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Travis practices in the area of employment and labor. He has litigated cases involving enforcement of restrictive covenant agreements, including noncompete agreements, and employee wage and hour claims. He has also successfully defended employers against charges of employment discrimination, harassment, and wrongful termination claims filed with state and federal agencies, including the EEOC and the Arizona Attorney General's Civil Rights Division. Travis assists employers and HR personnel by navigating them through the broad spectrum of federal and state employment laws to ensure compliance, drafting employment handbook policies, and by drafting and enforcing various employment agreements.

As a ninth-generation Arizonan, Travis was drawn to our firm's 130-year-plus history in Arizona. He comes from a hard-working farming family in the Tucson area who first settled in Tubac in the 1770's. Fluent in Spanish, he enjoys working with diverse clients and businesses. Travis is the firm's Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer strongly believing that prioritizing diversity among organizations makes such entities stronger, fosters new ideas and progress, and allows others to understand each other better and to appreciate differences. For many years, Travis has also worked closely with community and student-based nonprofit organizations, such as the Be A Leader Foundation.

In his free time, Travis enjoys spending time with his wife and kids, and coaching little league baseball. He has a passion for world travel, Major League Baseball, and music in which he is classically-trained in piano.

### EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law
- B.A., *magna cum laude*, Arizona State University

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Employment & Labor

### AWARDS AND HONORS

- *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, Litigation – Labor and Employment, 2023-2025
- *Southwest Super Lawyers Rising Stars*<sup>®</sup>, 2013-2020
- Dean's Recognition Award, University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, 2008

## ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, "Recent Updates in Employment Law," Fennemore L&E Fall Seminar, September 2023.
- Co-Presenter, "Protecting Your Business and Limiting Risk of Employment Lawsuits", Arizona Builders Alliance, employment law seminar, May 2023
- Presenter, "Getting it Right – Classifying Workers as Employees or Independent Contractors", Arizona Department of Transportation's Disadvantage Business Enterprise virtual conference, December 2022
- Interview, "FACT FINDERS: Under vaccine mandates, why isn't proof of natural immunity accepted?," KOLD News 13 Phoenix, October 20, 2021
- Podcast, "Diversity Equity and Inclusion at Fennemore," Fenn.Talks Podcast, August 5, 2021
- Quoted, "Why Executives Should Weigh The Pros And Cons Before Paying Workers To Get Covid Shots," *Forbes*, May 28, 2021
- Interview, "Can employers require employees to take the COVID-19 vaccine?" Fox 10 Phoenix, December 6, 2020
- Presenter, "HR and Personnel Considerations for Reopening and Returning to Work", Arizona Commerce Authority, Webinar, Small Business Bootcamp and Resource Collective, May 18, 2020
- Presenter, "New Emergency Paid Leave Laws, Furloughs And Other Employment Issues Related to COVID-19", Chandler Innovations Incubator, Webinar, Small Business Town Hall, April 2020
- Quoted, "Sick-leave law helps workers amid coronavirus but puts onus on small businesses," *Arizona Daily Star, Tucson.com*, March 28, 2020
- Presenter, "Employment Law Update and Trending Workplace Issues for 2020," Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Business Bootcamp series, March 2020
- Co-Presenter, "Highlights in Employment Law in 2019 and What's To Come in 2020," Employment Law Section of the State Bar of Arizona, December 2019
- Co-author, "COVID-19: Health Plan Coverage For Furloughed Employees," Fennemore Client Alert, March 26, 2020
- Co-author, "Understanding the Emergency Family Medical Leave Expansion Act and Emergency Paid Sick Leave in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act," Fennemore Client Alert, March 20, 2020
- Co-author, "Frequently Asked Questions About the Coronavirus in the Employment Setting," Fennemore Client Alert, March 17, 2020
- Author, "Attention Employers With 100 or More Employees: Deadline Quickly Approaching to Submit Employee Pay Data to the EEOC," Fennemore Client Alert, August 19, 2019
- Author, "How Employers Should Handle Requests for Workplace Accommodations," *Arizona Business Magazine*, November 2018

- Co-presenter, "One year After the Arizona Paid Sick Leave Law: What Have We Learned?" Business Section of the State Bar of Arizona, October 2018
- Author, "How to Protect Your Business from Employee's Social Media Posts," *Arizona Business Magazine*, September 2018

## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

- Member, Board of Directors, Be A Leader Foundation
- Fennemore's Chief Diversity Officer, January 2023-Present
- Chair, Fennemore Craig Diversity and Inclusion Council, 2020-December 2022
- Member, Sandra Day O'Connor Inn of Court, 2012-present
- Member, Past Board Member, Los Abogados Hispanic Bar Association, 2009-present
- Volunteer Mentor, The Be A Leader Foundation, 2009-present

## **ADMISSIONS**

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

## **LANGUAGES**

- Spanish, Fluent