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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Michele M. Feeney, L.L.C.

October 2010 – Present

Practice: Devoted to mediation, arbitration, and alternative dispute resolution.

Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Director of Trial Advocacy
September 2019–Present

Adjunct Professor
“Creative Writing for Lawyers”
2009 – Present

Adjunct Professor
“Negotiation”
Spring 2024

Legal Writing Consultant

September 2019 – Present

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT:

07/17—09/19: Arizona Legal Center, Director of Curriculum/Supervising Attorney

05/14 —05/16: ASU Alumni Law Group Law Firm, Director of Lawyer Development

08/14—05/17: Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Adjunct Professor, Effective Meeting Management

01/01/09 — 10/31/10: Sherman & Howard, L.L.C., Of Counsel. Practice devoted to mediation, arbitration, and alternative dispute resolution.

Effective January 1, 2009, Mohr, Hackett, Pederson, Blakley & Randolph, P.C. combined with Sherman & Howard, L.L.C., which has offices in Arizona, Colorado, and Nevada.

08/01/01 — 12/31/08: Mohr, Hackett, Pederson, Blakley & Randolph, P.C., Of Counsel and Associate Training Coordinator. Practice devoted to mediation, arbitration, and alternative dispute resolution.

Mohr, Hackett, Pederson, Blakley & Randolph, P.C., formed in 1978, was a full-service law firm with a wide variety of clients.

06/02/01 — 08/01/01: Mahoney, Rigby and Tully, P.C., Of Counsel. Practice devoted to insurance defense litigation.

03/31/97 — 06/01/01: Doyle, Winthrop, P.C., Partner and Associate Training Coordinator. Practice devoted to insurance defense litigation.

05/01/83 — 03/31/97: Mohr, Hackett, Pederson, Blakley & Randolph, P.C., Partner, including several years service on management committee, and Associate Training Coordinator. General litigation practice.

EDUCATION: Bennington (MFA, Dual-Genre: Fiction and Nonfiction, 2022)
Notre Dame Law School (J.D., 1983)
University of Michigan (B.A., Psychology and Communications, 1980)

PERSONAL: Born Port Huron, Michigan, 1959
Married to Matthew P. Feeney since 1984, five children, two granddaughters

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS:

State Bar of Arizona, “A Survey of Mediation and Arbitration,” May 9, 2023.

National Business Institute, Continuing Legal Education Course: “Top Challenges in Negotiating Injury Claims,” March 23, 2023

National Business Institute, Continuing Legal Education Course: “Plaintiff’s Guide: Arizona Personal Injury from Start to Finish,” June 22, 2022

State Bar of Arizona, Continuing Legal Education Course on Professionalism, February 9, 2021

Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, “Build and Refresh Your Writing Skills,” October 10, 2019

Tucson Chapter Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, “Critical Writing Skills Seminar,” January 28, 2019

Property & Liability Resource Bureau, “Appraisal Strategies,” June 14, 2018

Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, A Practical Approach to Mediation, January 10, 2018

State Bar of Arizona, “A Survey of Mediation and Arbitration: A Modest Means Project Series Seminar,” December 13, 2017

State Bar of Arizona Professionalism Course, February 14, 2017

State Bar of Arizona, “Mediation Skills Across Practice Areas,” February 13, 2017

Arizona State Bar, “Good Lawyers Don’t Write Like Lawyers,” Faculty, September 7, 2016

ABA ADR Section, “Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Skills Institute,” Faculty, October 6, 2016

ASU Regional Symposium, Private Arbitration Update, “The Dirty Dozen: 12 Mistakes Arbitrators Make in their Awards,” November 10, 2016.

“Effective Meeting Management,” Arizona State Bar Seminar, June 16, 2016

“Ten Questions to Audit Meeting Citizenship,” Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, September 9, 2015

“Litigation Solo/Small Firm,” Arizona State Bar Presentation, February 10, 2015

“Mediation Failures and Success, War Stories and Teaching Points,” Arizona State Bar Presentation, January 21, 2015

“Mediation from a Plaintiff’s Perspective,” Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, December 10, 2014

University of Arizona College of Medicine, “Journal info Memoir Workshop,” October 9, 2014

Arizona State Bar Convention, panel moderator for ADR section, “An Ethics Update for ADR professionals, and Practice Tips for Achieving Success in Mediation: Blue Highways or the Interstate.” June 11, 2014

Maricopa County Bar Association, “Effective Mediation,” March 2014

Tucson Defense Bar Course, “Success Through Mediation,” January 27, 2014

State Bar of Arizona Course on Professionalism, November 19, 2013

Coconino County Bar Association, “Writing for Mediation: Ten Tips to Writing an Effective Mediation Statement,” November 8, 2013

Arizona Association of Defense Counsel (AADC) Seminar, “Top Ten Conundrums in Mediation,” May 10, 2012

Arizona Association for Conflict Resolution Seminar, “Mediating Elder Law Cases: For Baby Boomers and their Parents – Issues of Aging Are Here to Stay: Are We All Ready?” February 23, 2012

State Bar Seminar, “Evaluating the Personal Injury Case,” June 17, 2011

Maricopa County Bar Association, “Whatever Happened to Atticus Finch?” May 17, 2011

