

**Biographical**

Andy Klein served with distinction on the Maricopa County Superior Court for 19 years, the last seven as Presiding Judge of the Probate and Mental Health Departments. Mr. Klein has also completed assignments in civil, family, criminal, and juvenile court so he is knowledgeable in those practices areas as well. He retired from the Bench in 2020.

Mr. Klein has received multiple state and national awards for his unique approach to settling cases. In 2015, he received the William W. Treat Award from the National College of Probate Judges. Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is a previous recipient of this prestigious national award. In 2016, he received the James A. Walsh Outstanding Jurist Award from the State Bar of Arizona. In 2019, he received the Eleanor Ter Horst Distinguished Service Award from the State Bar of Arizona, Probate and Trust Law Section.

For seven years, Mr. Klein was the designated settlement conference judge for the entire Probate Department in Maricopa County, and he handled settlement conferences in out-of-county cases too. In that role, he conducted approximately 500 settlement conferences with a complete success rate of 95%. While on the Bench, he also presided over hundreds of trials, including some high-profile cases. Since leaving the Bench and conducting private mediations, Mr. Klein's success rate remains very high.

Mr. Klein has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at Arizona State University College of Law and is a regular presenter at conferences on the subject of alternative dispute resolution. Before becoming a Judge, Mr. Klein was in the private practice of law for 24 years specializing in civil and commercial litigation where he earned an "AV" Martindale-Hubbell Superior rating.

**Case Experience**

Mr. Klein has extensive experience settling cases in the following areas: probate, trusts, estates, will contests, elder abuse, financial exploitation of vulnerable adults, invalidity of testamentary instruments due to undue influence and lack of capacity, fraudulent transfers, fiduciary liability, interference with expectancy of inheritance, fraud, guardianships and conservatorships, nursing home negligence, and breach of contract.

**Education**

Mr. Klein graduated with honors from the University of California, Berkeley School of Journalism and from Indiana University, Bloomington School of Law.

**Membership and Affiliations**

Maricopa County Superior Court Executive Committee

Arizona Judges Association Executive Committee

Member of Task Force to revise Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure

Maricopa County Judicial Strategic Planning Committee

Statewide Committee on Superior Courts

Statewide Committee on Case Processing Time Standards

Maricopa County Superior Court Committee to select Court Commissioners

Maricopa County Superior Court Committee to select Judge pro tems

Board of Directors at Temple Beth Israel, Scottsdale

President of Temple Beth Israel, Scottsdale

State Bar of Arizona

Admitted to practice in all Arizona State and Federal Courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court

**Rates Information**

\$450.00 per hr. Prep time is billed in addition to time spent in mediation.