

Justice (Retired) John Pelander



EDUCATION:

LL.M. (Master of Laws in Judicial Process) University of Virginia School of Law, 1998

J.D., with high distinction and Order of the Coif, University of Arizona College of Law, 1976; Executive Editor, Arizona Law Review, 1975-1976

B.A., cum laude, Wittenberg University, 1973

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit,
Judge Richard H. Chambers, 1976-1977

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Justice, Arizona Supreme Court, September 2009 – February 28, 2019

Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two, May 1995 – August 2009

Chief Judge, July 2004 – June 2009

Vice Chief Judge, July 1999 – June 2004

Partner, Slutes, Sakrison, Grant & Pelander, P.C., 1984-1995

Partner, Slutes, Browning, Sakrison & Grant, P.C., 1981-1984

Associate and Partner, Slutes, Browning, Zlaket & Sakrison, P.C., 1977-1981

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Citation Award, Wittenberg University, 2010

Professional Achievement Award, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, 2010

Distinguished Alumnus Award, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, 2007

Second Year Law Student Contributing Most to Legal Scholarship, 1975

Outstanding First Year Writer, Arizona Law Review, 1974

Arizona State Bar Award, 1974 (top exam in course on legal ethics)

Standard Oil of Ohio Scholarship, Wittenberg University (4 years)
Alumni Scholarship, Wittenberg University (4 years)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

Professor of Practice (Judicial Opinion Writing course), Univ. of Ariz. College of Law (2020-2024)
American Law Institute (2016-present)
Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal
 Vice President (2008-2009); Secretary/Treasurer (2007-2008)
Arizona Judicial Council, 2004-2009
Arizona Judicial Performance Review Commission, 2000-2007
Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, 1997-2004
 Chairman, November 2000 – May 2004
Arizona Supreme Court CourTools Committee, 2008-2018
Arizona Supreme Court Advisory Rules Committee for Rules of Commission on Judicial Conduct, 2000-2001
Arizona College of Trial Advocacy, Faculty, 1993-1995, 2007-2009
American Board of Trial Advocates, 1987-1995
Arizona State Bar Appellate Practice Section, 1995-present
 Executive Council, 1996-1999
Arizona State Bar Civil Practice and Procedure Committee, 1983-1984
Morris K. Udall Inn of Court, 2006-2009
Presenter at many state and county bar association CLE programs
Moot court judge, University of Arizona College of Law, 1995-present

PUBLICATIONS:

Judicial Performance Review in Arizona: Goals, Practical Effects and Concerns, 30 Ariz. St. L. J. 643 (1998)
Michigan v. Tucker: A Warning About Miranda, 17 Ariz. L. Rev. 188 (1975)
Religious Freedom and the Native American Church, 16 Ariz. L. Rev. 554 (1974)
Prelitigation Investigation, Analysis and Employment of Experts, ch. 2, Arizona Personal Injury Guide (1991)