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### Main Bio

Nick Wood is a strategic and trusted real estate, zoning, and land use attorney. Nick leverages years of experience to assist his clients, including developers, corporations, municipalities, government entities, and other individuals seeking to maximize the potential of their properties and navigate the complex landscape of zoning laws, entitlement processes, and tax structured real estate development. His work includes high profile developments spanning many industries and regions. Nick holds an LL.M. in Tax, which along with his expansive legal experience and practical knowledge uniquely positions him to understand the evolving nature of zoning laws and urban development trends so that he can proactively anticipate and address challenges.

Nick is a frequent presenter on trending real estate, zoning, and land use issues for clients, industry groups, and community organizations. He is also an adjunct professor of law at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. Nick's work is widely recognized by leading legal publications such as Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business® for Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use as well as The Best Lawyers in America® for Real Estate Law and Real Estate Litigation. He maintains an AV Preeminent standing from Martindale-Hubbell®.

### Education

- DePaul University Law School (LL.M., Taxation)
- Marquette University Law School (J.D.)
- University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (B.S., cum laude)

### Representative Presentations & Publications

- "When People Oppose Apartment Construction, They Go to City Hall. Here's Why," Quoted, AZ Central (January 18, 2024)
- "Phoenix Growth Summit", Speaker, Phoenix Business Journal Panel Discussion (August 17, 2024)
- "[Legends of Law](#)," Highlighted, Commercial Executive Magazine (January 2022)
- "Workforce Housing – Current Development Processes And A Possible Model For The Future," Co-Presenter, Snell & Wilmer Virtual CLE Series (June 22, 2021)
- "[Lawmakers are poised to let the Diamondbacks renovate Chase Field with a new ticket tax](#)," Quoted, AZ Mirror (April 16, 2021)
- "[Law Q&A: Nick Wood](#)," Feature Article, Commercial Executive Magazine (March 2021)

- "[Special report: Sky-defining projects, capital investment crafting denser downtown Phoenix,](#)" Quoted, Phoenix Business Journal (October 11, 2020)
- "[Phoenix airport restaurants will get rent relief during travel slowdown. Here's what that means,](#)" Quoted, AZ Central.com (June 8, 2020)
- "[Hotel Planned for Downtown Phoenix Parking Lot,](#)" Quoted, Phoenix Business Journal (August 8, 2019)
- "[Revitalization of Downtown Phoenix,](#)" Quoted, Commercial Executive Magazine, Issue 1 (p.62) (January 23, 2019)
- "[Arizona Supreme Court Clarifies Area Variance Standard; Property Owners May Obtain an Area Variance When Special Circumstances Existed at Purchase,](#)" Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (October 9, 2017)
- "[People to know in law: Nick Wood,](#)" Feature Article, Phoenix Business Journal (November 16, 2016)
- "[The ABCs of CRE: Z - Zoning,](#)" Quoted, Commercial Executive Magazine, Issue 7 (2015)
- "[All in the Multifamily,](#)" Feature Article, Commercial Executive Magazine, Issue 5 (2013)
- "[Leaders in Real Estate Law,](#)" Profile, Commercial Executive Magazine, Issue 1 (2012)
- "Real Estate Tax Guide," Clark Boardman & Callaghan (1988, 1990, 1991, 1992)
- "[Attorney forms group to assist landowners, developers,](#)" Feature Article, Phoenix Business Journal (April 1, 2011)
- "Arizona Land Use," National Business Institute (2005)
- "Land Use Law Update in Arizona," National Business Institute (2004)
- "Arizona Groundwork: Zoning and Land Use Planning," Professional Education Systems, Inc. (2003)
- "Land Use Law Update in Arizona," National Business Institute (2002)
- "Arizona Land Use: Current Issues in Subdivision Annexation and Zoning Law," National Business Institute (2000)
- "Arizona Land Use," National Business Institute (2000)
- "Land Use Law Update in Arizona," National Business Institute (1999)
- "Land Use Law Update in Arizona," National Business Institute (1998)
- "Land Use Planning and Eminent Domain in Arizona," National Business Institute (1997)
- "Arizona Real Estate Taxation," Professional Education Systems, Inc. (1986)
- "Wisconsin Land Contract," Professional Education Systems, Inc. (1984)
- "Wisconsin Marital Property Reform and Its Effects on Real Estate Purchase, Ownership and Sale," Professional Education Systems, Inc. (1984)
- "Certified Historical Structures," Wisconsin Lawyer Magazine (1984)

## Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup>, Real Estate Law (2020-2024); Real Estate Litigation (2021-2024)
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business<sup>®</sup>, Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use (2004-2024)
- Arizona's Finest Lawyers
- Peer Review Rated AV Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell<sup>®</sup>

## Community Involvement

- Board of Directors of Fighter Country Partnership
- Member of Blue Blazer Squadron, a division of Fighter Country Partnership
- C.A.S.S., Pro Bono Attorney
- Scottsdale International Film Festival, Advisory Board

## **Previous Professional Experience**

- Arizona State University, Adjunct Professor of Law (currently)
- Beus Gilbert and Morrill, Phoenix, AZ (1985-1993)
- Marquette University, Adjunct Professor of Law (1984-1985)
- Strauss and Greenberg, Milwaukee, WI (1982-1985)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Arizona
- Colorado (inactive)
- Wisconsin (inactive)

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- Supreme Court of Colorado
- Supreme Court of Wisconsin