



# TAYLOR BURGOON

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I don't know that there are any short cuts to doing a good job.

-Sandra Day O'Connor



## TAYLOR BURGOON

Taylor Burgoon is a business litigation attorney focusing on complex business disputes primarily in Arizona and the greater Southwest. Taylor's practice encompasses litigation and appeals in a broad range of areas, including representing government entities, businesses, and business owners in breach of contract disputes, high-risk tort defense, real property disputes, and email wire fraud scams, among others.

Taylor's competitive spirit, dedication, and honed legal skills have resulted in an impressive track record of winning cases through early motion practice and at trial. She has a passion for advocating and supporting her clients, and she enjoys the intellectual requirements of a successful litigator – tirelessly working on the legal reasoning and analysis of a case.

Taylor has earned recognition in Best Lawyers in America®, Ones to Watch from 2022 to 2026 and was named a Southwest Rising Star from 2022 to 2024. In 2025, AZ Business Magazine recognized her as one of the 50 Rising Stars in Law. In 2026, Taylor was featured in AZ Business Leaders magazine as an Emerging Leader in law.

As a proud member of the Fiesta Bowl Yellow Jacket Committee and the TGen Ambassador program, Taylor is committed to giving back and making a difference in the Phoenix community. Outside of her work as a business litigator, she recharges her batteries through music, yoga, hiking, and traveling.

## EDUCATION

J.D., Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, *magna cum laude* and Order of the Coif

B.A., Michigan State University

Executive Note & Comment Editor, *Arizona State Law Journal*, 2016-2017

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Excellence in Constitutional Law

William H. Pedrick Scholar

Rebecca and Michael Berch Scholar

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

Appeals

Business Torts

Litigation

Business Litigation

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

### Appellate Work

Served as legal counsel to the City of Chandler in *City of Chandler v. Roosevelt Water Conservation District*, No. CV-24-0267-PR, 2026 WL 1141802 (Ariz. Apr. 28, 2026), where the Arizona Supreme Court declared that the one-year statute of limitations in A.R.S. § 12-821 does not apply to claims by a government-entity plaintiff against another government entity, helping secure a ruling that preserves flexibility for public entities to resolve disputes without the pressure of a strict one-year deadline.

Won 10th Circuit appeal affirming summary judgment for large dairy distributor in high-dollar wrongful death lawsuit. *Estate of Ratley by & through Ratley v. Awad*, CV-19-00265-PRW, 2021 WL 1845497 (W.D. Okla. May 7, 2021), *aff'd*, 23-6169, 2025 WL 1166454 (10th Cir. Apr. 22, 2025).

Won appeal affirming summary judgment for State of Arizona and State Trooper in lawsuit asserting 42 U.S.C. 1983 claim and state-law claims. *Johnson v. State*, 1 CA-CV 25-0271, 2026 WL 218669 (App. Jan. 28, 2026).

Won appeal affirming summary judgment for our government-entity client in negligence suit relating to 911 dispatcher services and wrong-way driver policies. *Hariato v. State*, 1 CA-CV 23-0789, 2024 WL 4511250 (App. Oct. 17, 2024), review denied (Aug. 1, 2025).

Successfully defended Proposition 123 providing for distributions to schools of monies from the State Land Trust in both state and federal court against challenges under the Enabling Act. *Pierce v. Ducey*, No. 1CA-CV 22-0007 (Arizona Court of Appeals October 25, 2022); *Pierce v. Ducey*, 965 F.3d 1085 (9th Cir. 2020).

Won appeal on behalf of plaintiff/appellee business entity in lawsuit against sanitary district relating to required provision of sewer services. *Talking Rock Land, LLC v. Inscription Canyon Ranch Sanitary Dist.*, 1 CA-CV 19-0284, 2020 WL 113380 (App. Jan. 9, 2020). Also successfully defended against related federal court suit. *Allied World Specialty Ins. Co. v. ICR Sanitary Dist.*, CV-20-08091-PHX-DJH, 2021 WL 1951750 (D. Ariz. Feb. 24, 2021).

Represented amicus curiae in successful Gift Clause argument on appeal to the Arizona Supreme Court. *Schires v. Carlat*, 250 Ariz. 371, 480 P.3d 639 (2021)

## Litigation Work

Second chaired and won jury trial in lawsuit asserting negligent design, signage, and traffic control against a government entity. Obtained unanimous jury verdict after only 15-minute deliberation.

Second chaired and won bench trial on a directed verdict on claims of alleged fraud and misrepresentation in a business dispute.

Third chaired and won bench trial on claims against government entity arising out of severe storm and resultant flooding of natural wash.

Third chaired and won jury trial in lawsuit asserting claims against government entity arising out of severe monsoon storm and resultant flooding of drainage canal. Obtained unanimous jury verdict on all claims and affirmative defenses.

Successfully defended city in zoning dispute that sought to prevent \$7 billion semiconductor packing and test facility development that serves important national economic security purposes. Won case on motion to dismiss.

Won summary judgment for government entity client in lawsuit alleging negligent road design and signing.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

*Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>, Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Banking and Finance, Litigation-Real Estate, 2022-2026

AZ Business Leaders 2026, Emerging Leaders in Law

50 Rising Stars in Law, *AZ Business Magazine*, 2025

Top Lawyers, Phoenix Magazine, 2025

*Southwest Rising Stars*<sup>®</sup>, Business Litigation, 2022-2026

Top Attorneys in the Southwest, 2024

## ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Author, "[Time Does Not Run Against the King](#)" – Arizona Supreme Court Confirms Government Entity Plaintiffs Are Not Bound By A.R.S. § 12-821's One-Year Statute of Limitations, April 2026

Featured, "[50 emerging leaders in Arizona law for 2025](#)," AZ Big Media, January 24, 2025

Author, "Next Steps for Victims of Business Email Compromise Scams," Daily Independent, October 15, 2024

Author, "[Next Steps for Victims of Business Email Compromise Scams](#)," Greater Phoenix InBusiness Magazine, October 10, 2024

Author, "[Help for victims of business email compromise scams](#)," Phoenix Business Journal, April 1, 2024

Interview, "[I wanted to be a lawyer so I could utilize my problem-solving and critical thinking skills...](#)" Fennemore Blog, October 12, 2023

Author, "[Business Email Compromise Scams: When The Fraudster Has Fled, Who's Stuck Holding The Bag?](#)" Fennemore Client Alert, March 4, 2022

Quoted, "Let's Celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day," Fennemore Blog, February 18, 2021

Co-author, "New Arizona LLC Act Now Governs All LLCs," Fennemore Client Alert, September 10, 2020

Co-author, "Data Breach and the Defend Trade Secrets Act," *Arizona Attorney*, February 2019

## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Committee Member, Fiesta Bowl Yellow Jacket Committee

Committee Member, M3F Executive Committee

TGen Ambassador

## **ADMISSIONS**

Arizona

U.S. District Court District of Arizona and U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit