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Professional Experience:

- Mediator, arbitrator and litigation strategy consultant, ConvergentADR, 2022 - present
- Chief Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division I (2019-2021)
- Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division I (2008-2022)
- Judge, Arizona Superior Court, Maricopa County (2003-2008)
- Associate Civil Presiding Judge, 2007-2008
- Equity Partner, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Phoenix, Arizona (2001-2003)
- Associate, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Phoenix, Arizona (1992-2000)
- Law Clerk, Hon. Norman P. Ramsey, Senior Judge, United States District Court for the District of Maryland (1991-1992)

Education:

- Juris Doctor, 1991, University of Maryland School of Law
- Class Standing 1/262, Order of the Coif
- Highest Score on Arizona Bar Exam, July 1992
- Manuscripts Editor, Maryland Law Review (1990-1991)
- Bachelor of Arts, 1987, University of California at Berkeley
- Double Major: Rhetoric, Economics

Judicial Experience:

- Superior Court – Served on Family and Civil Rotations; Associate Presiding Civil Judge.
- Civil Trial Experience:
 - Special Election Assignment
 - Developed and implemented first e-filing pilot system
 - Presided over full-range civil trial calendar, including case types such as:
 - Tort/Personal Injury
 - Medical/Legal Malpractice
 - Condemnation
 - Real Estate Disputes
 - Construction Defect
 - Creditors' Rights

- HOA Disputes
 - Complex Commercial Finance Disputes
 - Merger Disputes
 - Restrictive Covenants
 - Easement Disputes
 - Claims By and Against Public Entities
 - Public Records
- Appellate Experience
 - Authored approximately 1,000 reported appellate decisions
 - Participated in approximately 3,000 reported appellate decisions
 - Served as Chief Judge and Vice Chief Judge of Division 1.
 - Conducted Settlement Conferences at the Trial and Appellate Levels
 - Served as *Pro Tem* Justice on the Arizona Supreme Court

Bar, Court and Community Service:

- Arizona Civil Justice Reform Commission
- Supreme Court Civil Rules Restyling Task Force
- Supreme Court Family Rules Restyling Task Force
- Task Force on the Delivery of Legal Services
- Arizona State Bar Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure (2002-present)
- Arizona State Bar Committee on Professionalism (2005-2016)
- Arizona State Bar Family Law Executive Council (2004-2017)
- Disciplinary Hearing Officer, Supreme Court of Arizona (2001-2003)
- Arizona State Bar Committee on the Rules of Professional Responsibility (1998-2006)
- Executive Council of the Arizona State Bar Young Lawyers' Division (1998-2000)
- Treasurer, Indian Law Section, State Bar of Arizona (1996)
- Judge Pro Tempore, Gilbert Municipal Court, Gilbert, Arizona (pro bono service) (2000-2003)
- Judge, Arizona High School Mock Trial Competition (Maricopa and Cochise Counties) (2004-2008)
- Judge, "We the People" high school advocacy competition; Teacher Instructor (Constitutional Law) (2004-2006)
- Recorder, Arizona Town Hall (1994, 1998, 2002).

Court Admissions:

- Supreme Court of Arizona (1992)
- Court of Appeals of Maryland (1991)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1993)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1992)

- United States District Court for the District of Arizona (1992)
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland (1992)

Publications:

- Tortious Speech in the Digital Age, 53Ariz. St. Law Journal 859 (2022)
- "What's America" 2004
- Advocating Justice, Arizona Attorney, November 1999
- Co-Author, Libel Defense Resource Center 50-State Survey, Media Privacy and Related Law (Arizona) (annual publication, 1995-2002)
- Co-Author, Libel Defense Resource Center 50-State Survey, Employment Privacy Law (Arizona), 1998-2002 (annual publication, 1998-2002)
- Maryland Uniform Trade Secrets Act, 49 Md. Law Rev. 1056 (1990)
- Survey, Developments in Maryland Law, Property, 1988-89, 49 Md. Law Rev. 715 (1990)

Awards:

- "Judge of the Year," Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, 2019
- "Judge of the Year," Arizona Supreme Court, 2016
- "Judge of the Year," Arizona Board of Trial Advocates, Phoenix Chapter, 2008
- Law Related Education Award, State Bar of Arizona (2004)
- Arizona Bar Foundation Award: Highest score, Arizona Bar Examination, July 1992