
Curriculum Vitae
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, School of Business, Prescott, AZ, Adjunct Professor, 2019-

Arizona Summit Law School, One North Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ: Adjunct Professor, 2012-17: taught

Commercial Real Estate Transactions (Conveyances, Leasing, Financing, Title Insurance); Zoning and Land Use Law (Condemnation, Zoning, Planning, Development Agreements and Sustainability); Sports Law (antitrust, intellectual property, labor and bargaining agreements, tort and contract law); Business Organizations

University of Phoenix, School of Business, Phoenix Campus, ground instructor, 2009-15: taught

Business Law (M.B.A. program); Business Ethics and Social Responsibility (Masters in Management program); and International Business Law (Global Business undergraduate major)

PUBLICATIONS

A. Books, Book Chapters & Contributions

+WIDENER, M.N., JOINT TENANCIES: PROPERTY LEASING IN CANNABIS COMMERCE, ABA Book Publishing [ABA Section of State and Local Government Law] 2018, ISBN 978-1-64105-064-7

+Widener, M.N., *Local Regulating of Drone Activity in Lower Airspace*, Chapter 19, PATRICIA E. SALKIN, ED., ZONING AND PLANNING LAW HANDBOOK, 2017 ED. (Thomson Reuters/West)

+Widener, M.N., *Shared Spatial Regulating in Sharing-Economy Districts*, Chapter 15, PATRICIA E. SALKIN, ED., ZONING AND PLANNING LAW HANDBOOK, 2017 ED. (Thomson Reuters/West)

+WIDENER, M.N., JOINT TENANCIES: LANDLORDS AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES (Yeoman Timber, LLC, 2012), ISBN 978-0-615-61783-1

+Widener, M.N., *Sample Law Journal Author Agreement*, Appendix "N" to JAMES S. HELLER, P. HELLYER & B. J. KEELE, EDs., THE LIBRARIAN'S COPYRIGHT COMPANION (2d Ed., Hein, 2012)

+Widener, M.N., *Driving Pedestrian Traffic to Law Reviews*, PROC. INT'L CONF. ON ACCESS TO LEGAL INFO. & RES. IN DIGITAL AGE, NEW DELHI, 29 FEB.-2 MAR. 2012, 110-13 (Ranbir Singh, Ed. 2012)

+Widener, M.N., *Cohousing: Joining Affordable, Sustainable and Collaboratively-Governed, Single Family Neighborhoods*, Chapter 16, PATRICIA E. SALKIN, ED., ZONING AND PLANNING LAW HANDBOOK, 2011 ED. (Thomson Reuters/West)

+Gordon, P.A., Widener, M.N., Hochstein, A., *Model Retirement Community Admission Agreement*, Part II in CHARLES NAUTS & DAVID A. BRIDEWELL, EDs., REVERSE MORTGAGES, A LAWYER'S GUIDE TO HOUSING AND INCOME ALTERNATIVES (American Bar Association, 1997)

B. Published Papers (posted at <http://works.bepress.com/mnwidener/>; <http://ssrn.com/author=1310571>)

+Widener, M.N., *Populist Placemaking: Grounds for Open Government-Citizen Spatial Regulation Discourse*, 119 W. VA. L. REV. 1031 (2018)

+*The Kindest Cut of All: Invoking Denny Crane, Ethical Standards and Intentional Words in Law Practice Transitions*, 2018 U. ILL. L. REV. ONLINE 242 (Nov. 12, 2018)

+Widener, M.N., *Land Use Entitlements and Black-Ops Navigation*, Segment IV course materials for THE NEW LOCALISM AND MARIJUANA: WHAT DOES THE FUTURE PROMISE? (Jul 2018 ABA Webinar)

+Widener, M.N., *Blunt Counsel on Marijuana Business Premises' Leasing*, TYL IN FOCUS (2018)

+Widener, M.N., *Animating Performance Zoning at Sustainability's Competitive Edge*, 29.4 GEO. ENVTL. L. REV. 647 (2017)

+Widener, M.N., *Compensating Collegiate Athletes in "Store Credit"*, 47 U. MEM. L. REV. 431 (2016)

