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PRACTICE AREAS: COMMERCIAL LITIGATION
ZONING & REAL ESTATE

Paul Gilbert is the co-founder of Beus Gilbert McGroder PLLC, a premier boutique law firm concentrating on High Stakes Litigation, Real Estate and Zoning Law, and Plaintiffs Catastrophic Injury & Wrongful Death. Mr. Gilbert leads the firm's Real Estate practice, with emphasis on representing clients in transactions and litigation involving real estate development, as well as zoning and land use law. His transaction practice includes real estate acquisition and disposition, financing, land valuation, zoning, subdivision, site planning, and other land use approvals. Mr. Gilbert's real estate practice is focused on resolving zoning disputes, restrictive covenants and other private limitations on land use, including condemnation proceedings. His experience includes administrative law involving State Land Department and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality matters, land annexations and landfill, and other waste disposal licensing.

For over four decades, Mr. Gilbert has been the lead lawyer on many of the most high profile zoning and land use matters in Phoenix, the fastest growing metropolitan area in the US. Mr. Gilbert represents owners, developers and individuals. His clients are many of Arizona's top developers and best known businesses, including William Levine/Pacific Proving, JDM Partners, LLC, El Dorado Holdings Property Company, Gary Davidson, MCO Properties, Pulte, Shea Homes, Blandford Homes, Westcor, and Wentworth Property Company, LLC, as well as national and international entities such as Host Hotels and Resorts, Macerich, Carlyle Development Group, Scottsdale Quarter, and WP Glimcher. Mr. Gilbert's victories have opened the door to development of iconic landmarks in Arizona, including The Phoenician Resort and Dial Tower. He represented the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints before the largest crowd ever to attend a Phoenix City Council meeting, helping his client resolve neighbors' concerns and resulting in the development of the North Phoenix Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He has received the distinguished alumni B.Y.U. Udall award from the J. Rueben Clark Law Society.

A 1971 graduate of University of California at Berkeley's Boalt Hall Law School, Mr. Gilbert served as Note and Comment Editor of the California Law Review. He received his B.S., cum laude, in 1968 from Brigham Young University where he was Student Body President and a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Fraternity. He served as President of the BYU Alumni Association from 1998 to 1999. Mr. Gilbert is recognized by his peers as an AV® Preeminent Lawyer with the highest rating in Martindale-Hubbell and is ranked among the highest rated lawyers in America in Best Lawyers in America, Chambers & Partners USA Guide and Southwest Super Lawyers. He is

admitted to practice before the United States District Court for Arizona and the Supreme Court of the State of Arizona.

Mr. Gilbert's support of his community is extensive. Among his many contributions, he has served as Chairman of the Arizona Chapter of The National Conference (formerly the National Association of Christians and Jews), Board of Director of the John C. Lincoln Foundation Board and Chairman of the Desert Mission Fund Drive where he led the Capital Campaign to raise \$2.5 million to expand the food bank. Mr. Gilbert led the committee to secure the Phoenix Asylum Shelter and represents the Human Services Campus for Homeless and Unemployed. To serve the legal community, Mr. Gilbert has chaired the Arizona Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society and been active in the State Bar of Arizona. He has been a panelist and speaker at State Bar seminars and for industry groups on topics related to real estate development, zoning and land use.

ADMISSIONS:

U.S. District Court – District of Arizona | Supreme Court of the State of Arizona

EDUCATION:

Brigham Young University - B.S., cum laude, 1968

Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Fraternity; Student Body President

University of California Berkeley, Boalt Hall - J.D., 1971; Note and Comment Editor, California Law Review

Representative Matters

Original entitlement of The Phoenician Resort and recent expansion plan

Expansion of the Wigwam Resort

Numerous multifamily projects throughout the Valley

Entitlement of numerous high rise buildings, such as the Dial Tower

Expansion and entitlement for religious institutions

Metrocenter redevelopment

Expansion of Desert Ridge Master Plan

Entitlement of regional centers such as Scottsdale Quarter and Prasada

Entitlement of large auto malls throughout the valley

Entitlement of major master planned communities such as Belmont, Prasada and Estrella

Leases on tribal lands

Entitlement for mining operations

Entitlement for corporate headquarters

Representative Clients

Adams Construction
Americal Management Company, Inc.
Arizona Diamondbacks
Arizona State University
Automatch USA, LLC
BBC Land
Beckham Gumbin Ventures, LLC
Bill Levine, Pacific Proving LLC
Panelist and speaker on Arizona State Bar Association seminars
Panelist and speaker on City and County programs
Blandford Homes
Blue Mountain Cafes
Brigham Young University
Carlyle Development Group
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
DriveTime Automotive Group
El Dorado Holdings Inc.
Evergreen Devco
Gary Davidson
Hancock Companies, LLC
Hospice of The Valley
Host Hotels & Resorts
JDM Partners, LLC – Jerry Colangelo
Kaplan Management Company
Ken and Randy Kendrick
Kornwasser Shopping Center Properties, LLC
Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.
Lennar Multifamily Communities, LLC
MCO Properties
MCO Properties, Inc.
Parkland Development, LLC
Pasternack & Associates
Shea Homes
Turf Paradise
VIP Homes
Wentworth Property Company, LLC
Western States Lodging
Wigwam Resort
WP Glimcher

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Selected, Best Lawyers in America – 1993 to 2021; Lawyer of the Year for 2012, 2013, 2014 (Litigation – Land Use and Zoning)

Recognized, Chambers & Partners USA Guide (an annual listing of leading business lawyers in the world), Star Individual Attorney, Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use, 2004-2017

Selected, Southwest Super Lawyers, Top Rated Land Use and Zoning Attorney 2007 – 2011, 2017-2020

Recipient, Jesse Udall Distinguished Service Award, Arizona Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, 2015

Memberships & Activities

President, Brigham Young University Alumni Association, 1998 and 1999

Chairman, Arizona Chapter of The National Conference (formerly the National Association of Christians and Jews)

Board of Directors, Desert Mission Foundation Board

Chairman, Desert Mission Fund Drive

Chairman, Arizona Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society

Board of Directors, J. Reuben Clark Law Society

Adjunct Professor, Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School

Chairman, Rex E. Lee Teaching Excellence Fund Drive

Chairman, Arizona State University's Charles E. Jones Scholarship Fund Drive

Chairman, Brigham Young University's Charles E. Jones Scholarship Fund Drive

Led the Committee to establish the Phoenix Asylum Shelter

Represents the Human Services Campus for the homeless and unemployed

Publications

"Direct Actions Against Insurance Companies," California Law Review

Publications

Panelist and speaker on Arizona State Bar Association seminars

Panelist and speaker on City and County programs