



## BIOGRAPHY

DANIEL G. DOWD is a Partner and the President of Cohen Dowd Durchslag. For over three decades, Dan has practiced in the areas of complex business and administrative litigation, and has repeatedly been selected as one of the top litigators in Arizona. He has been named a Southwest Super Lawyer in every edition of that publication, which recognizes the top five percent of lawyers practicing in their state. Dan is also recognized yearly by Super Lawyers as one of the Top Fifty attorneys in Arizona. Dan is one of the very few lawyers in Arizona ranked by the internationally acclaimed Chambers & Partners for Commercial Litigation. Arizona Business Magazine has selected Dan as one of the Top Lawyers in Arizona multiple times. Dan was selected by Phoenix Magazine as Top Lawyers in Arizona. Dan has also been named multiple times as a "top commercial litigator" by Arizona Business Leaders magazine, which recognizes Arizona's most respected and influential business leaders. The Business Journal has recognized Dan as one of the "Best of the Bar - Litigation" as selected by his peers. Dan has been recognized by "Best Lawyers in America" every year since 2010 for commercial and bet-the-company litigation. He is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell. Dan is also a Senior Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, an invitation-only trial lawyer honorary society, the membership of which is limited to less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers.

Dan's accolades reflect his successes throughout his career. Dan has tried and arbitrated many cases. For example, Dan and Ron Cohen obtained a \$360 million jury verdict after a month-long trial, the second largest ever returned in Arizona and the fourth highest in the United States that year. After a two-month bench trial, Dan and his co-counsel obtained a decision finding damages of \$288 million in a commercial tort case, which led to a \$75 million judgment against the remaining defendants.

Dan had successfully litigated cases on behalf of a wide variety of clients in many and diverse industries, from large multinational corporations to start-ups, local businesses and individuals, and he has represented the Arizona Board of Regents and the public institutions it governs in nearly 100 matters ranging from employment to athletics to intellectual property disputes. Dan has also served as an independent investigator in multiple high-stakes internal investigations.

Dan is also active in the professional community, including with the American Bar Association (“ABA”) and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (“NITA”). He has been a member of the senior leadership within the ABA Section of Litigation since 2001, and has served as a member of the Section's governing body, the Council. He is also the Program Director for NITA's highly acclaimed, multi-day Arizona and Nevada Deposition Skills Programs.

## AWARDS

Named in every edition of Super Lawyers®, 2007-present

Selected to the Super Lawyers® list of the Top Fifty attorneys in Arizona, 2011-2014, 2016-present

Ranked Band 1, Commercial Litigation, Chambers and Partners

Named to the list of The Best Lawyers in America® for Commercial Litigation, 2010-Present, and for Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2022-Present

Named in Arizona Business Magazine's Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona, 2014, 2015, 2017-2020, 2024

Named in Arizona Business Leaders - Business & Commercial Litigation, 2013-2016, 2020

Senior Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America

Fellow of the American Bar Foundation

AV® Preeminent™ Peer Rating from Martindale-Hubbell

## EDUCATION

University of Iowa College of Law

J.D with high distinction, 1988

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Iowa State University

B.B.A. (Finance) with distinction, 1985

## BAR ADMISSION

Arizona

United States District Court, District of Arizona

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

United States Supreme Court

## ASSOCIATIONS

State Bar of Arizona  
Maricopa County Bar Association  
American Bar Association  
Former Member, ABA Section of Litigation Council  
Former National Co-chair of the ABA Section of Litigation's Judicial Intern Opportunity Program National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Program Director for the Arizona and Nevada Deposition Programs Former Co-chair of the ABA Special Committee on the Future of Civil Litigation  
Former Co-chair of the ABA Solo and Small Firm Committee  
Former Co-chair of the ABA Federal Practice Task Force  
Regional Chair for the ABA Section of Litigation 2016 Rules Amendments Roadshow

## REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Longtime lecturer on advocacy skills for National Institute of Trial Advocacy  
"Attorney Ethical Considerations in the University Setting," University of Arizona  
"Dirt to Development" Podcast, Episode 19, Withey Morris, PLC  
"Looking Forward: the Landscape for Commercial Litigation," 2019 AICPA Forensic and Valuation Services National Conference  
"How to Get Your Litigation In (or Out) of Bankruptcy," presented by the Federal Bar Association (Arizona chapter)  
"National Institute on Mediation with the Masters: Contemporary Strategies for Effective Advocacy in Mediation," presented by the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation  
"Bridge the Gap: Arizona Legal Skills (Motion Practice and Summary Judgment)," State Bar of Arizona, Continuing Legal Education  
"The Corporate Attorney-Client Privilege and The Rules of Professional Conduct for University Lawyers," Arizona State University

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Dan has been a member of the senior leadership within the Arizona Bar Association Section of Litigation since 2001, and has served as a member of the Section's governing body, the Council. He has devoted years to developing and supporting the Section's highly acclaimed Judicial Intern Opportunity Program, which creates one-of-a-kind judicial internship opportunities for diverse law students. Dan takes great pride in JIOP's success and its now over 2,000 alumni. Dan recently served as co-director of Divisions V and VI of the Section of Litigation. In those roles, Dan oversees eight section committees focused on the legal profession. Dan is also an accomplished speaker, and regularly volunteers his time for speaking engagements for a variety of organizations. Dan is also the Program Director for NITA's highly acclaimed, multi-day Arizona and Nevada Deposition Skills Programs.