



## KATHLEEN ELDER

### PARTNER

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#### Areas of Practice:

General Civil Litigation  
Insurance Coverage & Third-Party Liability  
Medical Liability & Health Care  
Wrongful Death & Personal Injury Defense

#### Industries Served:

Insurance  
Medical Service Providers  
Professional Service Providers

Kathleen Elder focuses her practice on medical malpractice defense, wrongful death and personal injury defense, physician and nursing representation at administrative hearings, and general insurance defense matters. Prior to attending law school, Kathleen was a registered nurse at Banner Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, where she assisted in the operating rooms and helped kidney failure and transplant patients.

### REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Obtained defense verdict in three-week Federal Court Case involving Section 1983 and medical negligence claims. Plaintiff claimed \$2 million in damages, and \$1.6 million in attorneys' fees.

### CIVIC & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

- First Round Judge for Oplinger Closing Argument Competitions at Arizona State University, 2009-Present

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Arizona
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel
- Arizona Women Lawyers Association

### PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants, 2020-2024; Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 2021-2024

### PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- "Taking the Bite Out of Damages: Recoverability, Legal Defenses and Current Trends," presenter, JSH Annual Seminar: It's All Fun and Games Until Someone Gets Hurt, November 2014
- "The Quarterly Education Program: Case Law and Legislative Updates," Co-Presenter, Arizona Society for Health Care Risk Management, February 2012
- "Arizona Medical Malpractice," Co-Author, JSH proprietary materials, February 2012
- "Arizona High Courts Weigh in on Expert Witnesses in Medical Malpractice Cases," author, JSH Reporter, Spring 2009
- "Medical Malpractice," Co-Presenter, Phoenix, November 2009
- "Courts' Interpretation and Application of A.R.S. Section 12-2603," Author, JSH Reporter, Summer 2007

### EDUCATION

Arizona College of Trial Advocacy, 2009  
University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, J.D., *Dean's List*, 2002  
Arizona State University, B.S., Justice Studies, *summa cum laude*, 1998  
Glendale Community College, A.A., Nursing

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Arizona, 2002  
U.S. District Court, District of Arizona