

CURRICULUM VITAE

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DATE OF BIRTH: MAY 30, 1941

Education:

University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana.
Bachelor of Arts (A.B.) in Political Science, 1962.

University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.
Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), 1965.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia.
Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Judicial Process, 2001.

Admitted to Practice Law:

- All Arizona state courts, September 25, 1965
- United States District Court, District of Arizona, July 27, 1967
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, July 9, 1969
- All California state courts, May 7, 1976

Judicial Experience:

- Judge Pro Tem (Part-time), Superior Court of the State of Arizona, Pima County, Arizona, 1983 - 1992.
- Associate Justice, Arizona Supreme Court, 1992 - 1996
- Vice Chief Justice, Arizona Supreme Court, 1996 - 1997
- Chief Justice, Arizona Supreme Court, 1997 - January 7, 2002.
- Associate Justice, Arizona Supreme Court, January 8, 2002 – April 30, 2002) (retirement date)
- Chief Judge, Tonto Apache Nation Tribal Appellate Court, 2005 – present
- Judge Pro Tem, San Carlos Apache Nation Tribal Court, 2012 – present.
- Judge, White Mountain Apache Nation Tribal Appellate Court, 2013 - 2017

Private Practice of Law:

- Leshner, Scruggs, Rucker, Kimble & Lindamood
3773 East Broadway Boulevard
Tucson, Arizona 85716
(Associate: 1965 - 1967; Partner: 1967 - 1968)
- Maud & Zlaket
177 North Church Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85701
1968 – 1970 (Partner)
- Estes, Browning, Maud & Zlaket
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177 North Church Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85701
1970 – 1973 (Partner)
- Slutes, Estes, Zlaket, Sakrison & Wasley
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Slutes, Browning Zlaket & Sakrison
33 North Stone Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85701
1973 – 1982 (Partner)

- Zlaket & Zlaket, P.C.
2701 East Speedway Boulevard, Suite 200
Tucson, Arizona 85716
1982 – 1992 (Shareholder)
- Law Offices of Thomas A. Zlaket, P.L.L.C.
310 South Williams Boulevard
Tucson, Arizona 85711-4446
5/1/02 – present (Managing Member)
- Zlaket Law Offices, APC
550 West C Street
Suite 1690
San Diego, California 92101
1/15/15 – present (Member)

Professional Memberships:

State Bar of Arizona, 1965 to present:

- Board of Governors, 1980 - 90
 President, 1988 - 89
 President-Elect, 1987 - 88
 First Vice President, 1986 - 87
 Second Vice President, 1985 - 86
- Professionalism Task Force, 2003 - 06
- Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation Advisory Commission, 1990 - 92
- Committee on Professionalism, 1988 - 92
- Disciplinary Probable Cause Panelist, 1986 - 87
- Committee on Criminal Rules Revision, circa 1974 - 76
- Certified Specialist, Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation, 1991 - 92

Pima County Bar Association, 1965 to present:

- Board of Directors, 1969 - 70; and 1980 - 90
- Civil Practice Committee, 1985 - 90
- Medical - Legal Committee, 1980 - 85
(Chairman, circa 1984 - 85)
- Courthouse Committee, 1975 - 80
- Medical - Legal Screening Panel, 1968 - 75

State Bar of California, 1976 to present.

Maricopa County Bar Association, 1992 - 2003.

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, 1982 - present

- Arizona State Chairman, 1991 - 92
- Member, Jury Committee, 2004 - 08
- Member, Judiciary Committee, 1998 - 2004

Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation.

National Conference of Chief Justices, 1997 - 2002.

- Board of Directors, 1998 - 2001

Founding Fellow, Arizona Bar Foundation.

Next Generation Fellow, Arizona Bar Foundation.

American Bar Association, 1966 - present.

