



BURCH & CRACCHIOLO



Wendi A. Sorensen

Wendi serves as Chair of the State Bar of Arizona's Board of Legal Specialization, the committee responsible for setting standards and vetting potential certified specialists in Arizona.

Prior to joining Burch & Cracchiolo, Wendi served as Chief Trial Attorney and Major Case Counsel for one of the largest commercial insurance carriers in the world. Wendi is licensed to practice law in Arizona and California.

REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Defense of trucking litigation matters with allegations of conspicuity and logbook violations, FMCSR required maintenance and driving technique
- Products liability matters including vehicular safety system and tire failures, safety cage and seat belt failures, propane explosions, motorized wheelchair incline and balance failures
- Wrongful death and significant injury cases stemming from automobile and motorcycle accidents, construction site injuries, assaults and facility design defects
- Dram shop litigation; hospitality industry litigation including sexual assaults on hotel premises
- Construction site and workplace injuries, including related indemnification, OSHA and workers compensation issues

- Complex injury matters including severe traumatic brain injuries, paralysis, and premature birth allegedly caused by automobile accidents

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Chair, Arizona State Bar Board of Legal Specialization, 2020-present

Chair, Personal Injury Advisory Commission to Board of Legal Specialization, State Bar of Arizona 2015-2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Arizona

State Bar of California

Member, American Board of Trial Advocates, 2016-2019

EDUCATION

- J.D., Arizona State University, 1984
William H. Pedrick Scholar

B.S., Business/Economics and Behavioral Sciences, Westminster College, 1981

- Joseph E. Benedict Outstanding Graduate Award
- Leah Wyer Outstanding Female Graduate Award
- B.F. Skinner Outstanding Behavioral Sciences Graduate Award

ADMITTED IN

Arizona

California

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

United States District Court for the District of Arizona

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Top 25 Women Attorneys in Arizona, *Southwest Super Lawyers*, 2013, 2015-2021

Best Lawyers in America, 2017-2022

Arizona's Finest Lawyers 2011-2021

Most Influential Women in Business in Arizona, Arizona Business Magazine 2015

Southwest Super Lawyers 2012-2021

Arizona Business Magazine Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona, 2014, 2017-2021

Arizona Business Leaders Magazine, Top Lawyers, 2019-2021

ARTICLES

[The B&C Story of Weathering a Global Pandemic: One Law Firm's Resilience Through Service and Integrity](#) – *September 30, 2020*

[Wendi Sorensen on Alcohol and Holiday Parties-Phoenix Business Journal "Ask the Legal Professionals"](#) – *December 01, 2014*

[Wendi Sorensen on Mitigating Your Exposure-Phoenix Business Journal-"Ask the Legal Professionals"](#) – *October 06, 2014*

[B&C's Wendi Sorensen on Worker's Comp Insurance-Phoenix Business Journal-Ask the Legal Professionals](#) – *July 25, 2014*

[B&C's Wendi Sorensen on General Liability-Ask the Legal Professionals](#) – *May 30, 2014*

[Phoenix Business Journal-Ask the Legal Professionals-Premises Liability](#) – *April 02, 2014*

[Ask the Legal Professionals-Phoenix Business Journal-January 2014](#) – *January 31, 2014*

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Presenter, "Pre-suit Strategies for Defending Potential Claims Against Commercial Carriers", Primerus Defense Institute Transportation Seminar
- Seminar Chair, numerous presentations to independent trucking companies on liability law and evidence preservation through the Arizona Trucking Association
- Author, The "Alternative" Practice: ADR as a Means, Not Just an End. Trial Practice: Vol. 5 #2 , Summer, 1994
- State Bar of Arizona, Seminar Lecturer, "Innovative Means in Mediation: Optimizing Your Position"