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David A. McCarville is a Director at Fennemore, recognized for his strategic expertise in business and finance law, delivering innovative solutions in transactional matters, corporate governance, due diligence, and succession planning to help clients achieve their goals. He has extensive experience advising entrepreneurs, partnerships, and family-owned businesses across a wide range of industries, helping clients address complex challenges, optimize operations, and achieve their strategic goals.

As Chair of Fennemore Labs, the firm’s technology committee, David leads groundbreaking initiatives to integrate advanced legal technologies, particularly artificial intelligence, into the practice of law, delivering measurable benefits such as reducing client costs, expediting

complex transactions, and improving compliance with evolving regulations. He counsels clients on adopting AI and digital asset solutions in a regulatory-compliant manner to enhance operational efficiency, drive innovation, and achieve business growth. His guidance helps clients navigate complex legal landscapes while leveraging emerging technologies to remain competitive in their respective industries.

David is also part of Fennemore’s Mergers and Acquisitions practice. He advises and guides clients through each phase from “negotiations to closing.” He provides deep experience in technology law, including blockchain, data governance, and the development and application of AI to business transactions. This knowledge and expertise can result in a better understanding of the technical components of a proposed transaction and the business being merged or acquired. In addition, by effectively using AI, the M & A process can be streamlined resulting in greater efficiency and possible client cost savings by avoiding duplicative services and tasks.

David’s expertise extends to blockchain and cryptocurrency, where he helps clients navigate the complexities of digital assets and smart contracts, delivering innovative solutions that improve efficiency and transparency. He is a recognized thought leader in the intersection of technology and law, frequently presenting on topics such as AI, blockchain, and smart contracts at industry conferences and academic institutions.

David is licensed to practice law in Arizona and Massachusetts and has been recognized in The Best Lawyers in America®, a testament to his exceptional legal acumen, dedication to client

success, and innovative approach to solving complex legal challenges.

In addition to his legal practice, David serves as an adjunct professor at Arizona State University’s Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, where he has been teaching a course on blockchain and cryptocurrency law and policy since 2018. His publications and presentations focus on the practical and regulatory challenges of integrating cutting-edge technologies into legal and business frameworks.

# EDUCATION

J.D., George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law School B.A., English Literature, Loyola Marymount University

# AREAS OF PRACTICE

Business & Finance Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Advanced Energy

General Counsel Services

# AWARDS AND HONORS

*Best Lawyers in America®,* Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Trusts and Estates, 2023-2025

*Best Lawyers in America®,* Elder Law, 2024 and 2025

Burton Award, Law360’s Distinguished Legal Writing Award, 2025

# ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Co-Author, “[NCAA settlement, Arizona’s SB 1615 reshaping student-athlete compensation —](https://www.yourvalley.net/tempe-independent/stories/ncaa-settlement-arizonas-sb-1615-reshaping-student-athlete-compensation-heres-how%2C596882) [here’s how](https://www.yourvalley.net/tempe-independent/stories/ncaa-settlement-arizonas-sb-1615-reshaping-student-athlete-compensation-heres-how%2C596882),” Wrangler News Independent, July 3, 2025

Co-Author, “[A new chapter in college athletics](https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2025/07/02/a-new-chapter-in-college-athletics/),” Arizona Capitol Times, July 2, 2025

Co-Author, “[Finally, Arizona schools will pay student athletes. But it could cost you | Opinion](https://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/2025/07/02/nil-deal-college-money-arizona-confusing/84342994007/),” AZ Central, July 2, 2025

Quoted, “[From Novelty to Necessity: How Legal AI Became Mainstream](https://attorneyatlawmagazine.com/legal-technology/ai/from-novelty-to-necessity-how-legal-ai-became-mainstream),” *Attorney At Law Magazine*, June 17, 2025

Panelist, “From Vision to Reality: Building Proprietary AI Models,” Legal Week, NYC, March 25, 2025

Presenter, “Estate Planning Considerations for Digital Assets,” Boston Estate Planning Counsel, March 12, 2025

