

## **J. Emery Barker**



J. Emery Barker is a shareholder with extensive experience in litigation in the areas of real estate, probate and trust, commercial, banking, securities, insurance defense, and general civil litigation. He has argued appeals in the Arizona Courts and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition, his diverse practice encompasses estate planning and probate, and securities arbitrations before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the New York Stock Exchange.

Emery 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 serves as a Judge Pro Tempore in Pima County Superior Court and has served as Judge Pro Tempore for Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Mr. 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, and the U.S. District Court in Tucson. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

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. Mr. Barker has presented seminars to attorneys on the subject of professionalism and served a term 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 served on commissions appointed to study and advise the Legislature on medical malpractice, health care laws, the housing and treatment of prisoners, and legal services to the poor.

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

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### **Practice Areas**

- Arbitration & Mediation
- Business
- Commercial Litigation
- Estate Planning, Trust & Probate
- Insurance Defense
- Real Estate

### **Admissions**

- Supreme Court of Arizona 1960
- U. S. District Court for Arizona 1960
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals 1968
- United States Tax Court 1974
- United States Supreme Court 1971

### **Professional**

- Pima County Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore (1981 to date)
- Arizona Court of Appeals, Division I, Judge Pro Tempore (1987)
- United States District Court (Arizona) Arbitrator (1995-2000)
- Best Lawyers in America  
Arbitration (Best in Tucson, 2013, 2015, 2018)  
Commercial Litigation  
Litigation – Real Estate  
Litigation – Probate and Trust  
Mediation (Best in Tucson 2018)
- Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent
- Who's Who in American Law
- Professionalism Instructor, State Bar of Arizona (numerous)
- Expert Witness: standards of care, fees for lawyers (plaintiff and defense)
- Seminar Presenter for State Bar of Arizona, National Business Institute (various)

### **Organizations**

State Bar of Arizona (Law Practice Management Section, Co-Chair 1999-2000; Local Hearing Committee 5-C 1985-1988; Local Administrative Committee 4-D) 1978-1984; Committee on Rules of Professional Conduct, member 1973-1980; Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law, member 1970-1971; Arizona Judicial Qualifications Commission [Discipline]; State Bar Designated Member 1983-1986)

Pima County Bar Association (President 1975-1976; Board of Directors 1970 - 1977; Chairman, Committee on Criticism of Bench and Court 1981-1985)

American Bar Association (TQM Task Force, Law Practice Management Section, member; Finance Committee, Law Practice Management Section, member; Forum Committee on Construction Industry, member)

Federal Bar Association

American Board of Trial Advocates

Pima County Legal Aid Society (Board of Directors 1964-1974; President 1969-1971)

Arizona Legal Services (Advisory Council, member 1970-1971)

### **Education**

University of Arizona, B.A., 1957

University of Arizona, Juris Doctor, 1960