

ROBERT M. WAY



Robert M. Way is a Partner who practices in the firm's estate planning and estate litigation sections. Robert began his education at Boston University – Tanglewood Institute of Music, then onto the University of San Diego (Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy), and finally Thomas Jefferson School of Law, in San Diego, California, where he received his Juris Doctor degree in 2001. Mr. Way's practice focuses on estate planning, probate and trust administration, guardianship and conservatorship, elder law, corporate representation, and probate and end-of-life litigation. Also, his work occasionally

includes Catholic estate planning, where he advises both individuals and clergy on the interaction and integration of canon law and civil law in one's estate plan. Robert is licensed in both Arizona and the District of Columbia.

His professional career has included work as a Deputy Yuma County Attorney, (Criminal Division) and also as a Civil County Attorney (2005-2007). Mr. Way worked with The Deason Law Firm (2007-2010) in Yuma, Arizona, which focuses its practice in estate planning and elder law. Also, he was a solo practitioner with The Way Law Firm, P.C., in Tucson from 2010-2013, and later as a partner with Thompson Krone, PLC in Tucson (2013-2019). Finally, he has worked as an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Brown Mackie College (Tucson Campus).

Robert has previously served as a Panel Member and Settlement Officer for the Supreme Court of Arizona Disciplinary Commission. Currently, Robert serves as a volunteer Judge *Pro Tem* for the Pima County Superior Court Probate Division. Since 2012, he has served as a member of the Parish Council for St. Melany's Byzantine Catholic Church, and he is a co-founder of the Byzantine Catholic Shrine of Mary Undoer of Knots on Mt. Lemmon in Summerhaven.

His volunteer efforts have made him past President of the Yuma County Bar Association, a founding Board Member of the Yuma Endowment Project, and as the 2011 President of the Arizona Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA). Currently, Robert is the 2020-21 President of the St. Thomas More Society of Southern Arizona.

Robert is an accomplished violinist having studied classical violin since age four. During college he was the concertmaster and lead violinist in both the University of San Diego Symphony and Chamber group, and professionally with chamber music groups at the Orvieto Musica Festival, in Italy in 2007. He has recorded as a studio musician with various bands in Hollywood, and has produced a 20-piece jazz big band called Zimbabwe's King Kingston Orchestra, where he was both a songwriter and musician, in collaboration with Carlos Malcolm, founder of the Jamaican ska band, Carlos Malcolm and the Afro-Jamaican Rhythms as well as arranger for the original James Bond film, "Dr. No." Recently, Robert has returned to classical music in playing with concert pianist Eric Genuis.

Mr. Way holds a master's level degree (7th degree black belt) in the Mandarin Chinese martial art of Northern Shou Shu Kung Fu and is certified by the Red Dragon Martial Arts.

Apart from Robert's professional practice, his greatest joy is being a husband and father of eight children.

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Practice Areas

- Corporate
- Elder Law Focusing on End-of Life
- Estate Litigation
- Estate Planning
- Guardianship and Conservatorship
- Planning and Medicaid
- Probate
- Trust Administration

Admissions

- State Bar of Arizona
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
- District of Columbia
- US Tax Court
- 9th Court of Appeals

Professional

- Mesch Clark Rothschild, Partner, Tucson, AZ, November 2019 - Present
- The Way Law Firm, P.C., 2010 – 2013, Tucson, AZ
- Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice, Brown Mackie College, Tucson, AZ
- The Deason Law Firm, Yuma, AZ, 2007 - 2010
- Civil County Attorney, 2005 - 2007
- Deputy Yuma County Attorney, (Criminal Division)

Organizations

- Panel Member and Settlement Officer, Supreme Court of Arizona Disciplinary Commission
- Board Member, Fatima Women's Center, Tucson, AZ
- Member, Parish Council for St. Melany's Byzantine Catholic Church
- Past President, Yuma County Bar Association
- Founding Member, Yuma Endowment Project
- 2011 President, Arizona Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)



Education

- J.D., Thomas Jefferson School of Law - San Diego, California
- Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, University of San Diego
- Tanglewood Institute of Music, Boston University