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### **Main Bio**

Since joining the firm after clerking for the Hon. Robert M. Brutinel at the Arizona Supreme Court, Amanda has focused her practice in commercial litigation. Her practice includes briefing complex appeals and other appellate litigation.

### **Representative Experience**

- Conducted internal investigation for university in connection with Department of Justice “Varsity Blues” college admissions prosecution

### **Education**

- Arizona State University (Ph.D., Applied Linguistics, 2019)
  - Research focus: Linguistic considerations of the free speech provisions in the U.S. and Russian Constitutions
  - Outstanding Graduate, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (2019)
  - Graduate Excellence Award (2017-2018)
- University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law (J.D., summa cum laude, 2017)
  - Order of the Coif
  - Articles Editor, Arizona Law Review
  - Arizona Centennial Public Interest Fellow
  - CALI Awards Indian Gaming Law, Legal Research, Constitutional Law I, Torts
  - ALI CLE Scholarship and Leadership Award (2017)
  - E. Thomas Sullivan Antitrust Award (2015)
  - Outstanding Performance in Oral Advocacy (2015)
  - Faculty Appointments Committee
- University of Arizona (M.A., Russian and Slavic Studies, 2012)
  - On-site language study, Russian Federation (2010, 2011)
- Arizona State University, Barrett Honors College (B.A., English; B.A., Russian, summa cum laude, 2010)
  - Certificate in Russian and Eastern European Studies

- National Merit Scholarship Recipient
- Moeur Award Recipient

## Languages

- Russian

## Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association
- The Federalist Society

## Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[Internal investigation Finds Admission Scandal at USD Limited to One Coach](#)," The San Diego Union-Tribune (August 29, 2019)
- "[Can Unapproved Change Orders Form the Basis for a Lawful Mechanic's Lien Encumbering the Project?](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (July 2019)
- "Graduating ASU Linguist-Lawyer Works to Improve, Clarify Speech Rights," Profiled, Arizona State University (April 2019)
- "[Arizona Supreme Court Upholds Constitutionality of Provision Relating to Statutory Authority for Constructing and Operating Sports and Tourism Complexes](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (April 2019)
- "Saussurean Synchrony: What Linguistics can do for Constitutional Interpretation," Presenter, AZ Linguistics Symposium, Tempe, AZ (October 2016)

## Community Involvement

- Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor, Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International
- Racehorse 2 Riding Horse Volunteer
- Horses Help, Therapeutic Horseback Riding Volunteer (2004-2013)
- MS-150, 150-mile bike ride to benefit National Multiple Sclerosis Society(1998, 2006, 2007)

## Other Professional Experience

- Arizona Supreme Court, Judicial Clerk to Hon. Robert M. Brutinel (2017-2018)
- Civil Rights Restoration Clinic, Rule 38(d) Clinic Student (2017)
- Snell & Wilmer, Summer Associate (2016)
- Institute for Justice, Summer Clerk (2015), Extern (2016-2017)
- Goldwater Institute, Ronald Reagan Fellow (2014)
- Arizona State University, Russian Language Instructor & Faculty Associate (2012-2015)
- Maricopa County Community College District, English Composition Adjunct Faculty (2012-2014)
- Horses Help, Therapeutic Horseback Riding Instructor (2008-2011)

## Bar Admissions

- Arizona

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States District Court, District of Arizona
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit