

Garrett J. Olexa

Member



Overview

Mr. Olexa's broad-based practice includes commercial and personal injury litigation, real estate matters, business formation and corporate transactions, and estate planning.

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Areas of Focus

- Commercial Litigation
- Real Estate Transactions Litigation and Line Siting Hearings
- Business Formation and Corporate Transactions
- Estate Planning
- Labor and Employment Litigation
- Personal Injury Defense

Education

J.D., Villanova University School of Law (1994)

B.S., LaSalle University, Business Administration (1991)

- *maxima cum laude*

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Admissions

Admitted to Practice

- Arizona (1995)
- Pennsylvania (1994)
- New Jersey (1994)

Court Admission

- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona (1995)

Representative Experience

- Prosecuted a commercial lease dispute for a manufacturer and retailer of high-end custom furniture resulting in a \$1.2M verdict
- Achieved a favorable Arizona jury award of \$3.7 million for an Arizona-based company stemming from a commercial dispute with a national company
- Defense of a billion dollar a year national company against claims for tortious interference, defamation and trade libel
- Representation of utility company in land disputes and related litigation
- Representation of utility company in line sitting hearings
- Representation of employers, employees, and independent contractors in business formation, contract drafting, general business and employment advice, and litigation
- Representation of commercial landlords and tenants in landlord/tenant disputes, litigation, and lease negotiations
- Representation of business owners, commercial contractors, and homeowners in breach of contract claims
- Representation of both parties in real estate breach of contract, negligence, and quiet title actions
- Representation of a national manufacturer of pool chemicals in class action product liability litigation
- Representation of defendant national liquor manufacturer in breach of contract action

- Representation of national manufacturers in multiple product liability cases
- Representation of plaintiffs (both persons and corporations) against manufacturers
- Estate planning advice and preparation

Media and Presentations

Articles

- Author, "[Ethical Wills: Conveying More Than Just Your Assets to Beneficiaries](#)," *The Record Reporter* (2015)
- Author, "[Op-Ed: Read this before locking out a](#)
- Author, "[Dangers on the Roadway](#)," *Advocate, Arizona Trial Lawyers Association* (2003)
- Author, "Benefits From Industry Victory In Buckman Are Likely to Be Limited," *Pharmaceutical & Medical Device Law Bulletin* (2001)

Blogs

- "[Questions Concerning an Irrevocable Trust? Where to Look for Answers and How to Make Changes](#)," *Phoenix West Valley Law* (April 2017)
- "[The 'Sound Mind'](#)," *Phoenix West Valley Law* (2016)
- "[Do You Have an Exit Strategy from Your Business?](#)," *Phoenix West Valley Law* (2015)
- "[Contractual Arbitration Provisions: Are They Worth Keeping in Your Business Contracts?](#)," *Phoenix West Valley Law* (2015)
- "[Does Your Will Contain a Profession of Your Faith?](#)," *Phoenix West Valley Law* (2014)
- "[The Beneficiary Deed - Is It Right for You?](#)," *Phoenix West Valley Law* (2014)
- "[Lockout of a Commercial Tenant: The Pitfalls](#)," *Phoenix West Valley Law* (2014)
- "[Attention Realtors: Are You Engaging in the Unauthorized Practice of Law?](#)," *Phoenix West Valley Law* (2013)
- "[What Duties Does Your HOA Owe You?](#)," *Phoenix West Valley Law* (2013)
- "[Arizona Supreme Court Declines to Expand Economic Loss Doctrine](#)," *Phoenix West Valley Law* (2013)
- "[Arizona Business Owners: Is that 'Hold Harmless' Language in the Contract You Present to Customers Actually Providing You Protection](#)," *Phoenix West Valley Law* (2013)
- "[Are Non-Compete and Non-Solicitation Agreements Employees Sign Enforceable in Arizona?](#)," *Phoenix West Valley Law* (2013)
- "[Statute of Frauds Language Clarified by Arizona Court of Appeals](#)," *Phoenix West Valley Law* (2013)

Presentations

- "RAJI 4th," State Bar of Arizona, Punitive Damages (2005)
- "Bringing Claims Against Major Foreign Manufacturers," Arizona Trial Lawyers (1998)

Memberships

West Maricopa County Bar Association

- President (2011 - 2012)

- Treasurer (2010)
- Secretary (2009)

State Bar of Arizona

- Member, Civil Jury Instructions Committee (2003 – 2005)

American Bar Association

Maricopa County Bar Association

Honors and Awards

- [AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated](#)
- Top 10 Defense Verdicts in Arizona 2010, *Arizona Attorney*

Community Involvement

Leadership West

- Graduate, Class XV
- Board of Directors (2011 – 2018)

City of Surprise Chamber of Commerce

- Member, (2014 – 2016)

City of Phoenix Committee

- Member, Neighborhood Revitalization and Housing Subcommittee (2005)

Christ Church of the Valley

- Volunteer (2017 – Present)