NBI Seminar, “Medical Malpractice: Keys to Pretrial Success,” April 15, 2011

SELECTED LEGAL PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

2024 Southwest Super Lawyerslist Recipient

Southwest Super Lawyers, Top 5% of Attorneys in the Southwest- 2022-Present

Super Lawyers, Top Rated Alternative Dispute Resolution Attorney, 2021- Present
Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2021-Present

Best Lawyers in America, 2004-Present

Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2004-Present

Arizona’s Finest Lawyers, 2010-Present

Mentor Program Co-Chair, 2012-Present

Arizona’s Finest Lawyers, Board of Directors, December 2017-present

AADC Program “Ladder Down: Women Helping Women Climb the Ladder of Success,” Participant 2013, Sponsor 2014-present

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Executive Committee, State Bar of Arizona, 2010-Present

Section Chair 2011-2012

Vice Chair 2010-2011

Secretary, 2017-present

American Arbitration Association, Panel of Neutrals, 2004-Present

SELECTED WRITING MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

Literary Society of the Valley, Board of Directors, 2019 – Present

Arizona Attorney Magazine, Fiction Contest Winner, 2006, 2013, 2015 and 2019

Cutthroat, A Journal of the Arts Barry Lopez Creative Nonfiction Contest Finalist 2018

Tucson Festival of Books Panel Moderator, 2018 and 2019

Editorial Board, Narrative Magazine, 2017-present
Bear River Writers Conference, 2010-2012
Writing by Writers Conference, October 2016, April 2017
Key West Literary Festival Writing Workshop, January 2017
“Contributor,” Bread Loaf Writing Conference, Ripton Vermont
August 12-22, 2015, Fiction
August 16-26, 2017, Non-Fiction
August 15-25, 2018, Non-Fiction
August 14-24, 2019, Fiction
August 16-26, 2022, Non-Fiction
Piper Writer’s Studio Class, Fall 2013 and Spring 2014, “Writing for the Busy Parent and Professional: Lessons Learned about Creativity, Craft and Commitment”

SELECTED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES:

Phoenix Art Museum, Board of Trustees, August 2022 – Present
Valley of the Sun United Way Bench and Bar Donor Circle, 2021-Present
Founding Member, 2021-Present
Valley of the Sun United Way Tocqueville Society and Major Gifts Committee, 2021-Present
Co-Chair, 2021-Present
Brophy College Preparatory High School, Board of Regents, April 2020 – Present
Brophy College Preparatory High School, Project Graduation Committee, 2019
Brophy College Preparatory High School, Basketball team Mom (Freshman, JV, and Varsity),
2016-present
The Challenge Foundation Board of Directors, June 2017 – Present
Literary & Prologue Society of the Southwest Advisory Board, May 2016 – Present
All Saints Episcopal Day School
Board of Trustees, May 2008 – May 2016
Executive Committee, Secretary and Governance Committee Chair,
May 2009-May 2011
School Security Task Force, 2012-Present
Enrollment Management Committee Chair, May 2011-2016
Athletics Task Force, 2011-2016
Development Committee, 2013-2016
All Saints Episcopal Day School Parent Association
President, 2007-2008
American Heart Association, Heart Ball Committee, 2011-2013
Childsplay, Childsplay Gala Committee, Spring 2013 and Spring 2014
Snell & Wilmer, Book Club Co-Chair, Spring 2013 – present
Attorneys’ Liability Assurance Society, Book Club Committee Co-Chair, 2009-Present
Boys’ Team Charities, 2009-2014
Den Leader, Cub Scouts, Pack 107, 2005-2011
Chair, Dedication of Sandra Day O’Connor House at Arizona Historical Society Museum Event,
April 2009-October 2009
National Charity League, 2004-2009
Xavier College Preparatory School Mothers Guild, 2002-2009

PUBLISHED WORKS:

“Like Family” accepted for publication by Black Rose Writing, August 2024
“Officer Lee,” accepted for publication by Bear River Review, June 2023
“Planning for Success in Online Mediation,” Arizona Attorney Magazine, November 2020
“Homeplace,” Arizona Attorney Magazine, Fiction Contest Winner, Publication Date: May 2019
“Sharing Rus,” Cutthroat, A Journal of the Arts Barry Lopez Creative Nonfiction Contest Finalist 2018,
Publication Date: March 2019
“The Marathon,” Bear River Review, 2018
“The Right Thing,” Arizona Attorney Magazine, May 2017
“Deep Work: Rules for Focused Success in a Distracted World,” Book Review, Arizona Association of
Defense Counsel Magazine, Spring 2017
“Car Talk,” University of Arizona ChArt Journal, April 2017
“He’s My Son,” Bear River Review, May 2017
“A Satisfying Conversation,” Bear River Review, May 2016
“Enough,” Bear River Review, May 2015
“Boat Night,” Arizona Attorney Magazine, May 2010
“Moses’ Basket,” Arizona Attorney Magazine, May 2006
“Perfect Order,” Toasted Cheese, June 2006
“No Good Reason,” Toasted Cheese, June 2007 and Arizona Attorney Magazine, May 2014
“Choosing,” Quality Fiction, July 2007
Nonfiction Articles, Raising Arizona Kids, 2007 — 2015