



## Condemnation Summit XX Speaker Bios (Presentation Order) May 19, 2017

Chris Kramer's practice at Gust Rosenfeld P.L.C. emphasizes eminent domain litigation, primarily the representation of condemning authorities. He has handled projects including major urban freeway corridors, such as the Red Mountain and Sky Harbor freeways; traffic interchanges; roadway expansions such as State Route 179 through Oak Creek and Sedona; and has condemned property throughout Arizona for roads, bridges, transit (including light rail), flood control, parks, wetlands, airports, public buildings, and utilities. Mr. Kramer's practice includes assisting clients with right of way and property valuation issues arising during a project, from design through completion. These issues may include such matters as obtaining right of way clearances; utility prior rights; relocation assistance; compliance with federal and state regulations; coordination with other stakeholders and governmental entities; and preparation of appropriate documentation.

Jennifer Cranston has three primary practice areas: real estate disputes involving condemnation and valuation issues; insurance coverage analysis and bad faith litigation; and public utility issues. Jennifer's goal in representing her clients is to provide valuable services and reach cost-effective resolutions. She has successfully negotiated favorable settlements for many, and also has experience representing clients at hearings, in arbitrations, at trial, and on appeal. Her trial experience includes representation of landowners who obtained two of the largest condemnation verdicts in the history of Arizona.

*Paul Stoller* is a shareholder at Gallagher & Kennedy in Phoenix. His practice focuses on complex litigation, including class actions, product and professional liability, and commercial cases. Paul graduated cum laude from the University of Notre Dame with a B.A. in philosophy in 1992 and summa cum laude and Order of the Coif from the University of Arizona School of Law in 1995. He is presently a member of the State Bar Civil Practice and Procedure Committee, Class Actions and Derivative Suits Committee, and Fee Arbitration Committee. Paul has been a Judge Pro Tempore of the Maricopa County Superior Court since 2006. His recent publications include "Assisting Clients with Cyber Security in the Age of Big Data Breach," Arizona Business Lawyer (2016); "Cybersecurity Preparedness," Arizona Attorney Magazine (2015); "Practice Protection: Documenting the Client Relationship," Arizona Attorney Magazine (2014).

Cassandra Ayres joined Beus Gilbert in 2008 and is a Member of the Firm. Ms. Ayres represents clients in zoning and land use matters, as well as real estate litigation involving zoning, entitlement, land use and condemnation claims, including constitutional and tax issues. She has been involved in numerous cases concerning many of the most high-profile issues in one of the nation's most dynamic real estate communities.

**Dale Zeitlin** has extensive experience in eminent domain and valuation litigation in Arizona, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and California. He specializes in representing property owners who are being deprived of their property rights through condemnation or eminent domain and in other disputes over





the valuation and taking of real property, including litigation over the value of real property in deficiency actions and in appraisal malpractice cases.

**G. Lawrence Schubart** graduated in 1969 from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. After two years in the United States Army, he received his *Juris Doctor* in 1974 from Villanova University School of Law. He joined Stubbs & Schubart, P.C. in 1981 and is a partner.

Jeffrey Will of Will Architects graduated from Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture in 1974, carrying on the legacy of Wright's commitment to the preservation of natural surroundings. He and his talented team strive to enhance and compliment the natural environment around his design, while still generating innovation and invention in every project. Before beginning Will Architects, Will was the vice president and a principal at Peter A. Lendrum Associates in Phoenix, Arizona and the project manager at Taliesin Associated Architects of The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation in Scottsdale, Arizona from 1975 through 1977. He has been named by the NAIOP as Architect of the Year in 1994 and again in 2000. In 2007, Will received the highest achievable honor from the City of Chandler called the Architectural Benchmark Award for Kovach, Inc.

**William "Bill" Jameson** currently serves as chief counsel of the Transportation Section of the Arizona Attorney General's Office. He has been with the Transportation Section, which provides legal advice and representation to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), for 30 years. He previously served as Condemnation Unit chief counsel and has represented ADOT in eminent domain litigation, construction contract disputes, and various right of way matters.

