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J. Emery Barker

J. Emery Barker was raised in Phoenix, where his grandfather homesteaded land in the early 1900's. He received his J.D. from the University of Arizona, was admitted to practice law in 1960.

He has extensive experience in Business litigation in the areas of Construction, insurance defense, banking, eminent domain, Real Estate, securities, and general civil and commercial litigation, including arguing appeals in the Arizona Court of Appeals, the Arizona Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition, his diverse practice encompasses Estate Planning and trust and probate litigation.

He has served as a judge pro tempore in Pima County Superior Court and in Division One of the Court of Appeals.

Barker completed the Masters Forum at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University. He has served as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association construction industry and commercial panels, the U.S. District Court in Tucson, the National Association of Securities Dealers and the New York Stock Exchange.

His concern for the law extends to guarding its professionalism. He served for seven years on the State Bar Committee on Rules of Professional Conduct, and seven years as a hearing officer in lawyer disciplinary matters. Barker has presented seminars to attorneys on the subject of professionalism and has served as a State Bar appointee to the Arizona Judicial Qualifications Commission, which oversees the conduct and discipline of the judges in Arizona and reports directly to the Supreme Court. He has served as President of the Pima County Bar Association and the Pima County Legal Aid Society, and has sat on commissions appointed to study and advise the Legislature on medical malpractice, health care laws and legal services to the poor.

Early experience shaped his community interests. In the mid 1940's, he was awarded a scholarship to attend YMCA programs. The donor was a young constable who later became Arizona Governor Wesley Bolin. Over the years, Barker has worked to repay the benefits of this gift and is a past president and Honorary Life Member of the Metropolitan (Tucson) YMCA. He has been a leader and organizer of many other youth-oriented activities for schools, sports, his church and the Rotary Club of Tucson.



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