### **INDUSTRIES**

- Wholesale and Distribution

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### **EDUCATION**

- Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Phoenix, Arizona
  - · Law Journal, Arizona State Law Journal,
- Northern Arizona University
  - B.S.
  - Honors: Magna Cum Laude
  - Maior: English

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court District of Arizona
- · U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit
- United States Supreme Cour

# HONORS

- The Best Lawyers in America, 2023, Commercial Litigation
- Arizona State Law Journal, Research Editor

### **CLASSES & SEMINARS**

- Civil Trial, Everything You Need to Know: The New Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, National Business Institute May 8, 2017, Dec 14, 2021
- Civil Trial, Everything You Need to Know: Amendments to State Civil Rules, National Business Institute May 8, 2017
- Insurer, Agent and Broker Liability: Who Can Be Held Liable and When?, National Business
- · Insurer, Agent and Broker Liability: Arizona HB 2129, Is It Unconstitutional?, National Business Institute Mar 10, 2017
- Workers' Compensation Bad Faith Law in Arizona. Insurance Law Institute Feb 5, 2017
- · Discovery Under the New Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: Preservation of ESI and Litigation Holds, National Business Institute Dec 2, 2016
- · Wrongful Death Litigation: Upholding Ethical

### REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Black v. Sensing Enterprises Inc., 2020 WL 7625306 (Ariz. App. Dec. 22, 2020)
- DiPasquale v. DiPasquale, No. 1 CA-CV 16-0356 FC. Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, September 7, 2017
- Moran v. Moran, No. 1 CA-CV 16-0686 FC, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, November 14, 2017
- Velazquez v. Logan, et al., No. 16-15485, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, January 4, 2018

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- The Harmonie Group
- · Defense Research Institute
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel

### PAST POSITIONS

· Arizona Court of Appeals, Honorable Donn Kessler

Standards in Wrongful Death Cases, National Business Institute Mar 18, 2016

DRI: Duty to Defend Compendium, Defense
Research Institute Feb 15, 2016

