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Kathi Sandweiss, a former award-winning television journalist, enjoys a combined arbitration and appellate practice. She has practiced civil litigation nearly 4 decades and, since 2016, has been an active commercial arbitrator on the roster of the American Arbitration Association. In her capacity as a neutral, Kathi has resolved a variety of high dollar, complex commercial disputes including those involving UCC and agriculture law; complex pharmaceutical agreements; breach of license agreements; energy agreements; complex asbestos claims under settlement trusts; use of "baseball" or pendulum arbitration; online sales agreements; franchise agreements; service agreements; cannabis/CBD industry transactions; loan agreements; personal guarantees; Sherman Act/antitrust disputes; and landlord/tenant disputes. Kathi has chaired multiple three arbitrator panels including those in complex health care, cannabis industry disputes, and online sales. She is on the Executive Council of the ADR Section of the Arizona State Bar. Kathi is Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and has been named in Best Lawyers in America- Appellate Practice: every year, 2016 – 2025; Phoenix Magazine - Top Lawyer, Appellate Law, 2022, 2023, 2024; Best Lawyers, Women in the Law 2017; and won a Rocky Mountain Emmy Award in 1983.

Subject Area Experience

BUSINESS DISPUTES

- Multi level marketing
- Franchises
- Business divorces

HEALTHCARE

- Pharmacy networks
- Asbestos exposure claims
- Health insurance reimbursement
- Health care services contracts

TECHNOLOGY

- Multi-state and conflict of laws issues
- Analysis of contract under Sherman Antitrust Act
- Agreements for online services
- Agreements for online sales

ENERGY

- Agreements for sales and marketing of energy efficiency services
- Multi-state and conflict of laws issues under energy agreements

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FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Loan agreements
- Alternative financing agreements including cash advance and factoring transactions
- Personal guarantees

ASBESTOS TRUST DISPUTES

- Sole arbitrator in complex claims under settlement trusts
- Cases involving manufacturers of asbestos products
- Baseball style and standard decisions
- Experience in settlement trust procedures, distribution and compliance
- Review of complex medical records
- Determinations regarding alleged exposure
- Industries including shipyard, construction, military and building occupant
- Medical bills associated with asbestos-related illness
- Analysis of lost past and future earning capacity

CANNABIS BUSINESS DISPUTES

- Authored Amicus Brief in *State of Arizona v. Jones*, 246 Ariz. 452 (2019)
- Emergency relief
- Right to enter business property and take possession of product
- Disputes between cannabis businesses
- Disputes involving payment for products and allegations of failure to reorder products
- Breach of contract
- Multi-state matters
- Owners and operators of CBD product retail stores
- Manufacturers of cannabis products
- Wholesale distributors of cannabis products
- Vendors of cannabis products
- Inventory levels
- Chair of panel in dispute between businesses relating to cannabis licenses, intellectual property and dispensaries

Kathi has filed more than 200 appellate briefs in the Arizona Court of Appeals, the Arizona Supreme Court, the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. She has 23 published opinions and is the past chair of the Arizona State Bar Appellate Practice Section.

Practice Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Appellate▪ Arbitration▪ Commercial Litigation	Bar admissions: Arizona, 1986 U.S. District Court, District of Arizona U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit U.S. Supreme Court Education: J.D. Arizona State University, School of Law, 1986 B.A., University of California, Los Angeles 1977
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