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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

- Medical Malpractice Litigation
- Products Liability - Plaintiffs
- Personal Injury Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Litigation

EDUCATION

Arizona State University

B.S., *summa cum laude*, 1976, Bio-Ag Sciences

Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine

D.V.M., *summa cum laude*, 1980

Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine

M.S., 1983, Veterinary Anatomy

Arizona State University College of Law

J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1986,
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As a licensed veterinarian, Mark has the medical knowledge that helps get his clients the results they deserve. Given that strong medical science background, Mark's practice focuses on tort law, including medical negligence, product liability, and other significant personal injury cases. He has nearly 35 years of experience litigating medical malpractice cases with victories including the landmark Edwards verdict, a transfusion-associated AIDS case that remains one of the largest personal injury verdicts in Arizona history. Mark was born in New York, but he moved to the Phoenix area in 1959 and grew up there. He practiced from 1986 to 1995 at Meyer, Hendricks, Victor, Osborn & Maledon, becoming a member in 1992. In 1995, Mark helped form Dalton Gotto Samson & Kilgard, P.L.C. ("DGSK") and was one of the members of DGSK who formed Keller Rohrback P.L.C. in 2002, and then Keller Rohrback L.L.P. in 2015.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

1986, Arizona
1986, U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona
1986, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
1986, U.S. Supreme Court
2008, Washington, D.C.

HONORS & AWARDS

Named to Super Lawyers list in *Super Lawyers - Southwest*, 2008-2021
Best Lawyers in America, Medical Malpractice Practice, Phoenix, Arizona 2022-2023
Best Lawyers in America®, Phoenix, Arizona:

- Medical Malpractice Practice, 2022-2024
- Plaintiffs and Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs, 2023-2024
- Plaintiffs Product Liability Litigation, Phoenix, 2024

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Maricopa County Bar Association, *Member*
Arizona State Bar Association, *Member*
American Association for Justice, *Member*
Arizona Association for Justice, *Sustaining Member*

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

American Veterinary Medical Law Association, *The Lawyer's Role in Meeting 21st Century Changes in Veterinary Medicine*, 2018.

Maricopa County Association of Paralegals, *Personal Injury Law in Arizona*, 2018.

Arizona State University College of Law, *Health Law and Policy*, 2016.

Arizona Paralegal Association, *Health Law – Medical Malpractice in Today's World*, 2016.

Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, *From the Heart: Letting Go in Front of the Jury*, 2015.

Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, *Medical Malpractice Seminar*, 2013.

Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, *Trial Masters: A Look Inside the Value Options Case & Tools for Difficult Cases*, 2011.

Arizona State Bar, *Comparing Veterinary and Legal Ethics*, 2009.

Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, *Loss of a Chance in Medical Mal Cases*, 2008.

Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, *Issues in FTCA Claims*, 2008.

Co-Chair, Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, *Trial Practice - Damages*, 2007.

Chairman, Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, *Rapid Fire on Litigation Issues*, Oct. 2006.

Co-Chair, Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, *Liens*, Jan. 2006.

Author, Blackwell's 5-Minute Veterinary Practice Management Consult, *Negotiating 101*, 2006.

Maricopa County Bar Association, *Arizona Appellate Update*, 2005.

Maricopa County Bar Association, *Liens Again*, 2004.

Chairman, Arizona State Bar, *New Ethical Rules in Arizona*, Oct. 2003.

Speaker, Arizona Veterinary Medical Association,

Application of legal principles to veterinary medicine, 1999-2003.

Speaker, Arizona Paralegal Association, *Settlement conferences versus trial in medical malpractice cases*, 2002;

Speaker, Arizona Paralegal Association, *Changes and issues in Arizona's ethical rules for attorneys*, 2003.

Maricopa County Bar Association, *Punitive Damages after Campbell v. State Farm*, May 2003.

Co-Chair, Arizona Trial Lawyers Association, *Anatomy of Pain*, 2002.

Speaker, Arizona Trial Lawyers Association Medical Malpractice Seminar, *Use of medical literature in the courtroom*, 1996;

Speaker, Arizona Trial Lawyers Association Medical Malpractice Seminar, *New legal theories in medical malpractice*, 1999.

Chair, Maricopa County Bar Association, *Seminar on Medical Malpractice in the Ages of Disclosure*.

Speaker, National Meeting of American Veterinary Medical Law Association, *Tort and Regulatory Issues Affecting Veterinarians*, 1995.

Chair, Maricopa County Bar Association, *Seminar on Anatomy*, 1994.