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Main Bio

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Vaughn Crawford's 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)
- Brigham Young University Graduate School of Management (M.P.A., Healthcare)
- Brigham Young University (B.A., English)

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

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Personal Injury Litigation Defendants, Product Liability Litigation -Defendants (2009-2024)
 - Phoenix Lawyer of the Year, Product Liability Litigation Defendants (2012, 2024)
- Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona: Product Liability Litigation, Arizona Business Magazine (2017, 2019)
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Personal Injury Defense: Products (2018-2019)

- Southwest Super Lawyers®, Personal Injury Defense: Products (2008-2022, 2024)
 - Top 50 in Arizona (2016-2018)
- Who's Who Legal: Product Liability Defense (2013-2018, 2021)
- 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)
- International Who's Who Of Business Lawyers, Product Liability (2005-2010)
- Arizona's Finest Lawyers
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of AmericaTM

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- Montana
- Nevada

Court Admissions

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