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Areas of Practice:
Medical Liability & Health Care

Industries Served:
Insurance
Manufacturers
Medical Service Providers
Professional Service Providers

With almost 50 years of experience, Russ Skelton focuses his practice in the areas of medical malpractice defense. He currently serves as the firm's co-chair of the Medical Malpractice and Health Care Trial Group.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Obtained unanimous defense verdict in 8-day jury trial, where Plaintiff alleged medical malpractice and \$3-million in damages arising from a complex spinal reconstruction surgery. *Beckett v. Crandall*, November 2016. Maricopa County Superior Court.
- Obtained unanimous defense verdict for surgeon in \$3-million medical malpractice case, where jury deliberated for 10 minutes following the 8-day jury trial. *Confidential matter*. November 2019. Maricopa County Superior Court.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- [American Board of Trial Advocates](#), Member
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, Member
- Arizona State Bar, Committee on Character and Fitness, Past Member
- International Association of Defense Counsel, Past Member

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & AWARDS

For more than 30 years, Russ has earned the distinction of being AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Since 1995, he has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*® in the areas of Medical Malpractice Law—Defendants and Workers' Compensation Law—Employers. Since 2007, he has been recognized by *Southwest Super Lawyers*. In 2016, Russ was named to *AzBusiness Magazine's* "Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona" list.

EDUCATION

University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, J.D., 1969

University of Arizona, B.S., 1966

BAR ADMISSIONS

Arizona

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, District of Arizona

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit