Michael McGrath

Michael McGrath, a partner at Mesch, Clark & Rothschild, P.C., is a commercial lawyer, certified as a specialist in bankruptcy law. His practice emphasizes debtor and creditor rights, commercial and real estate litigation and transactions.

A Phoenix native, Michael received his J.D. from the University of Arizona College of Law. Michael, who has practiced law since 1979, began his career clerking for the Chief Judges of the United States Bankruptcy and District Courts in Phoenix.

Michael has been included in the *Best Lawyers in America* publication for more than 25 years, and was recognized as the 2016 Lawyer of the Year for Bankruptcy Litigation by the *Best Lawyer* publication. He has been recognized as a *Super Lawyer*, a *Southwest Super Lawyer* and has been selected as a member of *Arizona's Finest Lawyers*. He has been awarded an *AV Preeminent Rating from Martindale Hubbell*, which publication has recognized Mesch, Clark & Rothschild as one of the *2016 U.S. Top Rank Law Firms*.

Michael is a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and the Litigation Counsel of America. He is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute. He has served as a Lawyer Delegate to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, and been a member of the Bankruptcy Rules Committee for the District of Arizona, the Bankruptcy Advisory Commission for the certification of bankruptcy specialists, and the Merit Selection Committee for the District's bankruptcy judges and magistrate judges. Michael was a member of the Disciplinary Commission of the Arizona Supreme Court from 1994-2000, serving as chairman from 1999-2000.

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He is active in civic, cultural and professional organizations, including the Volunteer Lawyers Panel of Southern Arizona Legal Aid. He is a past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tucson Urban League, a former president of the Tucson Conquistadores and the Tucson Conquistadores Foundation. He serves as counsel the non-profit Rialto Theatre in Tucson. He is a managing member of the Hacienda del Sol Guest Ranch Resort in Tucson.

He is married to Eileen Romer McGrath, Ph.D., and they have two daughters: Katlin, New York City and Shea, Tucson.

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Practice Areas

- Commercial Bankruptcy representation including acting as counsel to debtors, official committees of unsecured creditors, chapter 11 trustees, and creditors
- Commercial litigation and transactions

Education

- Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix, 1971
- University of Arizona B.A. with honor, 1975
- Juris Doctor, University of Arizona College of Law, 1979

Admissions and Certifications

- Supreme Court of the State of Arizona, 1979
- United States District Court, District of Arizona, 1979
- The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- The United States Tax Court

Activities and Honors

- Litigation Counsel of America, *Fellow*, 2008
- Top Lawyers, 2011, Corporate Counsel
- Arizona's Finest Lawyers, 2010
- Southwest Super Lawyers, 2007 - Present
- American College of Bankruptcy, 2004, *Fellow*
  Disciplinary Commission, Supreme Court of Arizona, 1995 - 2000; 1999-2000, *Chair*
- Best Lawyers in America, 1991 - Present, *Listed*
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating 1986 - Present
  Arizona Board of Legal Specialization, *Certified Specialist* in Bankruptcy Law, 1991; *Recertified*, 1996; 2001; 2006

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- United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona, ADR Program, List of Approved Compensated and Uncompensated Mediators
- Adjunct professor in International Insolvency at the James Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, 2012
- American Bankruptcy Institute, *Member*
- Volunteer Lawyers Panel, Southern Arizona Legal Aid, 1982-Present, *Member*
- Arizona Town Hall, 1989-Present, *Member*
- Financial Oversight Committee, Tucson United School District, 1989, *Member*
- Tucson Urban League, 2001-2006, *Director, President* 2007
- Tucson Conquistadores, *Member 1997, President* 2005
- Tucson Conquistadores Foundation, *Charter Member, President* 2006
- Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, 2002-2005, *Lawyer Delegate*
- Rialto Theatre, Tucson Arizona, *Counsel*
- Hacienda del Sol Guest Ranch Resort, Managing Member