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About Peter Baird

Mr. Baird handles commercial and professional liability cases. His background includes:

- Multiple appearances before the United States Supreme Court; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals; and all Arizona Appellate Courts.
- Hundreds of trial proceedings in the federal and state trial courts of Arizona as well as in the federal courts of Illinois, Hawaii, Colorado and Nevada.

Mr. Baird has represented law firms from New York City, Toronto, Miami, Phoenix and Denver in malpractice and malicious prosecution cases; a defendant in *The Exxon Valdez* litigation; defendants in class actions; an Illinois antitrust and trademark case; a public utility involving its nuclear power plant; two Protestant Denominations which had been infiltrated by government agents; First Amendment case decided by the United States Supreme Court; a New York bank in leveraged buy-out litigation.

Memberships and Affiliations

- *Litigation*, Senior Editor (published by the American Bar Association Section of Litigation)
- *Experience*, Editor (published by the ABA Senior Lawyers Division)
- The American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Phoenix College Community Concert Band, Musician
- Professional magician: To raise funds for cancer research, Mr. Baird performed in Atlanta, Las Vegas, Palm Springs, Philadelphia, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Minneapolis, Houston, Palo Alto, Albuquerque, Phoenix, Tucson, Prescott, Sedona and Scottsdale and has been featured in *The Arizona Republic*, *The Albuquerque Journal* and *The Maricopa Lawyer* and *The Stanford Lawyer*.
- University of Arizona Cancer Center, Former Board Member and

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Related Practices

- [Commercial Litigation](#)
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Education

- LL.B., Stanford Law School, 1966
- B.A., *cum laude*, Carleton College, 1963, Phi Beta Kappa; Honorary Degree, 1992

Bar Admissions

- Arizona, 1967

Chair

- Arizona State Disease Control Research Commission, Former Board Member
- Arizona Bar Foundation, Former Board Member

Publications

- Author, "Loyal To The First Amendment," *Arizona Attorney*, March 2006
- Author, "My Stupid Mistakes," *Litigation*, Winter 2005
- Author, "Legal Spectator & More," *Litigation*, Fall, 2004
- Author, "Bedside Manners For Lawyers," *Arizona Attorney*, October 2003
- Author, "Options for the Undead," *Arizona Attorney*, June 2003
- Author, "The Poston-Horn Principles of Wartime Freedom and Security," *Litigation*, Spring 2003
- Author, "Civil Liberties Take Another Hit," *The Arizona Republic*, January 19, 2003
- Author, "John P. Frank: He Leaves More Than Memories", *Maricopa Lawyer*, October, 2002
- Author, "Persuasion 101," *Litigation*, Summer 2001
- Author, "A Lawyer's Letter To His Son," *Litigation*, Summer 1997
- Author, "You Have The Right To Remain Silent," *Phoenix Magazine*, June 1996
- Author, "The Deadtime Story," *22 Litigation*, Winter 1996
- Author, "Prayer, Spies and Audio Tapes," *21 Litigation* 47, 1994
- Author, "Holy Krishna," *20 Litigation* 59, Winter 1994
- Author, "Oyez, Oyez, Oyez," *American Heritage*, November 1994
- Author, "The Confessions of Ernesto Arturo Miranda," *Arizona Attorney*, October 1991
- Author, "Critics Must Confess: Miranda Was The Right Decision," *The Wall Street Journal*, June 13, 1991
- Author, "Miranda Memories," *16 Litigation* 43, Winter 1990
- Author, "Corpus Juris Hocus Pocus," *Arizona Attorney*, October 1989
- Author, "Getting Exhibits Into Evidence and Other Deadtime Stories," *Arizona Bar Journal*, August/September 1987
- Author, "Bedside Manners and Desktop Distractions," *13 Litigation*, Winter, 1987
- Author, "Legal Creativity: Flashes, Blocks and Toads," *12 Litigation*, Summer, 1986
- Author, "Ballooning Toward a New Due Diligence for Litigators," *Arizona Bar Journal*, February/March 1985
- Author, "Litigating in the Bermuda Triangle," *9 Litigation* 22, Summer, 1983
- Author, "How Lawyers Lose Their Way," *9 Litigation* 8, Fall, 1982
- Author, "Charitable Deductions for Pro Bono Public Professional

Services," *50 Texas Law Review* 441, 1972

Free-Lance Publications

Mr. Baird has written for *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Newsweek*, *The Chicago Tribune Magazine*, *American Heritage*, *The Cleveland Plain Dealer Magazine*, *Men's Health*, *Phoenix Magazine*, *The Arizona Republic*, *Friends*, *Writer's Digest*, *Rosebud*, *Interrace*, *Hope*, *Troika*.

Books

- Author, *Protecting Moscow From The Soviets*, National Writers Press, Inc., 2008
- Author, *Beyond Peleliu*, a novel, Ravenhawk Books in 2006 and reviewed in *The Denver Post*, *Arizona Republic*, NPR, *The Salt Lake City Deseret News*, *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, American Bar Association's *Litigation Magazine* and *Experience Magazine*, *The Arizona Attorney*, *The New York Law Journal*, BookReview.com, *The Philadelphia Legal Intelligencer*, Amazon.com, FrontStreetReviews.com and Barnes & Noble.com
- Contributor, "Moscow Memories," *My Brush With History (95 Americans Who Were There)*, (Black Dog & Leventhal, 2001)
- Contributor, "Holy Krishna," *Shark Tales* (Simon & Schuster, 2000)
- Contributor, "Mamma's Boy," *Signs of Hope* (Pushcart Press, 2000)
- Contributor, "Miranda v. Arizona," *Criminology* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1992)
- Contributor, "Mediation 101," *Studies for Successful Mediation*, (Thompson/Asparte Publishing, 2008)

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court, 1969
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1973
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1983

Other Distinctions

Mr. Baird is rated by Martindale-Hubbell as an "AV/Preeminent Attorney" and has been listed in every edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, copyright by Woodward/White, Aiken, S.C. in the categories of Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation and Legal Malpractice Law. In addition, Mr. Baird is listed in the 2003-2008 editions of Chambers USA *America's Leading Business Lawyers*, Copyright 2004 by Chambers & Partners Legal Publishers in the category of litigation. He is also listed in the 2007-2009 editions of *Southwest Super Lawyers* in the category of Business Litigation and appeared on the cover of the 2007

issue. He has been recognized in the 2009 *Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition* in the category of Business Litigation.

Mr. Baird has been written about in "Desert Doyens," *The National Law Journal* (May 8, 2000); as well as in *The American Lawyer*, *The Arizona Republic*, *The ABA Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and *The Arizona Journal*. He was interviewed on the December 11, 1991 edition of "NBC Nightly News With Tom Brokaw;" featured in the History Channel report on *Miranda v. Arizona* and is listed in *The International Who's Who of Commercial Litigators* (Law Business Research, London England); and featured on the Phoenix PBS station, KAET-TV, on its "Books & Co." show on April 27, 2008.

Mr. Baird received the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education, Walter E. Craig Distinguished Service Award, 2003; the University of Arizona College of Medicine, Distinguished Citizen Award, 1989 and the Honorary Doctoral Degree of Humane Letters from Carleton College in 1992. He was also a 2009 winner at The San Francisco Book Festival for his book, *Protecting Moscow From The Soviets*, in the category of Compilations/Anthologies.