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## Ellen T. Hoecker

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### Main Bio

Ellie Hoecker focuses her practice in commercial litigation. While an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the District of Arizona she represented death-sentenced clients in all stages of federal habeas corpus proceedings, including drafting pleadings and briefs in the United States District Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court, and leading litigation teams in the development and presentation of claims. Ellie also advanced statewide projects related to Arizona's implementation of the death penalty, evaluating and shaping arguments and strategy around complex and novel issues of law. Prior to working at the Federal Public Defender, Ellie was a law clerk to the Honorable Susan Bolton at the United States District Court for the District of Arizona.

### Representative Experience

- Presented oral argument in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in a first-degree murder case and appeared before the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency to advocate for parole
- Investigated potential claims by analyzing records, conducting witness interviews, and consulting with experts

### Education

- University of California, Berkeley School of Law (J.D., 2009)
  - Moot Court Advocacy Award
  - Prosser Prize in Employment Law
  - Managing Editor, Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law
  - Teaching assistant to first-year law students
- The Colorado College (B.A., Anthropology, magna cum laude, 2004)

### Professional Memberships & Activities

- Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice

### Other Professional Experience

- Federal Public Defender, District of Arizona

- Research and Writing Attorney (2016-2019)
- Assistant Federal Public Defender (2012-2016)
- United States District Court, District of Arizona, Law Clerk to Hon. Susan R. Bolton (2009-2012)
- University of California Berkeley School of Law, Teaching Assistant (2008)
- Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Healthcare, Housing Resource Advocate (2004-2006)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Arizona
- California

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- Supreme Court of California