

MICHELE M. FEENEY

Mediator • Arbitrator • Neutral

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Michele M. Feeney, LLC — Phoenix, Arizona

Founder; full-time mediator and arbitrator

October 2001 – Present

Practice devoted to mediation, arbitration, and alternative dispute resolution.

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

Director of Trial Advocacy

September 2019 – Present

Professor — Negotiation

Spring 2024 – Present

Professor — Creative Writing for Lawyers

2009 – Present

Legal Writing Consultant

September 2019 – Present

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Arizona Legal Center — Director of Curriculum, Supervising Attorney

2017 – 2019

ASU Alumni Law Group Law Firm — Director of Lawyer Development

2014 – 2016

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

2014 – 2017

Adjunct Professor, Effective Meeting Management; Adjunct Professor, Creative Writing for Lawyers.

Sherman & Howard, L.L.C. — Of Counsel

2009 – 2010

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.

Mohr, Hackett, Pederson, Blakley & Randolph, P.C. — Of Counsel

2001 – 2008

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.

Mahoney, Rigby and Tully, P.C. — Of Counsel

2001

Practice devoted to tort litigation.

Doyle, Winthrop, P.C. — Partner; Associate Training Coordinator

1997 – 2001

Practice devoted to medical malpractice and tort litigation.

Mohr, Hackett, Pederson, Blakley & Randolph, P.C. — Partner

1983 – 1997

Several years' service on management committee; Associate Training Coordinator. General litigation practice.

EDUCATION

Bennington — M.F.A., 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, three granddaughters.

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

State Bar of Arizona, Survey of Mediation and Arbitration, April 29, 2026

National Business Institute, Continuing Legal Education Course: “Negotiating with ‘Hardline’ Insurance Adjusters,” February 2, 2026

Arizona Attorney General, Writing Workshops for Practicing Lawyers, Summer 2024

National Business Institute, “Mastering Lien Negotiation and Resolution in Personal Injury Cases,” December 6, 2023

National Business Institute and State Bar of Arizona, “A Survey of Mediation and Arbitration,” May 9, 2023

Judicial Clerks Writing Workshop, Summer 2023

Righi Fitch Law Group, Writing Workshops for Practicing Lawyers, Spring 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

Richards & Moskowitz, PLC, Writing Workshops for Practicing Lawyers, Spring 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 & ACTIVITIES

- Best Lawyers in America (2004 – Present); Alternative Dispute Resolution (2004 – Present)
- American Arbitration Association, Panel of Neutrals (2004 – Present)
- Southwest Super Lawyers, Top 5% of Attorneys in the Southwest (2022 – 2026)
- Super Lawyers, Top Rated Alternative Dispute Resolution Attorney (2021 – 2026); Alternative Dispute Resolution (2021 – 2026)
- 2024 National Business Institute, Recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Award
- Arizona’s Finest Lawyers (2010 – 2020); Mentor Program Co-Chair (2012); Board of Directors (December 2017 – 2020)
- 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)

SELECTED WRITING MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

- Desert Nights, Rising Stars Writing Conference, Faculty (2025)
- Tucson Festival of Books, Panelist and NonFiction Award Recipient (March 2025); Panel Moderator (2018, 2019)
- Literary Society of the Valley, Board of Directors (2019 – 2025)
- Arizona Authors Association, Member (2026 – Present)
- Arizona Attorney Magazine, Fiction Contest Winner (2006, 2013, 2015, 2019)
- Cutthroat, A Journal of the Arts, Barry Lopez Creative Nonfiction Contest Finalist (2018)
- Editorial Board, Narrative Magazine (2017 – Present)
- Bear River Writers Conference (2010 – 2024)
- 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

- Capital Campaign Co-Chair, Phoenix Symphony (2024 – 2025)
- Phoenix Art Museum Board of Trustees (August 2022 – Present); Chair, Nominating and Governance Committee (Summer 2025); Gala Co-Chair (2024)
- Valley of the Sun United Way Bench and Bar Donor Circle, Founding Member (2021 – Present)
- Valley of the Sun United Way Tocqueville Society and Major Gifts Committee, 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 – 2020)
- The Challenge Foundation Board of Directors (June 2017 – 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 Gala Committee (Spring 2013, 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 Home, novel — scheduled for publication by Black Rose Writing, September 2026

Like Family, novel — published by Black Rose Writing, August 15, 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)