



Michael K. Kennedy

Areas of Practice

- General Commercial Litigation
- Professional Liability
- Sports and Entertainment

Michael K. Kennedy, co-founding partner of Gallagher & Kennedy, practices in general civil litigation and serves as local, regional and national counsel to a variety of business clients.

Mr. Kennedy's recent experience includes:

- Handling a variety of contested matters for the Arizona Diamondbacks and Arizona Cardinals.
- Representing an Arizona retailer in multi-district litigation involving defective product claims.
- Representing several Arizona law firms in legal malpractice actions.
- Serving Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. as national coordinating counsel defending asbestos claims and in other matters around the country.
- Obtaining a \$500 million dollar judgment on behalf of a group of California, New Mexico and Arizona electric utility companies challenging the constitutionality of a property tax imposed on the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station.
- Representing the Southern Pacific Railroad in California and Arizona property tax litigation involving differences in claimed values in excess of \$2 billion.
- Representing an Arizona refinery in litigation involving NEPA/NHPA claims.

Education

University of Virginia
J.D., 1975

Duke University
B.A., 1972

Bar & Court Admissions

Arizona, 1975
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1975

U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 1975
U.S. Supreme Court, 1982

Honors & Awards

Lawdragon 500, "Leading Lawyers in America", 2006
"The Best Lawyers in America", Woodward/White, Inc., 2005-2011
Chambers USA, "America's Leading Lawyers for Business", 2003-2010
Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation, Community Service Award, 2008
Visitor Industry Champion Award, Greater Phoenix Convention & Visitors Bureau, 2008
Maricopa County Bar Association, Hall of Fame Award, 2008
Super Lawyers Magazine, "Southwest Super Lawyer", 2007-2010
The Phoenix Business Journal, "Super Bowl Most Valuable Power Player", 2007
Arizona Cardinals, "Honorary Community Captain", 2007
The Phoenix Business Journal, "Power Player", 2006
Founder's Society, Duke University

Associations & Memberships

State Bar of Arizona
Member

Arizona Bar Foundation
Founding Fellow

State Bar of Arizona, Board of Governors
Past Board Member

Maricopa County Bar Association
Past President

Arizona Association of Defense Counsel
Past President

Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference
Past Lawyer Delegate

Commission on Appellate Court Appointments
Past Member

Sandra Day O'Connor Inn of Court
Founding Member

Arizona Board of Trial Advocates
Member

Arizona Superior Court and Court of Appeals
Past Judge Pro Tem

Judicial Performance Review Commission
Member

2008 Super Bowl Host Committee
Chairman

Phoenix Thunderbirds
Past President and 1994 Phoenix Open Chairman

Thunderbird International Jr. Golf Tournament
Chairman

Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation
President

Greater Phoenix Leadership
Past Board Member

Brophy College Prep
Board of Regents

Xavier College Prep
Past Trustee

National Minority Golf Foundation
Past Director

School of Theology at Claremont
Past Trustee

SuperBowl XXX Host Committee
Past Member

Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
Past Director