

## Beus O'Connor McGroder



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MALPRACTICE | MOTOR VEHICLE AND COMMERCIAL  
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**Mark S. O'Connor is a Founding Partner of Beus O'Connor McGroder PLLC**, a premier boutique law firm concentrating on High Stakes Litigation, Real Estate and Zoning Law, and Plaintiffs Catastrophic Injury & Wrongful Death. Mr. O'Connor is a member of the firm's High Stakes Litigation and Plaintiffs Catastrophic Injury & Wrongful Death practices. He is a certified specialist in the area of personal injury and wrongful death litigation by the State Bar of Arizona and has represented hundreds of victims of catastrophic injury and wrongful death throughout his career and served as lead trial counsel in numerous jury trials.

On March 21, 2017, Mark was appointed co-lead counsel for Plaintiffs in the multi-district litigation *In Re: Bard IVC Filters Products Liability Litigation* and co-liaison counsel in the related consolidated cases in the Maricopa County Superior Court. He was a lead counsel in all three bellwether trials.

In July 2002, Mark undertook the pro bono representation of victims and families of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks before the Victim Compensation Fund. He is listed in "The Best Lawyers in America," "Southwest Super Lawyers," and "Top 100 Trial Lawyers." In 2014, he was also elected by his peers as a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers. In 2022, Mark was named as one of the 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers by Lawdragon, one of the most prestigious legal publications in America.

### ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court – District of Arizona

Supreme Court of the State of Arizona

## EDUCATION

Northern Arizona University - B.S.  
John Marshall Law School, J.D., with distinction

## PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS

Certified Specialist, Personal Injury/Wrongful Death, Arizona Board of Legal Specialization  
AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating, Martindale-Hubbell  
The Best Lawyers in America®, Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs, 2009-2023  
Southwest Super Lawyers®, Personal Injury – General: Plaintiff, 2009-Present  
Arizona Finest Lawyers, 2011; Arizona Finest Lawyers, Sustaining Member, 2014-Present  
Selected by Law Dragon as one of the 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers  
The National Trial Lawyers Association, The Top 100 Trial Lawyers in America  
The National Trial Lawyers Association, Top 25 Medical Malpractice Trial Lawyers

## MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Arizona, Member  
Maricopa County Bar Association, Member  
Arizona Association for Justice also known as Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Directors  
American Association for Justice, Member  
International Society of Barristers, Fellow  
Litigation Counsel of America, Member

## PUBLICATIONS

Informed Consent, NALA Facts & Findings, March/April 2015

## PRESENTATIONS

Arizona State Bar, 2023 Medical Malpractice Law Updates  
American Bar Association, Litigation Section, 2021 Virtual Section Annual Conference, The Polarization of American Jurors  
National Trial Lawyers Summit 2020; Creating, Developing, and Testing Case and Damages Themes  
The State Bar of Arizona Professionalism Course, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) by the Sea, panelist

Arizona's Top Ten-How They Did It, panelist

Arizona Association for Justice 2023, Discovering Themes and Rules to use in Cross-Examination