- Arizona Delegate, ABA House of Delegates, 1990 - 92

American Board of Trial Advocates, 1972 - present

- National Executive Committee, 1982 - 85
- President, Tucson Chapter, 1981
- Secretary/Treasurer, Tucson Chapter, 1980

Defense Research Institute, 1970 - 82

- Arizona State Chairman, circa 1975 - 78

Tucson Defense Bar Association, 1970 - 82

- President, circa 1977 - 78

American Trial Lawyers Association, 1972 - 91

Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, 1985 – 91

Arizona Judges Association, 1992 - 2002

American Judicature Society, circa 1968 - 80; 1992 – circa 2005

National Panel of Arbitrators, American Arbitration Association, circa 1975 – 91

Arizona Capital Representation Project Board of Directors, 2003 – 2012

- Honorary Board Member, 2012 - present

Federal Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Committee for the District of Arizona,
1991 - 95

Arizona Supreme Court Commission on the Courts, 1988 - 90

Arizona Governor's Task Force on Medical Liability Insurance Premiums, 1989 - 90

Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Medical Malpractice Rules of Procedure,
1989 - 92

Chairman, Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Civil Discovery Abuse, Cost &
Delay, 1990 - 92

Chairman, Arizona Supreme Court Commission on Technology, 1992 - 97

Arizona College of Trial Advocacy Executive Committee, 1986 - 2002

Teaching Faculty, Arizona College of Trial Advocacy (State Bar of Arizona), 1986, 2002, 2011

Teaching Faculty, National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Western Session, San Diego, California, 1988

Teaching Faculty, Hastings College of Trial Advocacy, San Francisco, California, circa 1978 - 80

Teaching Faculty, Pima County Bar Association Trial Advocacy Program, 1989 - 90

Lecturer-in-Law, University of Arizona College of Law, 1967 – 78.

Adjunct Associate Professor of Law (later retitled Professor of Practice), James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona, 2003 - 2021

National Board of Directors, The Justice Management Institute, 2003 – 2013.

Lecturer at numerous continuing legal education seminars in Arizona and around the United States from 1970 to the present, primarily on the subjects of ethics and professionalism, civil litigation, and discovery abuse.

Chairman, Attorneys' Planning and Program Committee for the Arizona Judicial Conference, 1990

University of Arizona Law College Association, 1975 - present.

- Board of Directors, 1990 – 2011
- Emeritus Director, 2011- present

University of Arizona James E. Rogers Law School Board of Visitors, 2001 - present

Arizona Law Review Association, 1986 - present

Co-chair, National Conference on Public Trust and Confidence in the Justice System, Washington, D.C., May 1999

Morris K. Udall Inn of Court, Tucson, Arizona

- Founding Member
- Emeritus Member, 1999 forward

Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity

- President, Pattee Inn, 1964 – 65

Student Bar Board of Governors, University of Arizona College of Law, 1963

Honors and Awards:

Arizona Law Lifetime Achievement Award, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, formally presented October 22, 2015

Special Award of Honor, State Bar of Arizona, June 26, 2015

2006 Public Service Award, Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest

Thomas A. Zlaket Professionalism in Teaching Endowment, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, 2003

Honorary Doctor of Law Degree, University of Arizona, 2002

Distinguished Alumnus Award, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, 2002

Distinguished Service Award, Pima County Volunteer Lawyers Program, 2002

2001 National Center for State Courts' Reardon Award

State Bar of Arizona James A. Walsh Distinguished Jurist Award, June 15, 2001

American Judges Association 2000 Chief Justice Richard W. Holmes Award of Merit

State Bar of Arizona Award of Special Merit, June 16, 2000

University of Arizona Distinguished Citizen Award, February 21, 1998

American Board of Trial Advocates Civil Justice Award, April 1, 1992

Member of the Year Award, State Bar of Arizona, June 1991

Outstanding Graduate Award, University of Arizona College of Law, 1989

Arizona Supreme Court Certificate of Appreciation for Service on Board of Governors, 1988

State Bar of Arizona Award for Contribution to Continuing Legal Education, 1988

City of Tucson Copper Certificate for Service on Magistrate Selection Commission, 1982

Listed in three editions of “The Best Lawyers in America” before going on the bench in 1992, and again beginning with the 2007 edition each year to the present.

