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Main Bio

Jeff Willis has a regional commercial litigation practice. He regularly appears in Federal and State Courts in Arizona, Nevada and California. He has tried many cases to verdict before juries and judges for more than forty years. He has also handled a wide variety of other disputes and arbitrations. Jeff is an experienced trial lawyer representing sophisticated clients in a variety of matters before courts and juries in the Southwest.

Education

- Washington and Lee University (J.D., cum laude)
 - Note and Comment Editor, Washington and Lee Law Review
- Northern Arizona University (B.A., Honors)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- State Bar of Arizona
 - President (2018-2019)
 - Board of Governors (2002-2007; 2013-2020)
- Arizona Justice Project, Board of Directors (2015-present)
- James E. Rogers School of Law, University of Arizona
 - Adjunct Professor, Advanced Trial Advocacy (2013-2016)
 - Faculty of Practice, Innovations for Justice (2019)
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation, Arizona State Chair (2009-2014)
- American Bar Association
 - Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary (2020-present)
 - House of Delegates (2004-2008; 2019-present)
 - Arizona State Delegate (2019-present)
 - Section of Litigation
 - Access to Justice Committee, Co-Chair (2007-2009)
 - Legal Services Training Committee, Co-Chair (2004-2007)
- Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education, Board of Directors (2004-2010)

- National Conference of Lawyers and CPAs (2007-2010)
- Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, Executive Committee (1998-2001)
- District of Arizona Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference (1996-2001), Chair (1997-1998)
- Federal Bar Association, Tucson Chapter/President (1996-1997)
- American Inns of Court

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[2020 Best Lawyers](#)," Media Mention, Tucson Lifestyle Magazine (July 2020)
- "[Mission Driven - New State Bar President Jeff Willis](#)," Profiled, Arizona Attorney (July/August 2018)
- "Book Review: A Space Traveler's Guide to Business Litigation," 51 Ariz. St. L.J. 427 (2019)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Banking and Finance Law (2021-2024), Bet-the-Company Litigation (2001-2024), Commercial Litigation (2001-2024), Litigation - Banking and Finance (2020-2024)
 - Tucson Lawyer of the Year, Bet-the-Company Litigation (2009, 2016)
 - Tucson Lawyer of the Year, Banking and Finance Law (2022)
- Southwest Super Lawyers®, Business Litigation (2007-2009, 2011-2020, 2022-2024)
- Snell & Wilmer Mentor Award (2020)
- Benchmark Litigation, Local Litigation Star – Arizona, Antitrust, FCPA and Enforcement, General Commercial, Insurance, International Arbitration, Securities (2013, 2016-2018)
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Business Edition, Bet-the-Company (2012)
- Lawdragon Top 3000 Leading Lawyers in America (2010-2011)
- Arizona's Finest Lawyers
- Distinguished Service Award, Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit (2001)

Community Involvement

- Northern Arizona University Foundation, Board of Directors (2005-2020)
 - Chair (2017-2019)
- Patronato San Xavier, Board of Directors (2007-present)
- COPE Community Services, Board of Directors (2005-2011)
- Tucson Citizens' Commission on Public Service and Compensation (2009, 2011, 2017)

Previous Professional Experience

- Streich Lang, P.A., Director and Partner, Phoenix and Tucson, AZ
- vom Baur, Coburn, Simmons and Turtle, Associate, Washington, DC

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- California
- Colorado

- District of Columbia
- Hawaii
- Nevada
- Virginia (inactive)

Court Admissions

- All State and Federal Courts in Arizona
- All State and Federal Courts in California
- All State and Federal Courts in Colorado
- All State and Federal Courts in District of Columbia
- All State and Federal Courts in Hawaii
- All State and Federal Courts in Nevada
- United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- United States Supreme Court