Honorable Andrew W. Gould was appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court in 2017 after serving 5 years on Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals. Prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeals, Justice Gould spent 11 years as a Judge of the Superior Court in Yuma County, where he served as both Associate Presiding Judge and Presiding Judge. He received his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law in 1990. He began his legal career in Phoenix, Arizona, practicing in the field of civil litigation. In 1994, he became a Deputy County Attorney, prosecuting major criminal cases for Yuma and Maricopa Counties. He served as Chief Civil Deputy for the Yuma County Attorney's Office from 1999-2001. Justice Gould has previously served on the Arizona Supreme Court Commission on Technology, as the President of the Arizona Judges' Association, and has taught at the Judicial Conference and New Judge Orientations. Justice Gould currently sits as the Chair on the Committee on Judicial Ethics and Training and as a member of the Glendale Judicial Selection Board.

*Eric Anderson* is Transportation Director for the Maricopa Association of Governments. Mr. Anderson is responsible for transportation planning for the region including the implementation of Proposition 400, the region's transportation sales tax funding plan. Prior to joining MAG, Mr. Anderson was responsible for regional growth projections and demographic analysis including population, employment and housing projections for the region. He has also developed and implemented financial strategies to fund large public sector projects including the Regional Freeway Program and Chase Field. Mr. Anderson is member of the Urban Land Institute Arizona Advisory Board, Lambda Alpha International, and the board of directors of the Arizona Transit Association. Mr. Anderson holds a M.S. in Economics from Arizona State University.





Albert Santana has worked for the City of Phoenix since 1997. He has worked in the City Manager's Office since 2007 and currently serves as the Assistant to the City Manager. In this role, he is responsible for the oversight of the City's light rail program. These areas include construction/project management, transit oriented development, operations, acquisitions, business assistance, planning, and community relations. This coordination involves approximately 47 miles of high capacity transit (light rail and streetcar) in Phoenix. He is also responsible for the City of Phoenix light rail capital and operating budget and recently oversaw the Light Rail Northwest Extension capital project which included a \$326 million budget, along with supervising the METRO Rail and City of Phoenix operations budgets.

Myrlene Francis is the Right of Way Manager for the Southern Arizona Division of Tierra Right of Way Services, Ltd. She has 21 years of experience in public Right of Way Management, beginning her career with the Town of Marana Public Works Department in 1996. In 2007, Myrlene joined the Tierra Team to manage the completion of the Acquisition and Relocation activities for the first RTA delivered project, the Twin Peaks Traffic Interchange. Myrlene obtained her Senior Right of Way Agent (SR/WA) Designation from the International Right of Way Association (IRWA) in October 2010. Over the past 10 years, Myrlene has supported the delivery of 14 of the 20 Pima County RTA funded projects listed in the first and second period of the RTA "Our Mobility" Program. Myrlene now focuses on the management of Tierra's Southern Arizona Right of Way Division including business development, project management, and the implementation of complex projects under the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (Uniform Act).

Honorable Jennifer Campbell was appointed to the Yavapai County Superior Court, Division 2 in 2011 by Governor Jan Brewer. Upon taking the bench she was assigned the most diverse calendar of any in the superior court. She was given the responsibility to conduct all criminal initial appearances, all mental health cases, a portion of the cases filed in the Verde Valley in the area of civil, domestic, criminal and probate law. She was also tasked with presiding over the weekly Verde Early Disposition Court and both juvenile and adult drug and DUI courts. Since taking the bench, Judge Campbell has, in partnership with the Adult Probation Department, created a new, more responsive probation program called Project S.A.F.E. in an effort to hold people placed on probation more accountable. She continues to look for ways to improve the portion of the court system to which she has been entrusted by building partnerships with other departments and utilizing community resources. She also serves on the state-wide Publications Editorial Advisory Board. Judge Campbell graduated from Colorado State University in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in political science and received her law degree from University of Texas School of Law.

