



2010 LAWYERS OF THE YEAR

BEST LAWYERS HAS NAMED INDIVIDUALS AS
LAWYERS OF THE YEAR IN ARIZONA,
BASED ON THEIR PARTICULARLY HIGH LEVEL OF
PEER RECOGNITION.

Brett L. Dunkelman

Osborn Maledon

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Growing up, friends and family told Brett L. Dunkelman that he ought to become a lawyer, but Dunkelman had other ideas.

He studied religion as an undergraduate, and later pored over literature in graduate school. He taught English, coached track and even helped a team of engineers put their technical ideas on paper during the early days of his career.

"Then I finally realized that what I really wanted to do was to go to law school," he says.

Dunkelman earned his JD from the University of Arizona in 1980, and clerked for judges during his first two years out of law school, including Justice William H. Rehnquist, then of the United States Supreme Court.

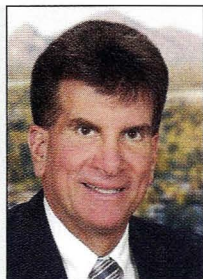
Dunkelman fell into intellectual property while working as an antitrust lawyer in the early 1980s. Since then, IP cases have become an ever-growing part of Dunkelman's practice.

"Being a lawyer requires that you be a problem solver. I find this type of law intellectually stimulating, fresh and new. I can't imagine doing anything else," Dunkelman says.

Dunkelman says that IP cases afford him opportunities to learn different about types of businesses and technologies. He has handled cases involving pharmaceuticals, medical products and computer systems. In addition to the ever-changing challenges of his work, Dunkelman's firm has played an important role in his positive career experience.

"Osborn Maledon is a very egalitarian place. Since it's nonhierarchical, we have a consensus-oriented management style," he says. "I wouldn't want to work with anyone else."

—Ashley Cisneros



David Burr Udall

Udall Law Firm

PERSONAL INJURY LITIGATION

There aren't many attorneys who can say that they have tried a case in every county in Arizona, but David Burr Udall can.

Since earning his LL.B. from the University of Arizona 1954, Udall has become a highly respected trial lawyer specializing in insurance defense litigation. Udall also handles personal injury litigation, as well as general civil and commercial cases.

One of Udall's most memorable cases involved a polio vaccination issue, and Udall called upon Jonas Edward Salk, the medical scientist who developed the first safe and effective polio vaccine, to testify.

"He's probably the most important person I've ever dealt with," Udall says.

The Arizona Bar Foundation honored Udall with the Walter E. Craig Distinguished Citizen Award in 1997, and the Arizona Trial Lawyers Association named him Defense Lawyer of the Year in 2001.

Udall is a fellow of the College of Trial Lawyers and has contributed his legal expertise through the Volunteer Lawyer Program.

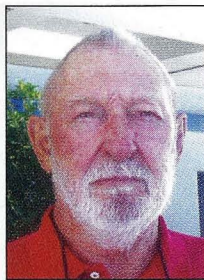
Over a career spanning more than 56 years, Udall has watched the legal profession change.

"Years ago, you'd handle a case with a lawyer, and after you tried it, you shook hands, had a drink and went on to the next case," Udall says. "Today there's too many personalities involved. It often gets personal, and it shouldn't. Our primary duty is to represent the best interests of our clients."

According to Udall, truly loving his work has been a key to his longevity.

"People always use the term, 'burned out,' and I've never understood what that means," he says. "I go to work every day ready for the next challenge."

—Ashley Cisneros



ARIZONA'S LAWYERS OF THE YEAR

PHOENIX

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
GARY L. BIRNBAUM

APPELLATE LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
PAUL F. ECKSTEIN

BANKING LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
DAVID A. SPRENTALL

BANKRUPTCY AND CREDITOR-DEBTOR RIGHTS
LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
THOMAS J. SALERNO

BET-THE-COMPANY
LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR:
WILLIAM J. MALEDON

CONSTRUCTION LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
MICHAEL J. HOLDEN

CORPORATE LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
P. ROBERT MOYA

WHITE-COLLAR CRIMINAL DEFENSE
LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
TOM E. HENZE

ENVIRONMENTAL LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
ROGER K. FERLAND

FAMILY LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
ROBERT L. SCHWARTZ

HEALTH CARE LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
PAUL J. GIANCOLA

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
BRETT L. DUNKELMAN

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT
LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
TOD F. SCHLEIER

LAND USE & ZONING
LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
GRADY GAMMAGE, JR.

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
ELLIOT G. WOLFE

PERSONAL INJURY
LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR:
WILLIAM R. JONES, JR.

REAL ESTATE LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
DAVID L. LANSKY

TRUSTS & ESTATES
LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
NEAL KURN

TUCSON

BANKING LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
ROY W. KYLE

BET-THE-COMPANY
LITIGATOR OF THE YEAR:
GERALD MALTZ

CORPORATE LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
LAWRENCE M. HECKER, JR.

FAMILY LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
KATHLEEN A. MCCARTHY

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DAVID BURR UDALL

REAL ESTATE LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
DEBORAH OSERAN

TRUSTS & ESTATES
LAWYER OF THE YEAR:
GREGORY V. GADARIAN