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Main Bio

Jill Casson Owen has a diverse real estate and business transactional practice, providing advice to public and private entities and individuals. She also advises clients on a variety of federal, state and local regulatory compliance matters. In addition, Jill has worked on issues related to appropriation, management and sale of water rights.

Jill's real estate experience includes purchase and sale of real property, both commercial and residential, lease transactions for both lessors and lessees in commercial, retail and industrial properties, and transactions relating to the development of real property, condominium conversions, plat approvals, subdivision public report applications, drafting CCRs and other related documents; fraternity and sorority student housing and REITs.

Jill has served as both outside general counsel and in-house counsel to airports. She has created, developed and administered appropriate policies and procedures; assured compliance with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations as well as airport procedures in the operation and management of daily activities; and represented airports in local, state, regional and national meetings and conferences regarding aviation issues. Jill has worked on airline use agreements, rental car, food and beverage, parking and other concession agreements, fueling-related agreements and real-estate related instruments including option agreements, easement agreements, development agreements, leases, subleases, lease assignments, licenses, and property management contracts. Her experience includes planning, management, supervision and coordination of the overall affairs and operations of a variety of contracting-related services, including purchasing, procurement, contracts, warehousing, records management, office services and ground transportation.

Representative Experience

Acquisition and Development: Represent developers of student housing, shopping centers, and residential, condominium and mixed-use commercial properties

Disposition: Represent sellers in a variety of real estate transactions, including commercial, condominium development and residential properties

Leasing: Represent clients in complex leasing transactions, including those involving franchise operations. Represent national retail tenants. Represent fraternities and sororities in connection with on-campus and off-campus housing facilities

Condominiums: Represent developers in acquiring, developing and operating residential and mixed-use condominiums, including advising on various aspects of the Arizona Condominium Act

REITs: Represent REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts) in acquisition and development transactions

Education

- University of Arizona College of Law (J.D., summa cum laude, 1996)
 - Order of the Coif
 - Note Editor, Arizona Law Review
- University of Arizona, College of Pharmacy (B.S., Pharmacy, 1989)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Commercial Real Estate Women (2022-present)
 - A Seat at the Table Committee (2023)
 - Programs Committee (2022-present)
- Airports Council International – North America
 - Legal Affairs Committee (2001-2008, 2018-present)
- National Association of Women Business Owners (2020-present)
- International Council of Shopping Centers (2015-present)
- Pima County Superior Court, Judge Pro Tem (2012-2018, 2020-2021)
- State Bar of Arizona
 - Fee Arbitration Committee (2012-2018)
 - Real Property Section, Executive Council (2001-2004)

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[U.S. Supreme Court Reinforces Property Owners' Rights to Excess Sales Proceeds After the Sale of Seized Land](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (May 26, 2023)
- "A New Day for CC&R Amendments in Arizona: *Kalway v. Calabria Ranch HOA*," Co-Presenter, State Bar of Arizona (May 5, 2023)
- "[Arizona Supreme Court Rejects Unforeseeable HOA Amendments](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (April 1, 2022)
- "[Lawmakers Pushing for Change to AZ Law that Forces Condo Owners to Sell to Investors](#)," Interview, ABC15 Arizona (May 21, 2021)
- "Ethics," Co-Presenter, Snell & Wilmer 2020 Year-End CLE Series (August 18, 2020)
- "[Arizona Open Meeting Laws And Practicing Social-Distancing Amid COVID-19 Concerns](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (March 26, 2020)
- "The Devil's in the Details: Why it's Important to Review Boilerplate Lease Language," Author, Inside Tucson Business (October 25, 2019)
- "The Pharmacist's Duty to Warn: *Lasley v. Shrake's Country Club Pharmacy*," 37 Arizona Law Review 677 (1995)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Land Use and Zoning Law (2023-2024), Real Estate Law (2023-2024)
- Inside Tucson Business Women of Influence Finalist (2020)
- Snell & Wilmer Community Involvement Award (2019)
- Snell & Wilmer Pro Bono Award (2014)

Community Involvement

- Beacon Group
 - Chair (2023-2024)
 - Board of Directors (2023)
- Northwest YMCA, Board of Managers, Chair (2017)
- Chi Omega Fraternity, Zeta Beta Chapter
 - President (2014-2020)
 - Board of Directors (1992-present)

Previous Professional Experience

- Casson Owen Law PLLC, Principal
- Tucson Airport Authority, Vice President Legal and Contracting Services/Associate General Counsel
- Walgreens, Pharmacist

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- Kansas (inactive)

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States District Court, District of Arizona