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Main Bio

Vaughn Crawford is a co-leader of Snell & Wilmer's product liability practice group. His practice is focused primarily on product liability defense, emphasizing automotive and pharmaceutical/medical device products. Vaughn's trial experience includes a major class action on behalf of an automobile manufacturer, as well as numerous other product liability cases as lead trial counsel in various jurisdictions (including Arizona, Texas, California, Florida, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Virginia and Montana), in both state and federal courts. His practice also includes employment litigation (wrongful termination and discrimination matters, and other diverse employment issues, including enforcement and defense of covenants not to compete and confidentiality/trade secret issues), as well as complex commercial litigation.

Education

- J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University (J.D., cum laude, 1980)
- Brigham Young University Graduate School of Management (M.P.A., Healthcare, 1977)
- Brigham Young University (B.A., English, 1974)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Arizona Bar Examinations Committee (1988-1995)
- Volunteer Lawyers Program, Volunteer

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Examining and Cross Examining Liability Experts," Presenter, 2013 Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation, American Bar Association (April 3, 2013)
- "Conflicts of Interest," Faculty, American Bar Association
- "Ethical Professional Dilemmas," Faculty, Maricopa County Bar Association

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America™
- Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona: Product Liability Litigation, Arizona Business Magazine (2017, 2019)
- The Best Lawyers in America®, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2009-2020)

- Phoenix Lawyer of the Year, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2012)
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Personal Injury Defense: Products (2018-2019)
- Southwest Super Lawyers®, Personal Injury Defense: Products (2008-2019)
 - Top 50 in Arizona (2016-2018)
- Who's Who Legal: Product Liability Defense (2013-2018)
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business®, Product Liability & Mass Torts (Nationwide) (2013-2016)
- Top Lawyers: The Best of the Best in Southern Nevada, Class Action Litigation, VEGAS INC. (2013)
- Ranking Arizona: The Best of Arizona Attorneys, Product Liability Law (2011)
- The International Who's Who of Product Liability Defense Lawyers (2011)
- Arizona's Finest Lawyers
- International Who's Who Of Business Lawyers, Product Liability (2005-2010)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- Nevada
- Montana

Court Admissions

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