

## MEL MCDONALD & RUSS SKELTON TO BE HONORED WITH 50-YEAR CERTIFICATES

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At this year's State Bar of Arizona Convention, JSH partners [A. Mel McDonald](#) and [J. Russell Skelton](#) will be honored with their 50-Year Certificates, in recognition of their significant contributions to the law throughout their 50 years of practice. The 2019 Convention is scheduled for June 26-28.

With significant experience handling criminal white collar cases, Mel has devoted his practice in the areas of criminal defense and major civil litigation. Before joining JSH, Mel served as U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, as a prosecutor in the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, and as a Superior Court Judge for Maricopa County. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and serves on the Board of Directors of Marc Community Resources, Inc. Mel is AV Preeminent Rated on Martindale Hubbell.

A founding partner of Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, Russ has focused his 50 years of practice on the representation of medical service providers – including physicians and surgeons, hospitals, and medical groups – in matters relating to medical malpractice and workers' compensation. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and Member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. For more than 30 years, Russ has earned the distinction of being AV Preeminent Rated on Martindale Hubbell.

In addition, the Convention offers 50+ CLE seminars, and [five JSH attorneys will serve as panel presenters](#) in four sessions. JSH is also a proud sponsor of the [Diversity & Inclusion Programming section](#), comprising 11 seminars and a plenary session celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

### ABOUT THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA'S ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Annual Convention is the flagship event of the Bar. Packed with 58 seminars covering 29 areas of practice, the event draws 1,500 attendees annually. The State Bar of Arizona is a non-profit organization that operates under the supervision of the Arizona Supreme Court. The Bar regulates approximately 18,500 active attorneys, and provides education and development programs for the legal profession and the public. Learn more at [azbar.org/](http://azbar.org/).