

Paul G. Johnson

Member



Overview

Mr. Johnson focuses his practice on complex commercial, contract, and securities litigation, as well as appellate law and appeals.

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Areas of Focus

- Commercial Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation

- Securities Litigation
- Appellate Law

Education

J.D., Harvard Law School (1985)

- *cum laude*

U.S. Naval War College (1982)

M.A., International Relations, University of San Diego (1981)

B.S., U.S. Naval Academy (1976)

- with Distinction

Biography

Mr. Johnson focuses his practice on complex commercial, contract, and securities litigation, as well as appellate law and appeals.

He has taught various legal subjects in the Political Science department at Arizona State University and at Thunderbird School of Global Management, including courses on constitutional and Supreme Court law, negotiation, international law, intellectual property law, and antitrust/competition policy.

Admissions

Admitted to Practice

- Arizona (1985)

Court Admission

- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona (1985)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (1986)
- U.S. Supreme Court (2007)

Representative Experience

- Represented a major Arizona ski resort in litigation over challenges to its upgrades on federal environmental and religious grounds, including the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, in U.S. District Court, at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and in obtaining a denial of certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court. Client prevailed in trial court and on appeal in two lawsuits.

- Represented an investor in a major case involving allegations of securities fraud in the energy industry
- Represented a local accounting firm against allegations of improper practices
- Represented a large utility in a quiet title action
- Represented a member of a limited liability company in a series of cases involving the development and management of marinas on several large Arizona lakes
- Represented the members of a limited liability company in an internal dispute and sale of its property
- Defended a small business and its owner against allegations of breach of contract and trademark infringement in a jury trial and on appeal
- Local counsel in U.S. District Court in various matters, including insurance defense and patent cases

Media and Presentations

Articles

- Contributor, "[Arizona Leaders Make Plea for Foreign Aid](#)," *azcentral.com* (June 16, 2015)
- Contributor, "[U.S. still wants global leadership role, survey says](#)," *azcentral.com* (October 6, 2014)
- Co-Author, "[The Four Paths of Dispute Resolution](#)," (March 1, 2008)

Presentations

- "Judgment Renewals in State and Federal Court," NALS of Phoenix (February 2017)

Memberships

Federal Bar Association

Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations

- Co-Chairman
- Past President, Board of Directors

Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest

- Former Secretary, Board of Directors
- Former Member, Board of Directors

International Institute for Strategic Studies - London, England

- Former Member

Honors and Awards

- [AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated™](#)
- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the category of Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation (2015 - 2021)

Military Service

- Lieutenant Commander (LCDR), U.S. Navy, retired