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PRACTICE AREAS: CATASTROPHIC INJURY & WRONGFUL DEATH | AVIATION DISASTERS | PRODUCT LIABILITY | FIRE AND EXPLOSIONS | MEDICAL MALPRACTICE | LEGAL AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY | COMMERCIAL FRAUD LITIGATION | INSURANCE AND BAD FAITH | MOTOR VEHICLE AND COMMERCIAL TRUCKING COLLISIONS | NURSING HOME AND ELDER ABUSE | DEFECTIVE ROAD DESIGN | CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS | LIQUOR AND BAR LIABILITY | SEXUAL ASSAULT/MISCONDUCT

Patrick J. McGroder III is a member of Beus Gilbert McGroder PLLC, a premier boutique law firm concentrating on High Stakes Litigation, Real Estate and Zoning Law, including Plaintiffs Catastrophic Injury & Wrongful Death. Mr. McGroder leads the firm's Plaintiffs Catastrophic Injury & Wrongful Death practice. He has been lead counsel in over 1,000 plaintiffs personal injury cases, nearly 200 of which have resulted in verdict or settlement in excess of one million dollars. Mr. McGroder has recovered for clients (settlements and verdicts) in excess of half a billion dollars. For more than 45 years, Mr. McGroder has tried cases ranging from murder to malpractice. He was selected as one of the ten best lawyers in Arizona and is named yearly as one of the 500 Best Trial Lawyers in the United States by Lawdragon, one of the most prestigious legal publications in America. In 2019, Mr. McGroder was selected for the Law Dragon Hall of Fame.

Mr. McGroder has been a finalist for the American Trial Lawyer of the Year Award given annually by Lawyers for Public Justice for his nationwide work representing families of police officers who burned alive in crashes as a result of a defective fuel system on Ford police cars. Mr. McGroder has handled many high profile cases, including medical malpractice, product liability, aviation disasters. He is a proud fellow and past President of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, a peer selected group of the 500 best trial lawyers in the United States.

Mr. McGroder was the recipient of the Kenneth P. Clancy Memorial Award by ABOTA for his unfailing commitment to the principles of professionalism, decency, and civility in the legal profession. He is one of the youngest members to be selected to the Maricopa County Bar Association Hall of Fame. His career highlights include the privilege of protecting and advocating the rights of injured victims for over forty-five years; lead co-counsel in Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors fuel fed fire cases in Arizona and nationwide; lead counsel in police overtime class action litigation in Arizona; and representation of the families of fallen Granite Mountain Hot Shots. His representation of a Catholic Bishop charged with vehicular manslaughter was name the trial of the decade by the Arizona Republic.

ADMISSIONS:

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

EDUCATION:

St. Joseph’s Collegiate Institute Preparatory School
University of Notre Dame - B.A.
University of Arizona College of Law - J.D.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Representation of victims of Channel 3/15 mid-air helicopter crash over downtown Phoenix which resulted in four fatalities
Representation of victims of Flagstaff Medical Center mid-air crash of two Air Evac helicopters which resulted in seven fatalities
Representation of victims of the Superstition Mountain aviation crash
Co-lead counsel in representation of victims of the Telluride ski bus crash
Representation of the Granite Mountain Hot Shot families whose loved ones tragically perished during the 2013 Yarnell wildfire resulting in compensation and lifetime benefits for their families and prompting new safety procedures for battling fires
Representation in landmark cases against Ford Motor Company involving police interceptor vehicles which burst into flames upon rear impact during car crashes
Representation of victims of the Route 91 Las Vegas Shooting cases

PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS

Arizona State Bar Foundation Walter E. Craig Distinguished Service Award for service to the community
Best Lawyers of America Plaintiff Lawyer of the Year in Arizona 2009, 2015, 2019
Arizona Association of Defense Counsel 2017 Distinguished Service Award for Plaintiffs Counsel for Lifetime Achievement
Inducted into the Maricopa County Bar Association Hall of Fame
Selected by Law Dragon as one of 500 Best Lawyers in the United States (since 2007) and chosen for the Law Dragon National Hall of Fame (2019)
Selected as one of 100 Best Trial Lawyers in America
Voted as “One of Arizona’s Top Ten Lawyers” by Arizona Business Journal
Selected as “One of the Top 50 Southwest Super Lawyers” 2007-2020
Appears yearly in Woodward/White “Best Lawyers in America”
Martindale Hubbell – Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers in America
Finalist-Trial Lawyers for Public Justice “Trial Lawyer of the Year”
ABOTA’s Recipient of the Kenneth P. Clancy Professionalism Award
State Bar of Arizona Recipient of the “President’s Award”
Honorary Bencher of the Honorable Society of King’s Inns Dublin, Ireland

MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

Fellow of The International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Past President, Board of Directors, & Chair of the Ireland Program

Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers Arizona State Committee

Fellow of the International Society of Barristers

Member of the American Board of Trial Advocates

Member of American Association for Justice

Sustaining Member, M Club, Advocate, Stalwart

Member of the Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, Life Member, Board of Directors

State Bar of Arizona

Maricopa County Bar Association

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Member, Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments

Board Member-Critical Incident Review Board for Arizona Department of Public Safety

Arizona State Boxing Commission, Member 1998 – 2003; Chairman, 2000 – 2001

EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Xavier College Preparatory, Board of Trustees, Chair of Development Committee

University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Board of Visitors 2000-Present, Dean's Council 2003-Present

Arizona State University College of Law Council of 100

Phoenix School of Law, Board of Advisors 2004-2010, Chairman of the Board of Advisors 2006-2010

COMMUNITY & PHILANTHROPY

Board of Directors, Central Arizona Shelter Services for the Homeless

Founder and Former Member of Board of Directors, Actors Theater of Phoenix

Founder, "Christmas Spirit," a project to adopt indigent families at Christmas, providing food and clothing

Founder, Annual Patrick McGroder Golf Tournament to benefit the homeless

St. Mary's Food Bank, Esperanca, Inc., & St. Vincent de Paul

The Open Door Shelter, dedicated to breaking the cycle of domestic violence

Social Ventures Partners Arizona

St. Thomas School Girls' Basketball Coach, 7th & 8th Grades

Xavier College Preparatory, Development Board – Major Donor Gift Giving Chair, Mock Trial Instructor, Chairman, Xavier Dads' Club Golf Tournament

Brophy College Preparatory, Mock Trial Instructor/Coach

Honorary Chairman, Martin Luther King, Jr. Golf Tournament

Volunteer legal services to indigents, St. Martin de Porres Church and St. Thomas Moore Society

Former President of Coyotes Youth Hockey Association

Former President, Arizona Scared Straight Program

Former Member, Board of Directors, Valley Big Brothers

Former President, Colony Biltmore Homeowners' Association

Former President, Casa Amertas Homeowners' Association

Creighton University-Parents' Council 2005-2007

College of the Holy Cross-Parents' Council Community Awards

Exceptional Service to Fatherless Boys Award, Valley Big Brothers

Distinguished Service Award, Arizona State Fraternal Order of Police