



## Jeffrey T. Pyburn

### Senior Counsel

☎ 480.624.8565 | 📠 480.607.9780 | ✉ jpyburn@meagher.com  
📍 Phoenix

👤 Assistant: Gayle Magden | ☎ 480.624.8572



### Overview

Jeff has been trying cases for more than three decades and concentrates his practice in the area of civil litigation. As a seasoned litigator, he has represented insurance companies, universities, major vehicle manufacturers, professional sports teams, product manufacturers and international corporations in a broad range of cases. He also regularly represents seriously injured parties and has secured multi-million dollar awards and settlements for his clients.

Jeff has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Personal Injury Litigation. He was also named by *Best Lawyers* as its Phoenix “Lawyer of the Year” for Products Liability Litigation – Defendants in 2017. Jeff has also been regularly included in the *Southwest Super Lawyers*® list since 2015.

When not practicing law, Jeff enjoys working out, mountain biking, playing with his dogs, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Jeff assists his clients with the following types of matters:

- ◆ Insurance – Coverage Analysis and Litigation for Insurance Companies, Insurance Disputes, Insurance for Individuals and Businesses Sports Law Products Liability
- ◆ Plaintiff’s Personal Injury & Wrongful Death
- ◆ Litigation – Civil Defense Litigation – Dram Shop/Bar, Drug and Medical Device Litigation, Fire and Explosions, Fraud and Commercial Torts, Government Liability, Insurance and Bad Faith, Legal and Other Professional Liability, Medical Malpractice, Motor Vehicle/Motorcycle/Commercial Trucking Collisions, Negligence, Nursing Home/Elder Abuse, Products Liability, Sexual Misconduct

### Representative Experience:

- ◆ Wrongful death and personal injury cases;

### Services

- ◆ Products Liability
- ◆ Professional Liability
- ◆ Professional Liability - Health Care
- ◆ Insurance
  - ◇ Insurance - Bad Faith
  - ◇ Insurance Coverage
  - ◇ Insurance - Reinsurance

### State Bar Admissions

- ◆ Arizona, 1986

### Federal Court Admissions

- ◆ United States District Court, District of Arizona, 1986

- ◆ Products liability, construction accidents and defects;
- ◆ Bad faith claims;
- ◆ Professional malpractice;
- ◆ Obtained a \$5M verdict on behalf of client which became the largest jury verdict in Arizona for the year 2019;
- ◆ Involved in a number of significant personal injury and wrongful death cases, securing multi-million dollar awards and settlements for his clients; and
- ◆ Represented several professional athletes in both negotiations and litigation.

## Education

- ◆ Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, J.D., 1986
- ◆ University of Georgia, With Honors, B.A., 1980

## Experience

### Professional Affiliations

- ◆ State Bar of Arizona, Member
- ◆ Maricopa County Bar Association, Member
- ◆ Police Activities League, Board of Directors
- ◆ Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, Product Liability Committee, Member
- ◆ Maricopa County Sports Foundation, Board of Directors

### Representative Cases

- ◆ *Steven C. Nichols v. Michael Carbajal*, No. CV-97-23546 (Az. Sup. Ct. 2000)
- ◆ *Mora v. Phoenix Indemnity Insurance Company*, 1 CA-CV 98-0521, 996 P.2d 116 (Ct. App. Div. 1, Dept. A 1999)
- ◆ *Steven Knotts v. Jeffrey K. Paulk*, No. DV-98-07091 (Az. Sup. Ct. 1998)
- ◆ *Home Indemnity Company v. Mead Reinsurance Corp.*, No. 2 CA-CV- 90-0102, 166 Ariz. 59, 800 P.2d 46 (Ct. App. 1990)
- ◆ *Mendoza v. McDonald's Corp.*, Maricopa County Superior Court No. CV2000-018376
- ◆ *Dennis v. AZPB Limited Partnership*, Maricopa County Superior Court No. CV2008-016618
- ◆ *White v. Costco*, Maricopa County Superior Court No. CV2008-012319

## Notable

### Accolades

- ◆ Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers of America® in the areas of Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs, and Product Liability Litigation-Defendants (2013-2022); Litigation-Insurance (2016-2022)
- ◆ Named by Best Lawyers® as a 2017 Products Liability Litigation- Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in Phoenix
- ◆ Named to Southwest Super Lawyers® list in the area of Personal Injury – General: Plaintiff (2015-2022)
- ◆ Arizona's Top Rated Lawyers, ALM Legal Leaders, 2018

- ◆ Awarded the highest possible Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating, AV® Preeminent™ (AV is a registered certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies)
- ◆ Played professional baseball for the San Diego Padres
- ◆ Played professional football for the Buffalo Bills
- ◆ NCAA Academic All-American Football Team, University of Georgia
- ◆ NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship Award, University of Georgia

## Publications

- ◆ Personal Injury Practice – The Plaintiff’s Perspective, Hot Topics, Trends and News, National Business Institute, June 2000

## Live Media

- ◆ [Jury Sides With Mother in Sierra Tucson Wrongful Death Trial \(May 24, 2019\)](#)
- ◆ [Jury Awards \\$5M to Mother of Man Who Died After Stay at Sierra Tucson \(May 24, 2019\)](#)
- ◆ [Four Part Series – ABC15 Investigative Report on Arizona Dentists \(March 9, 2015\)](#)
- ◆ TPD Officer Remained on Duty After Suspensions for Disciplinary Reasons (November 6, 2014): KVOA | By Lupita Murillo | Jeff Pyburn provides comments to reporter Lupita Murillo regarding Tucson police officer.