Listed among Top Attorneys in Arizona, 2007 – present, by Super Lawyers Publishing.

National Trial Lawyers Association, Top 100 Trial Lawyers, 2010 - 2013

Martindale-Hubbell AV rating.

Arizona Law Review, 1963 – 65.

- Editor-in-Chief, 1964 - 65
- Editorial Staff, 1963 - 64

National Moot Court Team, University of Arizona College of Law, 1964 - 65

- Regional Finalists, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1965

Individual Moot Court Champion, University of Arizona College of Law, 1962 - 63, 1963 - 64, and 1964 - 65

Tucson Title Insurance Award, University of Arizona College of Law, 1965

Udall on Evidence Award, University of Arizona College of Law, 1965

AmJur Awards in Trust and Corporations, University of Arizona College of Law,
1964 – 65

Other Associations and Activities:

Member, University of Arizona Foundation National Leadership Council, 2011 –
present

Member, Tucson Airport Authority, 2003 – present (now Emeritus Member)
Board of Directors, 2007 – 2013
Board of Directors Chairman-Elect, 2011
Board Chairman, 2012

Member, D-M 50, 2003 – present

Chair, Tucson Unified School District No. 1 Bond Oversight Committee, 2004 - 06
Member, 2006 - 07

Arizona Board of Trustees, The Nature Conservancy, 2004 - 2013

Board of Directors, Tucson Country Club, 2005 - 2009
President, 2007- 08

Tucson Conquistadores (Life Member) 1977 – 1992; 2002 – present (Retired
Member)

- Board of Directors, 1981 - 84
- President, 1983 – 84

Arizona Academy, 1988 - present.

- Delegate, Arizona Town Hall on Civil Justice, 1988

City of Tucson Magistrate Selection Commission, 1997 - 82

Big Brothers of Tucson Board of Directors, circa 1970 - 75

St. Joseph's Hospital Community Advisory Committee, circa 1975 - 80

Exchange Club of Downtown Tucson, circa 1970 - 80

“Off the Record” Debate Society
· Board of Directors, 1991 - 93

Member, The Breakfast Club (of Tucson), 2003 – present

Notre Dame Ace Academies Board of Specified Jurisdiction, 2010 - 15

Articles:

Casenote, 6 Arizona Law Review 156, “Second Mortgagee May Not Acquire Title to Mortgaged Property as Against First Mortgagee Through a Tax Deed — Moore vs. Crisp (Okla. 1963).”

President’s Message, “Reviving Professionalism,” Arizona Attorney, September 1988

President’s Message, “God Bless Madison Avenue,” Arizona Attorney, October 1988

President’s Message, “Dispute Prevention,” Arizona Attorney, November 1988

President’s Message, “Paper Wars,” Arizona Attorney, December 1988

President’s Message, “A Town Hall View of Lawyers and Justice,” Arizona Attorney, January 1989

President’s Message, “Out of the Frying Pan . . .,” Arizona Attorney, February 1989.
(Republished in the ALI-ABA CLE Review, Vol. No. 6, March 10, 1989.)

President’s Message, “A Learned Profession?,” Arizona Attorney, March 1989

President’s Message, “Don’t Worry, Be Happy?,” Arizona Attorney, April 1989

President’s Message, “Letters... We get Letters,” Arizona Attorney, May 1989

President’s Message, “So Long, It’s Been Good to Know You ...,” Arizona Attorney, June 1989

“Encouraging Litigators to be Lawyers: Arizona’s New Civil Rules”, 25 Arizona State L. J. 1 (1993).

"Should Lawyers Be Required to Tell the Truth?" (unpublished) Masters Thesis, U. of Virginia (2000).

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