Moderator, “[A Global Perspective on Today’s Legal Technology: What to Know Now & How to](https://www.scgglobalspin.com/post/aglobalperspectiveontoday-slegaltechnology-whattoknownow-howtobe-andstay-competitivenomatterfirmsize) [Be – and Stay – Competitive No Matter Firm Size](https://www.scgglobalspin.com/post/aglobalperspectiveontoday-slegaltechnology-whattoknownow-howtobe-andstay-competitivenomatterfirmsize),” SCG Global Spin Podcast, March 11, 2025

Author, “[Treasury Suspends Enforcement of Corporate Transparency Act & Proposes Narrowed](https://inbusinessphx.com/government-compliance/treasury-suspends-enforcement-of-corporate-transparency-act-proposes-narrowed-scope) [Scope](https://inbusinessphx.com/government-compliance/treasury-suspends-enforcement-of-corporate-transparency-act-proposes-narrowed-scope),” Greater Phoenix InBusiness, March 6, 2025

Co-Author, “[NIL Agents: The Good, the Bad, and the Unregulated](https://www.fennemorelaw.com/nil-agents-the-good-the-bad-and-the-unregulated/),” Fennemore Blog, March 4, 2025

Author, “[Considerations for Arizona businesses as the U.S. signals potential shift toward AI-](https://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/news/2025/03/01/considerations-arizona-businesses-ai-digital-asset.html) [based digital assets](https://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/news/2025/03/01/considerations-arizona-businesses-ai-digital-asset.html),” Phoenix Business Journal, March 1, 2025

Co-Author, “[A patchwork of name, image and likeness agent regulations leaves student-](https://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/news/2025/03/01/name-image-likeness-regulations-student-athletes.html) [athletes largely unprotected,](https://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/news/2025/03/01/name-image-likeness-regulations-student-athletes.html)” Phoenix Business Journal, March 1, 2025

Author, “[Lessons From Developing A CTA Compliance Application](https://www.fennemorelaw.com/lessons-from-developing-a-cta-compliance-application/),” Law360, February 12, 2025

Author, “The New Administration’s Impact on AI and Digital Assets,” Greater Phoenix InBusiness, February 2025

Presenter, “The 2025 Forecast for the Legislative Session,” Arizona Corporation Commission, January 31, 2025.

Presenter, “The World of AI: Benefits and Perils for General Counsel,” Arizona Corporation Commission, January 31, 2025.

Author, “Lessons from Developing A CTA Compliance Application,” Law360, January 27, 2025

Author, “Trump’s impact on AI and digital assets: What business owners need to know,” AZ Big Media, January 14, 2025

Author, “Trump’s impact on AI and digital assets: What business owners need to know,” Arizona Capitol Times, January 13, 2025

Author, “[What Arizona businesses should know about the incoming administration’s impact on](https://www.yourvalley.net/stories/what-arizona-businesses-should-know-about-the-incoming-administrations-impact-on-ai-and-digital%2C556662) [AI and digital assets](https://www.yourvalley.net/stories/what-arizona-businesses-should-know-about-the-incoming-administrations-impact-on-ai-and-digital%2C556662),” Daily Independent, January 9, 2025

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Moderator, “Innovation at Small and Mid-Sized Law Firms,” The Legal Tech Fund Summit, December 2024

Presenter, “DEFI, Stable Coins and NFTs, Blockchain and Patents,” Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies Law & Policy Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, November 5, 2024

Presenter, “Hadera AI Working Group: AI, Smart Contracts and Digital Assets,” November 5, 2024

Presenter, “Supply Chains, Blockchains and Real Estate,” Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies Law & Policy Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, October 22, 2024

Presenter, “Smart Contracts, Blockchains and AI,” Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies Law & Policy Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, October 8, 2024

Presenter, “Bitcoin – A Case Study,” Blockchain & Cryptocurrencies Law & Policy Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, September 10, 2024

Presenter, “The Ethics of AI in Legal Practice,” Second Western Agricultural & Environmental Law Conference, June 14, 2024

Panelist, “SCG Legal – AI Working Group. AI and Ethics panel discussion,” May 23, 2024

Presenter, “LegalTech Boston: AI, Legal Work Remix and Alternative Fee Arrangements,” May 17, 2024

