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FULL BIOGRAPHY

Ms. Burgess is an experienced trial attorney who emphasizes health care, medical malpractice, product liability, professional liability, employment law, personal injury and municipal liability in her practice. She has tried cases in state and federal courts, on issues ranging from complex medical negligence claims, to police use-of-force and constitutional claims, and has argued appeals in Arizona's Appellate and Supreme courts, and before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. In 2013 she prosecuted a murder-for-hire case as a special prosecutor for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office resulting in a conviction on all counts, and in 2014 she prosecuted a high profile fraud matter, also as a special prosecutor. She serves as a Judge Pro Tem in the Maricopa County Superior Court, and also acts as a mediator for settlement conferences.

In the healthcare field, Ms. Burgess counsels and represents individual physicians and chiropractors, as well as hospitals, group homes, behavioral health providers, nurses and paramedics. In addition to litigation, she handles representation of healthcare providers before their licensing boards and provides counseling to clients

to help them avoid litigation when possible. Ms. Burgess also regularly represents public entities, in various tort and civil rights litigation matters. She has handled cases involving public transit, accident, roadway design, police and detention officers' use of force, civil rights, employment, personal injury, prison break and wrongful death claims for various municipalities. She has been an expert witness regarding notice of claim issues.

Ms. Burgess, a firm Shareholder and Director since 2000, is a member of Sanders & Parks' management team, serving as the firm's Secretary/Treasurer for 12 years before being elected the firm's President and Managing Shareholder. She earned her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center, in 1991. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in American Studies, cum laude, from Wellesley College, in 1988. While at Georgetown, she was a member of the Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics. She was admitted to practice law in the State of Virginia in 1991, and Arizona in 1993. Following law school, Ms. Burgess was an associate attorney in Washington, D.C., where she focused on health care and corporate transactional practice. Before joining Sanders & Parks, she spent a year as Judicial Clerk with the Honorable Susan A. Ehrlich of the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One. She is licensed to practice law before the United States Court of Appeals, Fourth and Ninth Circuits.

Ms. Burgess has been recognized for her legal skills by her peers. Since 2013, she has been selected as a "Super Lawyer" in the area of healthcare law, and has been named to Arizona's Top 50 Lawyers on a number of occasions. She has also been selected as one of Arizona's top 25 women attorneys. AZ Business Magazine listed Ms. Burgess as one of the top 100 lawyers in Arizona in 2015-2018, and she has been selected as one of Arizona's Business Leaders. She was recognized as a Woman of Achievement by In Business Magazine. She has also been ranked as one of the top healthcare attorneys in Arizona by Ranking Arizona magazine. She is rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell, has been recognized as a top healthcare attorney nationally, and has appeared on CBS as a legal analyst/expert.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, District of Columbia
J.D. - 1991

- Law Journal: Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics, Member, 1989 - 1991

Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA
B.A. - 1988
Major: American Studies

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia
- Arizona

JOINED FIRM

1994

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Arizona Women Lawyers Association, Member
- Arizona Bar Association, Member
- Virginia Bar Association, Member
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, Member
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Member
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, Board of Directors

REPORTED DECISIONS

- Milke v. City of Phoenix et al, 2022 WL 259937 (9th Cir. 2022)
- State v. Rozenman, 2017 WL 6047727 (Ariz. App. 2017)
- Spring v. Bradford, 243 Ariz. 167, 403 P.3d 579 (2017)
- Smith v. Arizona et al, 620 Fed. Appx. 574 (9th Cir. 2015)
- Russell v. Talley, 2012 WL 724298 (Ariz. App. 2012)
- Morgan v. Foreman ex rel County of Maricopa, 193 Ariz. 405, 973 P.2d 616 (App. 1999)

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

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- Banner Health
- Dignity Health
- Sevita
- City of Phoenix
- Maricopa County
- State of Arizona

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