



## JOSH SNELL

### PARTNER

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#### Areas of Practice:

Bad Faith & Extra-Contractual Liability  
Insurance Coverage & Third-Party Liability  
Premises Liability  
Wrongful Death & Personal Injury Defense

#### Industries Served:

Government & Public Entities  
Insurance  
Retail & Hospitality

Josh Snell concentrates his practice on insurance coverage and bad faith, commercial litigation, personal injury defense and retail law.

#### Case Results:

- [Obtained Unanimous Defense Verdict in 30 Minutes After 6-Day Jury Trial Involving Bad Faith Claims.](#) *Newton v. GEICO Automobile Insurance*, January 2018
- [Obtained Favorable Opinion from the Arizona Supreme Court in Products Liability Case.](#) *Watts v. Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation*, January 2016
- [Obtained Defense Verdict After 22-Day Trial Involving Claims of Bad Faith and Punitive Damages.](#) *Barbara Sloan v. Farmers Insurance Company of Arizona, Farmers Insurance Exchange, and Farmers Group, Inc.*, July 2012



#### CIVIC & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

- Communities in Schools of Arizona, Board of Directors, 2005-2013
- Salvation Army, Board of Directors

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel, Member
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, Board of Directors, 2013-2017; Young Lawyers Division, Board of Directors, 2009-2010
- Defense Research Institute, Vice-Chair, Substantive Liaison for Workers' Compensation Committee, 2009-2013; State Legislative Liaison, 2009-2011; Young Lawyers Steering Committee Member, 2010-2011

#### PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- *Chambers USA*, Band 2 Ranking – Insurance Defense, 2021
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*, Civil Litigation, 2015-2020, 2023-2024
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation – Insurance, 2020-2024; Insurance Law, 2021-2024; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants; 2021-2024
- Peer review rating of 5.0 out of 5.0 by Martindale-Hubbell

#### PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- "Overview of Arizona Law: Liability & Risk Transfer for Contractors," a private training for a specialty property, casualty insurance and surety bond company, September 2021

- “Lessons Learned Post-COVID From Insurer & Defense Counsel Perspective,” Co-Presenter, EC Defense Network, Webinar, April 2021
- [“Best Practices for a Successful Deposition: Mastering Communications with the Insured,”](#) Co-Presenter, EC Defense Network Webinar Series, June 2020
- “Fire Science Litigation,” Presenter, Arizona Paralegal Association, October 2018
- “Employee Dishonesty: Navigating the Unknown,” Co-Presenter, PLRB Claims Conference & Insurance Service Expo, April 2018
- “Adjusting Bodily Injury and Wrongful Death Claims,” Co-Presenter, PLRB Claims Conference & Insurance Service Expo, April 2018
- “Adjusting Bodily Injury and Wrongful Death Claims,” Co-Presenter, 2017 PLRB Claims Conference, March 2017
- “Ethical Issues for Insurance Adjusters,” Co-Presenter, Rimkus’ Sixth Annual Arizona CE Seminar, September 2016
- “Adjusting Bodily Injury and Wrongful Death Claims,” Presenter, Property and Liability Resource Bureau Claims Conference and Insurance Service Expo, April 2016
- “Wrongful Death,” Co-Presenter, Property and Liability Resource Bureau, January 2016
- “Best Practices to Avoid Extra Contractual Exposure,” Co-Presenter, Central Claim Executives Association, May 2015
- “How to Avoid the Hot Seat: Good Claims Handling in Arizona,” Presenter, 2014 JSH Annual Seminar: It’s All Fun and Games Until Someone Gets Hurt, November 2014
- “Your Claims Questions Answered by Our Panel of Legal Experts!” Panel Member, Arizona Insurance Claims Association, July 2014
- “Advice for New Associates From a Partner’s Perspective,” Presenter, AADC YLD, April 2014
- “Retail, Restaurant and Hospitality Guide to Arizona Premises Liability,” Co-Author, USLAW Compendium, February 2014
- “The Perfect Claims File,” Presenter, Arizona Security Directors Association, December 2013
- “Reservation of Rights, Time Limits Demand and Damron and Morris,” Presenter, JSH Seminar, October 2013
- [“Reservation of Rights,”](#) Co-Author, Arizona DRI Compendium, 2013
- “The Role of a Law Firm Partner and How That Role Is Evolving,” Presenter, ABA Law Student Division 15th Circuit Meeting at ASU, March 2, 2013
- “Arizona Law: Tell Me Something I Didn’t Know” JSH Webinar, January 2013 – [Click here to view recording](#)
- “Coveting Thy Neighbor’s Employee Could Prove Very Costly,” Author, *JSH Reporter*, Winter 2008
- “Arizona Supreme Court Denies Bar Admission to Convicted Murderer,” Author, *JSH Reporter*, Winter 2005

## EDUCATION

Baylor University School of Law, J.D., 2001

Grand Canyon University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1996

## BAR ADMISSIONS

Arizona, 2002

Texas (Inactive), 2001

U.S. District Court, District of Arizona