Honorable Richard E. Gordon is a Pima County Superior Court Judge. Judge Gordon was appointed by Governor Jan Brewer and took the bench in August 2009. He served on the Civil Bench until October 2012 (including as its presiding judge), served on the Juvenile Bench for the next three years, and returned to the Civil Bench in January 2016. Before his appointment, Judge Gordon worked at the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) from 1998 to 2009 in its Appellate and Civil Sections. Before joining the USAO, he practiced at the Arizona Attorney General's Office and for the private civil law firm of Snell & Wilmer. Judge Gordon graduated from the University of Arizona – now the James E.





Rogers School of Law – in 1992. He clerked for both the Honorable Stanley G. Feldman (the Arizona Supreme Court) and the late Honorable William D. Browning (the United States District Court for the District of Arizona). He lives in Tucson with his wife and two teenage sons.

Honorable Robert Oberbillig was appointed to the Maricopa County Superior Court in September 1998 and has rotated through assignments in Civil, Criminal, Family, and Juvenile court and returned to the Civil Assignment in June 2008 and on April 1, 2010 became the Civil Presiding Judge until January 2013, when he returned to a regular Civil Assignment. Judge Oberbillig has served as the designated Settlement Judge for the Civil Department since July, 2009 and has conducted several hundred settlement conferences in that role. Before his appointment to the Bench, Judge Oberbillig was a civil practitioner for 16 years and previously a Partner at Snell & Wilmer and Doyle, Winthrop, Oberbillig & West, P.C., with an emphasis in both tort and commercial litigation.

**Doug Estes** has been appraising commercial properties in the State of Arizona since 1993. His appraisal experience has been with a wide variety of property types including many types of land, commercial and industrial buildings, residential subdivisions, multi-family residential projects and others. He has completed appraisals for a variety of uses, such as litigation, eminent domain, mortgage underwriting, tax reporting, real estate tax appeal, asset management and others. His services have included appraisals, appraisal review, litigation support and expert witness testimony. He has completed assignments for private parties, corporations, attorneys, accountants, title companies, insurance companies, utility companies, governmental agencies (federal, state, municipal, county and tribal) and others. Over the last 15 years, his specialty has been appraisals for use in acquisition and/or eminent domain proceedings, for both governmental agencies and property owners. He has completed hundreds of appraisals of properties for that use, many of which have been partial acquisitions. Mr. Estes is a Certified General Real Estate Appraiser in the State of Arizona and holds the MAI designation of the Appraisal Institute and the SR/WA designation of the International Right of Way Association. He is also active in the International Right to Way Association serving on the Kachina Chapter Executive Board from 2006-2009 and Chapter President in 2008. He has been an instructor for IRWA Course 403, Easement Valuation.

Charles Grombacher is a program manager at Overland, Pacific, & Cutler, Inc. where he responsible for the management of critical paths for right of way projects. He has over 35 years of experience in real property and eminent domain law including public acquisition and relocation assistance services. He is an expert in commercial and industrial acquisition and complex relocation issues, and has provided acquisition and relocation assistance services for the Arizona, California and Nevada Departments of Transportation. Mr. Grombacher has defended complex business relocation suits as counsel and has provided expert consulting services in several relocation suits. Past projects include Task Lead for right of way services for Phase I and Program Manager for NDOT's Project Neon, a freeway improvement project that addresses short and long-term transportation needs for the I-15 corridor, Program Manager for the Centennial Corridor Project in Central California, and Delivery Manager for California High Speed Rail Projects. Mr. Grombacher is licensed to practice law in Arizona, Minnesota, and Illinois, and is a licensed real estate broker in Arizona. While a majority of his acquisition and relocation work has been performed under the URA for transportation, housing, and LPA projects, he has also acquired both transmission and distribution easements for electrical utilities.





**Russell Yurk** is an AV-rated lawyer whose practice focuses on professional liability, lawyer discipline, and complex civil litigation. He regularly represents lawyers and other professionals in professional liability and discipline matters. Mr. Yurk serves on the Arizona Supreme Court Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, and was a long-time member of the State Bar of Arizona's Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct. He has spoken at more than 80 seminars on professional conduct and ethics, is an adjunct professor of law at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, and is a contributing author of Arizona Legal Ethics Handbook (3d edition).