Author, “[As March Madness concludes, athletes and businesses looking for NIL deals should](https://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/news/2024/04/04/march-madness-athletes-nil-deals-legal-risks.html) [consider these legal risks](https://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/news/2024/04/04/march-madness-athletes-nil-deals-legal-risks.html),” Phoenix Business Journal, April 4, 2024

Author, “[Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) Compensation for Student Athletes](https://www.azattorneymag-digital.com/azattorneymag/library/item/202404/4184989/),” Arizona Attorney Magazine, April 4, 2024

Presenter, “AI Legal Tech for In House Counsel,” March 19, 2024

Presenter, “CLE: Litigation update: Name, Image and Likeness & NCAA,” March 7, 2024

Presenter, “Digital Assets, AI And Technology solutions for Trusts and Estates,” January 16, 2024

Author, “Corporate Transparency Act takes aim at financial crime,” Capitol Times, January 12, 2024

Author, “Considerations for Business and Student Athletes – Negotiating Name Image and Likeness Deals,” NIL Deals, January 4, 2024

Author, “What You Need to Know About Corporate Transparency Act,” Phoenix Business Journal and Horizon, January 2, 2024

Author, “Corporate Transparency Act to Enhance Economic Transparency in Business,” Arizona PBS, January 2, 2024

Author, “Fennemore exec down new Corporate Transparency Act requirements,” Phoenix Business Journal, January 2, 2024

Author, “How to prepare for implementation of the Corporate Transparency Act on Jan. 1,” AZ Big Media, December 20, 2023

Featuring, “Student Athletes and Getting Paid for Their Name,” New At 3, November 9, 2023

Featuring, “Blockchain Beyond Business: A Look at ASU’S Relationship with Cybersecurity Technology,” The State Press, March 21, 2023

Author, “Legacy Businesses: Setting up baby boomers for success,” Lovin’ Life After 50, November 14, 2022

Featuring, ” Legacy Businesses for 55+,” Arizona PBS, September 27, 2022

Featuring, “The Importance of a Proper Business Exit Strategy,” Next Avenue, September 13, 2022

Author, “How Baby Boomers can set up success in the sale of legacy businesses,” Daily Independent, August 26, 2022

Author, “Setting Baby Boomers up for success in the sale of legacy businesses,” Arizona Digital Free Press, August 2022

Author, “Setting Baby Boomers Up for Success in the Sale of Legacy Businesses,” inBusiness, August 2022

Co-Author, “Experts: Is it OK to pay your employees in Bitcoin?” Daily Independent, June 2, 2022

Co-Author, ” Is it OK to pay employees in Bitcoin?” AZ Big Media, May 26, 2022

Co-Author, “Is it time to start paying your employees in cryptocurrency?” Phoenix Business Journal, May 24, 2022

Author, “My View: Purchasing NFT art and sports memorabilia is the rage — but buyer beware,” Phoenix Business Journal, April 20, 2022

Quoted, “So, you want to take your paycheck in bitcoin?” Morning Brew, March 31, 2022 Interview, “Britney Spears Conservatorship Hearing,” Fox 10 Phoenix, November 18, 2021

Author, “My View: Why Bitcoin is gaining critical legitimacy as new asset class,” November 9, 2021

Interview, “Britney Conservatorship Hearing,” Fox 10 Phoenix, August 19, 2021 Quoted, “Britney Conservatorship Hearing,” Fox 10 Phoenix, June 23, 2021

[Podcast, “Lessons Learned from the Rich and Famous with David McCarville,” Fenn.Talks](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eI9tAyKuJOk) [Podcast, June 17, 2021](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eI9tAyKuJOk)

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Interview, “Attorney David McCarville speaks about the importance of designating a power of attorney,” Arizona PBS, May 26, 2021

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Quoted, “Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey’s first tweet sold for $2.9 million on Sunday. The buyer said it’s the Mona Lisa of tweets,” *Insider,* March 24, 2021

[Author, “Hospitals Required to Provide Patients With Transparent Pricing,” Fennemore Client](https://www.fennemorelaw.com/insights/newsletters/2020/hospitals-required-to-provide-patients-with-transparent-pricing) [Alert, September 2, 2020](https://www.fennemorelaw.com/insights/newsletters/2020/hospitals-required-to-provide-patients-with-transparent-pricing)

