

## Beus O'Connor McGroder PLLC



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PRACTICE AREAS: CATASTROPHIC INJURY & WRONGFUL DEATH | AVIATION DISASTERS | PRODUCT LIABILITY | FIRE AND EXPLOSIONS | MEDICAL MALPRACTICE | LEGAL AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY | COMMERCIAL FRAUD LITIGATION | INSURANCE AND BAD FAITH | MOTOR VEHICLE AND COMMERCIAL TRUCKING COLLISIONS | NURSING HOME AND ELDER ABUSE | DEFECTIVE ROAD DESIGN | CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS | LIQUOR AND BAR LIABILITY | SEXUAL ASSAULT/MISCONDUCT

**Patrick J. McGroder III is a Founding Partner of Beus O'Connor McGroder PLLC**, a premier boutique law firm concentrating on High Stakes Litigation and Plaintiffs Catastrophic Injury & Wrongful Death. Mr. McGroder leads the firm's Plaintiffs Catastrophic Injury & Wrongful Death practice.

He has been lead counsel in over 1,000 Plaintiffs personal injury cases, which have resulted in verdicts or settlements in excess of one billion dollars recovered for clients. For more than 50 years, Mr. McGroder has tried cases ranging from murder to malpractice. He was selected as one of the ten best lawyers in Arizona and is named yearly as one of the 500 Best Trial Lawyers in the United States by Lawdragon, one of the most prestigious legal publications in America. In 2019, Mr. McGroder was selected for the Lawdragon Hall of Fame.

Mr. McGroder has been a finalist for the American Trial Lawyer of the Year Award given annually by Lawyers for Public Justice for his nationwide work representing families of police officers who burned alive in crashes because of a defective fuel system on Ford police cars. Mr. McGroder has handled many high profile cases, including medical malpractice, product liability, and aviation disasters. He is a proud fellow and a past President of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, a peer selected group of the 500 best trial lawyers in the United States. He is also a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Society of Barristers. He was the third American to be named an Honorary Bencher of the Honorable Society of Kings Inns in Dublin, Ireland for his work in promoting relations between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Mr. McGroder was the recipient of the Kenneth P. Clancy Memorial Award by ABOTA for his unflinching commitment to the principles of professionalism, decency, and civility in the legal profession. He is one of the youngest members to be selected for the Maricopa County Bar Association Hall of Fame. His career highlights include the privilege of protecting and advocating the rights of injured victims for over 50 years; lead co-counsel in Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors fuel fed fire cases in Arizona and nationwide; lead counsel in police overtime class action litigation in Arizona; and representation of the families of fallen Granite Mountain Hot

Shots. His representation of a Catholic Bishop charged with vehicular manslaughter was named the trial of the decade by the Arizona Republic.

### ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court – District of Arizona  
Supreme Court of the State of Arizona

### EDUCATION

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute Preparatory School - Buffalo, New York  
University of Notre Dame - B.A.  
University of Arizona College of Law - J.D.

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Representation of victims of the Route 91 Las Vegas Shooting cases  
Representation in landmark cases against Ford Motor Company involving police interceptor vehicles that burst into flames upon rear impact during car crashes  
Representation of the Granite Mountain Hot Shot families whose loved ones tragically perished during the 2013 Yarnell wildfire resulting in compensation and lifetime benefits for their families and prompting new safety procedures for battling fires  
Representation of victims of Channel 3/15 mid-air helicopter crash over downtown Phoenix which resulted in four fatalities  
Representation of victims of Flagstaff Medical Center mid-air crash of two Air Evac helicopters which resulted in seven fatalities  
Co-lead counsel in the representation of victims of the Telluride ski bus crash  
Representation of victims of the Superstition Mountain aviation crash

### PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS

Arizona State Bar Foundation Walter E. Craig Distinguished Service Award for service to the community  
Best Lawyers of America Plaintiff Lawyer of the Year in Arizona 2009, 2015, 2019  
Phoenix Magazine Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year 2024  
Arizona Association of Defense Counsel 2017 Distinguished Service Award for Plaintiffs Counsel for Lifetime Achievement  
Inducted into the Maricopa County Bar Association Hall of Fame  
Selected by Law Dragon as one of the 500 Best Lawyers in the United States (since 2007) and chosen for the Law Dragon National Hall of Fame (2019)  
Selected as one of the 100 Best Trial Lawyers in America

Voted as “One of Arizona’s Top Ten Lawyers” by Arizona Business Journal

#### PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS CONTINUED

Selected as “One of the Top 50 Southwest Super Lawyers” 2007-2020

Appears yearly in Woodward/White “Best Lawyers in America”

Martindale Hubbell – Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers in America

Finalist-Trial Lawyers for Public Justice “Trial Lawyer of the Year”

ABOTA’s Recipient of the Kenneth P. Clancy Professionalism Award

State Bar of Arizona Recipient of the “President’s Award”

Honorary Bencher of the Honorable Society of King’s Inns Dublin, Ireland

#### MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

Fellow of The International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Past President, Board of Directors, & Chair of the Ireland Program

Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers Arizona State Committee

Fellow of the International Society of Barristers

Member of the American Board of Trial Advocates

Member of the American Association for Justice

Sustaining Member, M Club, Advocate, Stalwart

Member of the Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, Life Member, Board of Directors

State Bar of Arizona

Maricopa County Bar Association

#### COMMUNITY & PHILANTHROPY

Former Board of Directors, Human Service Campus

Founder and Former Member of the Board of Directors, Actors Theater of Phoenix

St. Mary’s Food Bank, Esperanca, Inc.

St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer

Social Ventures Partners Arizona

St. Thomas School Girls’ Basketball Coach, 7th & 8th Grades

Xavier College Preparatory, Development Board – Major Donor Gift Giving Chair, Mock Trial Instructor, Chairman, Xavier Dads’ Club Golf Tournament, Board of Trustees

Member of the Board of the Barrow Foundation

## COMMUNITY & PHILANTHROPY CONTINUED

Brophy College Preparatory, Former Mock Trial Instructor/Coach  
Former Honorary Chairman, Martin Luther King, Jr. Golf Tournament  
Volunteer legal services to indigents, St. Martin de Porres Church, and St. Thomas Moore Society  
Former President of Coyotes Youth Hockey Association  
Former President, Arizona Scared Straight Program  
Former Member, Board of Directors, Valley Big Brothers  
Former President, Colony Biltmore Homeowners' Association  
Former President, Casa Amertas Homeowners' Association  
Creighton University-Parents' Council  
College of the Holy Cross-Parents' Council Community Awards  
Exceptional Service to Fatherless Boys Award, Valley Big Brothers  
Distinguished Service Award, Arizona State Fraternal Order of Police  
Former member of the Board of the Human Services Campus  
Former member of the Board of Trustees of Xavier College Preparatory  
Member of the Arizona Board of Childhelp

## OTHER

### **Public Appointments**

Member, Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments  
Board Member-Critical Incident Review Board for Arizona Department of Public Safety  
Arizona State Boxing Commission, Member 1998 – 2003; Chairman, 2000 – 2001

### **Educational Appointments**

Xavier College Preparatory, Board of Trustees, Chair of Development Committee  
University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Board of Visitors 2000-Present, Dean's Council 2003-Present  
Arizona State University College of Law Council of 100  
Phoenix School of Law, Board of Advisors 2004-2010, Chairman of the Board of Advisors 2006-2010