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Areas of Practice:

Educational Institutions Defense
General Civil Litigation
Governmental Liability
Insurance Coverage & Third-Party Liability
Premises Liability

Industries Served:

Education
Government & Public Entities
Insurance
Retail & Hospitality

John DiCaro practices in governmental liability, personal injury, civil rights and insurance defense. He currently serves as co-chair of our General Liability and Automobile Liability Defense Trial Group. John has tried cases for the cities of Phoenix and Mesa, several insurance carriers and a number of private companies. In 2007, he was recognized for obtaining one of Arizona's top 10 defense verdicts while defending the Billet Bar in a dram shop action. He also is a faculty member of the Arizona College of Trial Advocacy.

Recent Case Success:

[*Johnson & Urbina v. Maricopa County*](#) – Won Summary Judgment in Double Death Case

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Obtained summary judgment with JSH Partner Chris Stuart in a wrongful death claim, property design and sight obstruction accident wrongful death case.
- After a 4-day trial, John obtained a directed verdict for a homeowner in a wrongful institution of legal proceeding.
- John, along with JSH colleagues Chris Stuart and Alejandro Barrientos, obtained summary judgment for a corporate client. This case arose out of a workplace accident where an employee of a subcontractor fell through the roof of a building and sustained serious injuries.
- Working with JSH partners Bill Caravetta and Eileen GilBride, John obtained summary judgment in an alleged wrongful death road design case on behalf of the City Of Phoenix.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Arizona College of Trial Advocacy, Co-Chair, 2012-2019
- State Bar of Arizona, Member
- State Bar of Illinois, Member

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- *Southwest Super Lawyers*, 2017, 2018
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Insurance Law, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 2020-2024; Litigation Insurance, 2021-2024
- AV® Preeminent™ Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *Phoenix Magazine Top Lawyers*, Civil Law Litigation, 2023

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- "Notice of Claim Issues," Co-Presenter, City of Phoenix Law Day, June 2022
- "[Focused Deposition Taking: How To Get What You Want Out of a Deposition](#)," Co-Presenter, State Bar of Arizona Convention, June 2019
- "Bifurcation of Liability and Damages in Arizona Personal Injury Cases," Co-Presenter, Arizona Attorney General's Office CLE, May 2019
- "[Bifurcation No Longer the Road Less Traveled in Road Design Lawsuits: Insight on S.B. 1025's Recent Amendment to A.R.S. § 12-820.03](#)," Co-Author, JSH Reporter, Fall 2017
- "Is Perception Reality OR Is Reality Truly Perceived? Media Coverage and Police Brutality Cases," Co – Presenter, 2017 Prima Annual Conference, June 2017

- “Curve Ahead! How to Minimize Risk and Defend a Road Design Lawsuit,” Co – Presenter, 2017 Roads and Streets Conference, April 2017
- “Navigating Damron/Morris Agreements,” Presenter, Current Issues in Governmental Liability Seminar, November 2015
- “Litigation with Emphasis on Governmental Liability Institute,” Co-Presenter, 2015 National Association of Legal Assistants Convention and Exhibition, July 2015
- “How FOIA Requests Can Assist a Claims Adjuster in Investigating a Loss,” Co-Author, *Facts & Findings*, May 2015
- “Shining a Light on the Public’s ‘Right To Know’: An Update On Public Records Law,” Presenter, 2014 JSH Annual Seminar: Current Issues in Governmental Liability, November 2014
- “Keys to Being an Effective Trial Lawyer,” Moderator of Judge’s Panel Discussion, August 2014
- “Background Checks: Helping Employers Navigate the Battle Between Negligent Hiring and Discriminatory Hiring Practices,” Co-Author, *JSH Reporter*, Summer 2014
- “A Paralegal’s Guide to Preparing for a Civil Trial,” Presenter, March 2014
- “Navigating the Treacherous Waters of Insurance Coverage in Arizona including Damron and Morris Agreements,” Presenter, Arizona Paralegal Association Learn at Lunch Seminar, 2013
- Judges’ Panel, Moderator, Arizona College of Trial Advocacy, August 2013
- Faculty Member, Arizona College of Trial Advocacy, July 2010-2013
- “Overview of Insurance Defense: Premises, Products and Auto,” Co-Presenter, Insurance Defense Institute, July 2013
- “Ethics for Insurance Defense Counsel and Effective Negotiation and Settlement Techniques,” Co-Presenter, Insurance Defense Institute, July 2013
- “Practical Considerations of Everyday Case Handling,” Co-Presenter, Insurance Defense Institute, July 2013
- “Background Checks: The Employer’s Double-Edged Sword,” Presenter, Public Risk Management Association Annual Conference, Florida, June 2013
- “Managing the Maze: The Interplay Between ADA, FMLA and Workers’ Compensation,” Co-Presenter, CorVel Corporation’s Educational Spring Seminar, April 2013
- “Navigating the Potholes of the Recreational Use Statute,” Presenter, AZ Public Risk Management Association (PRIMA) Chapter Meeting, April 2013
- “Background Checks: Helping Employers Navigate the Battle Between Negligent Hiring and Discriminatory Hiring Practices,” Co-Author, *Public Risk Magazine*, published by Public Risk Management Association, Nov/Dec 2012
- “Responding to Medical Marijuana in the Workplace,” Co-Presenter, JSH Current Issues in Government Liability Seminar, November 2012
- “Seminar Handling Complex Auto Insurance Coverage Disputes,” Faculty Member/Presenter, October 2012
- “Background Checks: Helping Employers Navigate the Battle Between Negligent Hiring and Discriminatory Hiring Practices,” Co-Author, *USLAW Magazine*, October 2012
- “A View from the Bench: Trends in the Courtroom During an Economic Downturn,” Judges’ Panel, Moderator, Arizona Public Risk Management Association’s Fifth Annual Summer Educational Series, August 2012
- “Damron/Morris Agreements and Indemnification Issues: Who is Primary?” Presenter, Arizona Counties Insurance Pool and the Arizona Civil Attorneys Legal Seminar, May 2012
- “Trial II: Pretrial Filings,” Presenter, June 2010
- “Indemnity Agreements,” Presenter, June 2009
- “Good Faith and Fair Dealing,” Presenter, June 2009
- “Arizona Construction Issues,” Presenter, June 2009
- “The Care and Feeding of Paralegals,” Presenter, May 2009
- “Tips for Discussing a Settlement Release With an Unrepresented Claimant,” Presenter, May 2009
- “*Sandy Van v. French Trucking, Inc.*,” Presenter, March 2009
- “*Cundiff v. State Farm Mutual Insurance Company*,” Presenter, January 2008
- “*Webb v. Girrlen*,” Presenter, January 2008
- “Navigating the Treacherous Waters of Insurance Coverage in Arizona,” Presenter, 2007

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, J.D., 1986

DePaul University, B.S., Commerce – Management and Marketing, 1983

BAR ADMISSIONS

Arizona, 1997

Illinois (inactive), 1986

U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 1997

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1996