

**MICHAEL F. McNULTY**

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Practice



Michael McNulty is a Deputy County Attorney for Pima County, practicing in the areas of environmental and water law. Previously, he was a partner in the law firm of Lewis and Roca, LLP, where he also concentrated in the fields of water law and natural resources, and land use regulation at the city, county, tribal, state and federal levels. Mr. McNulty has provided advice concerning water rights to water utilities, developers and agribusinesses, and has particular expertise in obtaining 'assured water supply' determinations from the Department of Water Resources under Arizona's Groundwater Management Act of 1980.

Mr. McNulty initially organized, and for fifteen years represented, the Metropolitan Water District in Pima County, Southern Arizona's second largest water utility serving 60,000 people. He has for three decades monitored Arizona's largest general stream adjudication in which more than 45,000 claimants are asserting the right to use water from the Gila River System and its tributaries, including the Santa Cruz River.

Education

Yale University (B.A. 1973)

University of Arizona (J.D. 1977)

Professional Experience

Staff Attorney, U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment  
(1977 - 1978)

Staff Attorney, U.S. House of Rep. Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs (1979)

Congressional Liaison, Office of Director Jack Gibbons,

Office of Technology Assessment, U.S. Congress (1979 - 1980)

Administrative Assistant to Congressman Morris K. Udall (1980 - 1981)

Director, Ariz. Dept. of Water Resources, Tucson Active Management Area (1981 - 1984)

Arizona Department of Real Estate Certified Instructor (1983 - 1985)

Partner, Streich, Lang, Weeks & Cardon, Tucson, Arizona (1984 - 1990)

General Counsel, Space Biospheres Venture (1989 - 1993 )  
Partner, Brown & Bain, P.A., Tucson Arizona (1991 - 2001)  
Partner, Lewis & Roca, LLP, Tucson Arizona (2002 - 2013)

#### Community Service

Senior Advisory Board, Univ. of Arizona Downtown Science Center (2001 - 2005 )  
Board of Directors, Information Technology Association of So. Arizona (1996 - 2003)  
Board of Directors (and Founding Member), Southern Arizona Water Resources Association  
(1986 – 1996)  
Board of Directors, Green Fields Country Day School (1990 -1992)  
Board of Directors, Planetary Coral Reef Foundation (1990 - 1993)  
Board of Directors, Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association (1989 – 1991)  
General Counsel, Native Seeds/SEARCH (1989 - 2011)

#### Political Activities

Chairman, Giffords For State Representative Campaign Committee (2000-2002)  
Chairman, Giffords For State Senate Campaign Committee (2002-2005)  
Chairman, Giffords For Congress Campaign Committee (2005-2012)

#### Court Admissions

Supreme Court of Arizona (1977)  
District of Columbia (1978)

#### Professional Associations and Activities

State Bar of Arizona  
District of Columbia Bar Association [Inactive]  
Arizona Representative, Western States Water Council (1987 - 1991; 2003 - 2004)  
Member, Pima County Zoning Ordinance Review Commission (1982 - 1985)  
Member, Section of Science and Technology, American Bar Association (1991 - )

## Speeches and Lectures

"Water Marketing in the Context of Private Water Utilities", a legal education course sponsored by Lorman, International, in Phoenix, Arizona on Nov. 19, 2010.

"Assured Water Supplies and the Real Estate Lawyer," CLE sponsored by the Pima County Bar Association, March 2003.

"The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Rise of Wireless Communications." Address to the non-profit Center For Software Excellence on March 13, 1997.

"Assured Water Supplies and the Real Estate Lawyer," Course sponsored by the CLE International in Scottsdale, Arizona in November 1996 and October 1997.

"The Telecommunications Act of 1996." Address to the non-profit Arizona Telecommunications and Information Alliance on October 17, 1996.

"What the Real Estate Practitioner Needs To Know About Water Law," a speech sponsored by CLE International at a "Land Use Law" seminar held in Scottsdale, Arizona in October 1997.

"Current developments in Arizona water law," a speech sponsored by CLE International at a "Land Use Law" seminar held in Scottsdale, Arizona in October 1996.

"Sink or swim: what the real estate practitioner needs to know about Arizona's water law." Course sponsored by the Arizona Bar Association for C.L.E. credit on April 15, 1993.

"Practicing Law in a Paperless Environment: The Experience of Biosphere 2," a presentation to the Pima County Bar Association, Tucson, Arizona (November, 1991).

"The Eccentric Arizona Active Water Management Areas," 12th Annual Conference on Innovation in Western Water Law and Management, Univ. of Colorado Natural Resources Law Center, Boulder, Colorado, June 1990.

"Ethical Problems in Water Law," at an Arizona Bar Association conference entitled: Arizona's Water Law: Overview and Current Topics, at the Great Hall of Arizona State University Law School, April 21, 1990.

"Water Conservation Regulations under the Management Plans of the Arizona Department of Water Resources," at a conference entitled A Real Estate Practitioner's Guide To Water Law, held on Nov. 7, 1989 in Phoenix, Arizona.

"Working Within the Act: Opportunities for Achieving Policy Goals," at a conference entitled The Arizona Groundwater Management Act - into the nineties, held on Sept. 6, 1990 in Casa Grande, Arizona.

#### Writings

"Arizona Water Issues: Contrasting Economic and Legal Perspectives," with Gary C. Woodard, Ph.D., in the Arizona Review, University of Arizona, Fall 1984.

"A Water Issues Primer," Southern Arizona Water Resources Association (2d ed. Sept. 1983).

"Re: The Future of the Legal Profession," University of Arizona Law Review. Sub. nom. Rep. Morris K. Udall (June 1978).

"A Proposed Water Resources Code or Statute: Arizona Water Resources Management Act of 1977," Robert Emmett Clark, 19 Arizona Law Review 719 (Vol. 19, No. 4). (Author of Chapter III, "Adjudication of Water Rights.")