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Areas of Practice:

Automobile Liability Defense
General Civil Litigation
Insurance Coverage & Third-Party Liability
Premises Liability

Industries Served:

Insurance
Recreation & Amusement
Retail & Hospitality
Transportation

Annelise focuses her practice in the areas of general civil litigation, insurance defense, bad faith litigation, premises liability, and automobile liability defense. Before joining JSH, she worked for three years at two Valley law firms, gaining legal experience in matters involving a variety of defense issues, including product liability, medical malpractice, construction, breach of contract, wage garnishment, the Fair Credit Reporting Act and Equal Credit Opportunity Act, wrongful death and personal injury, toxic tort, fiduciary duties, negligence, and general commercial litigation in both Arizona state and federal courts. She also has experience in appeals, arbitration, Chapter 7 adversary proceedings, and transactional matters, including Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and FINRA.

During law school, Annelise gained significant legal experience with multiple internships. She worked as a judicial extern to the Honorable John C. Gemmill at the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, where she drafted memorandum decisions on felony and juvenile offenses. As an Extern for Arizona State University's Office of General Counsel, Annelise focused on contract, copyright, free speech, employment, and assignability issues. She also completed the Lodestar Mediation Clinic and served as a mediator in civil (non-family) cases at both the Maricopa County Justice Courts and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She was a legal intern in the Legal Department of Rural/Metro Corporation focusing on commercial transactions, health care, HIPAA, contract drafting and negotiation, alternative dispute resolution, employment law, and due diligence for Envision Healthcare's acquisition of Rural/Metro.

Graduating from the W.P. Carey School of Business at ASU with a degree in Business Communication and minor in English, Annelise earned a Barrett Honors College Certificate and the Dean's Award all four years. She served as the Public Relations Officer of the Honors Devils and on the Programming and Activities Board as Vice President at ASU West.

Annelise is also active in the community, serving on the Board of Directors of the Arizona Hispanic Bar Association, Los Abogados, since 2022.

In her free time, Annelise enjoys watching college football, learning confectionery art, crocheting and cycling.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Defended employer against a National Labor Relations Board 8(a)(1) concerted activities charge until the regional director withdrew the charge without issuing a complaint.
- Represented clients at hearings in Maricopa County Superior Court, creditors' meetings in Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona to question the debtor, and in judgment debtor's examinations.
- Defended clients in toxic tort cases with large number of defendants.
- Drafted appellate briefs for filing in the Arizona Court of Appeals and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals related to insurance bad faith and breach of contract.
- Researched legal issues arising out of liquidated damages, judicial estoppel, EAJA, FRCP 60(b) standard of review application, bad faith, judicial dissolution of limited liability companies, wrongful termination, lien claims, ownership in limited liability companies, A.R.S. §§ 38-431-431.09, and other contract issues.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a moving equipment and storage rental company in a negligence action brought by a renter who claimed damages and emotional distress damages before the Commercial Tribunal of the American Arbitration Association. Strategically using police records, information from the National Crime Information Center database, and the claimant's deposition testimony, the summary judgment motion argued that there is no duty to report that property previously reported as stolen has been recovered, and the arbitrator agreed, entering judgment in favor of the client.
- Assisted in obtaining a favorable settlement after the Court granted a complete judgment of dismissal of an insurance coverage dispute seeking more than \$700,000 in damages, plus bad faith and punitive damages. The strategy resolved the matter entirely for the client and avoided a lengthy and costly Ninth Circuit appellate proceeding filed by the plaintiff.
- Prosecuted and obtained permanent injunction, damages, and attorneys' fees and costs against client's former employee who photographed and published confidential and proprietary information, including social security numbers, medical information and attorney-client correspondence.
- Defended and secured summary judgment in favor of a debt collection agency against a Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) claim. Consumer alleged that the client used improper debt collection practices and failed to use proper disclosures in violation of the FDCPA. The successful summary judgment motion proved that the consumer's claims were both legally and factually unsupported.
- Assisted multi-office attorney team to prevent the implementation of a receiver and attempted foreclosure of client's newly developed recycling plant in Arizona. The team identified numerous suspicious financial transactions involving parties in several countries that were funneled through Miami entities, which led to the filing of a counterclaim alleging fraud, Civil RICO claims, and various business torts, in the existing Arizona action. That and a potential Federal Lawsuit to be brought in Miami against several related parties who resided both in the United States, and in Colombia, Venezuela, and the Dominican Republic, quickly led to a favorable settlement for the client.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Arizona Women Lawyers Association
 - Board of Directors member, 2022
 - Membership Committee, Co-Chair, 2022
 - Member, 2016-present
- Los Abogados, Arizona's Hispanic Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch®*, Insurance Law, 2023-2024
- *Southwest Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, Civil Litigation: Defense, 2023-2024

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- *Understanding the Definition of "Celebrity": A Response to the Proposed Public Policy Rationales for Enhanced Celebrity Protection Against Paparazzi and Invasion of Privacy*, 4 ARIZ. ST. SPORTS & ENT. L.J. 349-55 (Spring 2015).

EDUCATION

Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, J.D., 2016

Arizona State University, W.P. Carey School of Business, B.A., *summa cum laude*, Business Communication, 2013

Barrett Honors College Certificate; Dean's List; Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society; Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BAR ADMISSIONS

Arizona, 2017

Arizona Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, District of Arizona

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit