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If you can read and follow directions, you can do anything.  
-Sarah's Mom



## SARAH A. STRUNK

Sarah practices business and finance law, with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and secured lending. She has substantial experience with international sales contracts. Sarah represents numerous clients in the mining and natural resource industry and in sports and entertainment.

As a child, Sarah was inspired to become an attorney after watching episodes of "Perry Mason." She always thought it was great that Perry Mason got people to confess on the stand. Today, she's inspired by her smart, risk-taking clients who build and develop amazing companies.

Outside the office, Sarah enjoys gardening, cooking and entertaining. When she travels, it's often to a location where she and her husband can scuba dive.

### EDUCATION

- LL.M., New York University School of Law
- J.D., University of Kansas School of Law
- B.A., Wichita State University, *magna cum laude*

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Sports Law
- Business & Finance

- Natural Resources
- Mining Law
- Gaming & Hospitality
- Mergers & Acquisitions

## REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Represented the buyer in the acquisition of all the aggregate assets of an international cement conglomerate in Ecuador.
- Represent international banking interests lending to mining and other natural resource companies.
- Representation of an American company in the creation of a joint venture involving a Chinese firm to develop a manufacturing plant in central China.
- Represented Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Unisource Energy in connection with the proposed merger with a subsidiary of KKR, including proxy statement review.
- Numerous international M&A transactions, on both buy and sell side, and involving stock or asset sales and purchases, including deals in South Africa, Mexico, Sweden and the United Kingdom.
- Involved in many mining, aggregates and other natural resource businesses, including joint ventures, exploration and development transactions, marketing agreements, secured finance transactions, registrations statements.
- General Counsel to public entities, including the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, Lawyer of the Year, Mining Law, 2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, Lawyer of the Year, Securities Regulation, 2022 and 2024
- *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Mining Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation, 2007-2025
- *Chambers USA*, Leading Lawyers for Business, 2005-2024
- *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, Lawyer of the Year, Mining Law, 2018, 2023
- *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, Lawyer of the Year, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2017
- *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, Lawyer of the Year, Securities/Capital Markets Law, 2016
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>, Mergers and Acquisitions, 2007-2024
- David Bruno Award for Distinguished Service, Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, 2019
- Outstanding Women in Business, *Phoenix Business Journal*, 2019
- AZ Business Leader 2019, *AZ Business Magazine*, 2019
- *Top 100 Lawyers*, *AZ Business Magazine*, 2018
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>, Top 25 Women, 2017
- *The International Who's Who of Mining Lawyers*, 2011-2016
- *50 Most Influential Women in Arizona Business*, *AZ Business Magazine*, 2014

- *Arizona's Top Lawyers, AZ Business Magazine, 2014*
- *AZ Business Magazine's Who's Who in Business, 2012*
- AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup> Peer Review Rated (the highest rating available), by Martindale-Hubbell

## ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Interview, "If you can read and follow directions, you can do anything," Fennemore Blog, August 26, 2021
- Co-author, "SBA Provides Much-Needed Safe-Harbor for PPP Loans Under \$2 Million," Fennemore Client Alert, May 15, 2020
- Co-author, "The Small Business Association Tightens Loophole that Allowed Public Companies to Receive CARES Act Funding," Fennemore Client Alert, April 24, 2020
- Co-author, "The Federal Reserve's Main Street Lending Program," Fennemore Client Alert, April 21, 2020
- Speaker, "The CARES Act – What You Need to Know Now," Arizona Nonprofits, April 2, 2020
- Quoted, "Payroll help for companies hurt by pandemic," *AZ Big Media*, March 31, 2020
- Quoted, "Payroll help for companies hurt by pandemic," *Chamber News*, March 31, 2020
- Author, "The CARES Act – Paycheck Protection Program," Fennemore Client Alert, March 27, 2020
- Quoted, "Women Who Inspire," *Welum*, Summer 2019
- Quoted, "Will Fox Restaurant Concepts be 'Cheesecakeized' in Wake of Buyout?" *Phoenix Business Journal*, August 2, 2019
- Presenter, "Corporate Audits," 65th Annual Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute Summer Conference," RMMLF, July 2019
- Quoted, "Greater Phoenix Chamber Signs ONE Community's UNITY Pledge," *AZ Big Media*, April 25, 2019
- Co-author, "Preliminary Agreements," *Mining and Minerals, A Practical Guide to the Life Cycle of a Mining Project*, Global Law and Business, 2018
- Quoted, "High-Profile Attorney Takes Over as Phoenix Chamber Board Chair," *Phoenix Business Journal*, October 30, 2018
- Speaker, "Women Who Run the Show," Turnaround Management Association Arizona Chapter, June 19, 2018
- Panelist, "Competing in a Global Market," ACOEP's Scientific Assembly, November 8, 2017
- Speaker, "Strategic Planning and Board Governance," The Stepping Stones for a Successful Nonprofit, Fennemore, September 21, 2017

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Former Chair, Board of Directors, Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Former Board Chair and Board Member, Social Venture Partners
- Former Board Member, Valle del Sol
- Member, Teck Resources Limited (Teck) Board of Directors, 2021 to present, chair of the Safety & Sustainability Committee

- Member, Arizona Sonoran Copper Company (ASCU) Board of Directors, 2021 to present, Chair of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and the Compensation Committee

## **ADMISSIONS**

- Arizona
- California
- Connecticut
- New York
- Kansas