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Quoted, “Demystifying Cryptocurrencies: Promise and Potential Lead to Growing Appeal,”

*Destination CRM,* May 29, 2020

Presenter, “Key Blockchain Concepts for Corporate Counsel,” Association of Corporate Counsel, March 12, 2020

Presenter, “The Future of the Practice of Law and Blockchain Technology,” ASU Law School: Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Law and Policy, December 2, 2019

Presenter, “Blockchain Technology as a Legal Tool,” Valley Estate Planners, November 21, 2019

Presenter, “Blockchain for Lawyers,” Lawyers Networking Group Continuing Legal Education, October 23, 2019

Presenter, “Supply Chain and Real Estate Applications,” ASU Law School: Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Law and Policy, October 21, 2019

Presenter, “Smart Contracts,” ASU Law School: Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Law and Policy, September 23, 2019

Presenter, “Bitcoin: A Case Study,” ASU Law School: Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Law and Policy, August 26, 2019

Presenter, “Course Overview,” ASU Law School: Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Law and Policy, August 21, 2019

Presenter, “Estate Planning Mistakes of the Rich and Famous,” Comerica Bank, August 20, 2019

Presenter, “Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies,” Great West Financial, July 10, 2019

Presenter, “Blockchain: From Digital Currency to Smart Contracts and Beyond,” Arizona State Bar Convention, June 27, 2019

Presenter, “Industrial Hemp Market and Regulatory Overview,” Commerce Bank of Arizona, June 25, 2019

Presenter, “Estate Planning Mistakes of the Rich and Famous,” Pinnacle Peak Luxury Home Tour, June 7, 2019

Presenter, “Estate Planning Mistakes of the Rich and Famous,” Walt Danley Christie’s International Real Estate, April 24, 2019

Presenter, “Pitfalls to Avoid in Estate Planning,” Merrill Lynch, April 9, 2019

Presenter, “Legal Blockchain for Bright Beginners,” ASU Arkfield e-Discovery and Digital Evidence Conference, March 6, 2019

Panelist, “Smart Contracts and Blockchain Subcommittee,” American Bar Association Cyberspace Law Institute and Winter Working Meeting, January 24, 2019

Panelist, “Smart Contracts, Logistics, International Implications, and Future Applications,”

Arizona Technology Council and Arizona Cyber Threat Response Alliance 2018 Cybersecurity Lunch Forum, December 12, 2018

Presenter, “The Future of Blockchain,” ASU Law School: Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Law and Policy, November 20, 2018

Presenter, “International Use Cases for Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies,” ASU Law School: Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Law and Policy, November 6, 2018

Presenter, “Blockchain Technology in Real Estate and Supply Chain/Logistics,” ASU Law School: Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Law and Policy, October 16, 2018

Presenter, “Pitfalls to Avoid in Estate Planning,” Merrill Lynch, October 3, 2018

Presenter, “The Legal Impacts of Blockchain Technology,” Arizona State Bar Intellectual Property Section, October 16, 2018

Presenter, “Smart Contracts,” ASU Law School: Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Law and Policy, September 25, 2018

Presenter, “Legal Implications of Blockchain Technology,” Scottsdale Estate Planners, September 13, 2018

Presenter, “Bitcoin: A Case Study,” ASU Law School: Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Law and Policy, August 28, 2018

Presenter, “Course Overview,” ASU Law School: Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Law and Policy, August 21, 2018

Presenter, “Legal Implications of Blockchain Technology,” Maricopa Country Bar Association, June 1, 2018

Presenter, “Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies,” Finemark National Bank & Trust, March 15, 2018

# PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member, TLTF Summit Advisory Board, 2025 Member, American Bar Association Member, State Bar of Arizona

Adjunct Professor, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University Member, Advisory Board, The Legal Tech Fund Summit

Volunteer, Society of St. Vincent DePaul Volunteer, St. Mary’s Food Bank Volunteer, Tempe Junior Crew

Past Member, Feeding Matters Professional Advisory Board

Volunteer, St. Francis Xavier Athletic Association and St. Francis Xavier Grade School

# ADMISSIONS

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