

MICHAEL MCGRATH



Michael McGrath is a partner and the Board Chair of Mesch Clark Rothschild. He is a commercial lawyer in a practice which emphasizes debtor and creditor rights as well as commercial and real estate litigation and transactions.

Michael is a Phoenix native and received his J.D. from the University of Arizona College of Law. He began his career clerking for the Chief Judges of the United States Bankruptcy and District Courts in Phoenix.

Michael has been selected as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona for the past four years by Arizona Business Magazine and. He has been included in the *Best Lawyers in America* publication for more than 25 years and was recognized as the 2016 Lawyer of the Year for Bankruptcy Litigation by the *Best Lawyer* publication. He has been recognized as a *Super Lawyer*, a *Southwest Super Lawyer*, as a member of Arizona's *Finest Lawyers* and recently recognized as a Lawdragon 2020 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers.

Michael is a fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy and the Litigation Counsel of America. He has served as a Lawyer Delegate to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and been a member of the Bankruptcy Advisory Commission for the certification of bankruptcy specialists, and Merit Selection Committees for the District's bankruptcy and magistrate judges. Michael was a member of the Disciplinary Commission of the Arizona Supreme Court from 1994-2000, serving as chairman from 1999-2000.

He is active in civic, cultural, and professional organizations, including the Volunteer Lawyers Panel of Southern Arizona Legal Aid. He is a past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tucson Urban League, a former president of the Tucson Conquistadores and the Tucson Conquistadores Foundation. He serves as counsel for the non-profit Rialto Theatre in Tucson. He is a managing member of the Hacienda del Sol Guest Ranch Resort in Tucson.

Michael is married to Eileen Romer McGrath, Ph.D., and they have two daughters: Katlin, New York City and Shea, Minneapolis.

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Practice Areas

- Commercial Bankruptcy representation including acting as counsel to debtors, official committees of unsecured creditors, Chapter 11 trustees, and creditors
- Commercial litigation and transactions

Admissions and Certificates

- Supreme Court of the State of Arizona, 1979
- United States District Court, District of Arizona, 1979
- The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- The United States Tax Court

Education

- Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix, 1971
- University of Arizona B.A. with honor, 1975
- University of Arizona College of Law, Juris Doctor, 1979

Activities and Honors

- Lawdragon 2020 Leading U.S. Bankruptcy and Restructuring Lawyers
- Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona, Arizona Business Magazine 2017 - 2021
- America's Most Honored Professionals Top 1% 2016
- Litigation Counsel of America, *Fellow*, 2008 - Present
- Top Lawyers, 2011, *Corporate Counsel*
- Arizona's Finest Lawyers, 2010 - 2021
- Southwest Super Lawyers, 2007 - Present; Top 50 Arizona Super Lawyers, 2016 - Present
- American College of Bankruptcy, *Fellow*, Present
- Disciplinary Commission, Supreme Court of Arizona, 1995 - 2000; *Chair*, 1999 - 2000
- Best Lawyers in America, *Listed*, 1991 - Present
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating 1986 - Present
- Arizona Board of Legal Specialization, *Certified Specialist* in Bankruptcy Law, 1991; *Recertified*, 1996; 2001; 2006
- United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona, ADR Program, List of Approved Compensated and Uncompensated Mediators Adjunct professor in International Insolvency at the James Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, 2012
- American Bankruptcy Institute, *Member*



- Volunteer Lawyers Panel, Southern Arizona Legal Aid, *Member*, 1982 - Present
- Arizona Town Hall, *Member*, 1989 - Present
- Financial Oversight Committee, Tucson United School District, *Member*, 1989
- Tucson Urban League, *Director*, 2001 - 2006, *President*, 2007
- Tucson Conquistadores, *Member*, 1997, *President*, 2005
- Tucson Conquistadores Foundation, *Charter Member*, *President*, 2006
- Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, *Lawyer Delegate*, 2002 - 2005
- Rialto Theatre, Tucson, Arizona, *Counsel*
- Hacienda del Sol Guest Ranch Resort, *Managing Member*