- +Widener, M.N., *Land Use Consultations Advancing Therapeutic Jurisprudence: Ripe for Clinical Trials*, 18 CARDOZO J. CONFLICT RESOL. 85 (2016)
- +Widener, M.N., *Local Regulating of Drones in Lower Airspace*, 22 B. U. J. SCI. & TECH. L. 239 (Summer, 2016)
- +Widener, M.N., *Brand: Real Property Transfers' Iconic Dimension*, 51 REAL PROP. TR. & EST. L. J. 23 (Spring, 2016) (Peer Reviewed); reprinted in 84 APPRAISAL J. 300 (Fall, 2016) and 33(6) GPSOLO 76 (Nov.-Dec. 2016, abridged)
- +Widener, M.N., *Tactical Urbanism v2: Dynamic Land Use Regulation and Partnership Tools Regenerating First Suburbs*, 8 DREXEL L. REV. 113 (Fall, 2015)
- +Widener, M.N., *Shared Spatial Regulating in Sharing Economy Districts*, 46 SETON HALL L. REV. 111 (2015)
- +Widener, M.N., *Begone, Euclid! Leasing Custom and Zoning Provision to Meet Consumer Tastes and Technologies in Thriving Urban Centers*, 35 PACE L. REV. 834 (Spring 2015)
- +Widener, M.N., *Renewed Energy: Sustainable Historic Assets as Keystones in Urban Center Revitalization*, 32 QUINNIPIAC L. REV. 723 (2015)
- +Widener, M.N., *Moderating Citizen "Visioning" in Town Comprehensive Planning: Deliberative Dialog Processes*, 59 WAYNE L. REV. 29 (Spring 2013) (invited paper)
- +Widener, M.N., *Curbside Service: Community Land Use Catalysts to Neighborhood Flowering during Transit Installations*, 45 URB. LAW. 407 (Spring 2013) (Peer Reviewed)
- +Widener, M.N., *Medical Marijuana Premises Leasing and Property Lawyer Dilemmas in Statutorily Altered States*, 41 REAL EST. L. J. 394 (Winter 2012) (Peer Reviewed)
- +Widener, M.N., *Inlaid-Ivory Towers: Higher Education Joint-Use Facilities as Community Redevelopment Bulwarks*, 33 PACE L. REV. 327 (Fall 2012)
- +Widener, M.N., *Driving Pedestrian Traffic to Law Journals*, 104:4 LAW LIBR. J. 569 (Fall 2012)
- +Widener, M.N., *Current Events: Reflections on Solar Power Generators' Ground Leasing of Vacant Tracts*, 4 KY. J. EQUINE AGRI. & NAT. RESOURCES L. 339 (2011-12)
- +Widener, M.N., *The Five-Tool Mediator: Game Theory, Baseball Practices and Southpaw Scouting*, 12 PEPP. DISP. RESOL. L. J. 97 (2012)
- +Widener, M.N., *Medicinal Cannabis Entrepreneurs as Commercial Tenants: Assessment and Treatment*, 46 REAL PROP. TR. & EST. L. J. 377 (Fall 2011) (Peer Reviewed)
- +Widener, M.N., *Chasing the Atticus Code: Preserving Adjudication Integrity in Local Administrative Hearings*, 31 J. NAT'L ASS'N ADMIN. L. JUDICIARY 443 (Fall 2011) (Peer Reviewed)
- +Widener, M.N., *Safeguarding "The Precious": Counsel on Law Journal Publication Agreements in Digital Times*, 28 J. MARSHALL J. INFO. TECH. & PRIVACY L. 217 (2011)
- +Widener, M.N., *Bridging the Gulf: Using Mediated, Consensus-Based Regulation to Reconcile Competing Public Policy Agendas in Disaster Mitigation*, 74 ALB. L. REV. 587 (2010/2011)
- +Widener, M.N., *Cohousing: Joining Affordable, Sustainable and Collaboratively-Governed, Single Family Neighborhoods*, 39 REAL EST. L. J. 113 (2010)
- +Widener, M.N., *Collective Bargaining as a Dispute-Reduction Vehicle Accommodating Contrary Animal Welfare Agendas*, 2 KY. J. EQUINE AGRI. & NAT. RESOURCES L. 191 (2009-2010)
- +Widener, M.N., *Beware the Single Member, Member-Managed, Arizona LLC*, 5(2) AZ. BUS. LAW. Oct 2007 (feature article), <http://www.bffb.com/images/MNWABL2007-10.pdf>
- +Widener, M.N., *Suits by Student-Athletes against Colleges for Obstructing Educational Opportunity*, 24 ARIZ. L. REV. 467 (1982)
- +Widener, M.N., *Three Years of Universal Access*, 11 AM. LIBR. 43 (Jan. 1980)

C. Forthcoming Papers

- +*Cubular Corridors: Merging Vertical Urbanism with Accessibility Initiatives*

D. Digital Real Property Articles (16): http://EzineArticles.com/expert/Michael_N_Widener/81596.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMS & OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- Maricopa County Bar Ass'n Real Estate Law Section, *10,000 Years of Cannabis History & Law*, Sep 2018
- ABA State & Local Gov't Law: *The New Localism & Marijuana What Does the Future Promise?* Jul 2018
- ABA/RPTE "Professors' Corner" *Marijuana Legalization Real Property Dimensions*, Dec 2014
- State Bar of Arizona, *Landlord Representation in the Medical Marijuana Industry*, May 2012
- State Bar of Arizona, Real Property Section, *Leasing Tracts for Solar Power Generation*, Tucson, Arizona, Jan 2012; Phoenix, Apr 2012
- Am. Planning Ass'n, AZ Chapter Ann. Conference, *Digital Billboard Improvements, Impacts and Issues*, Sep 2011
- State Bar of Arizona, Real Property Section, *Commercial Leasing to Medical Marijuana Tenants*, Phoenix, Apr 2011

EDUCATION

- University of Arizona College of Law, Tucson, AZ (1979-1982)
Juris Doctor Degree
 - Senior Articles Editor, *Arizona Law Review* (Vol. 24, 1981-82)
 - Strouss Law Review Prize (outstanding 2nd year writer)
 - ABA Client Counseling Competition, Western U.S. Regional Finalist
 - Phi Delta Phi Pattee Inn Scholarship Recipient; Pattee Inn Vice-Magister
 - Law School Student Commencement Speaker (elected)

- University of Illinois, Urbana – Champaign, IL (1973-1974)
Master of Science Degree-School of Information Sciences (iSchool)
 - Jane B. and Robert B. Downs Faculty Prize (outstanding M.S. graduate award)
 - Member, Beta Phi Mu Academic Honor Society

- University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (1968-1972)
Bachelor of Arts Degree-English Major, History Minor, B.A. awarded With Distinction
 - Dean's List Member (7 semesters)
 - University Scholarship Recipient (at entrance)
 - Lieutenant Governor, Circle K International (Commonwealth-wide office)
 - University Guide Service Member

Further postgraduate credits/certificates earned at The Catholic University of America (D.C.) and UCLA

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Zoning Adjustment Hearing Officer, City of Phoenix, Arizona (Mar 2010 – Present): Adjudicate thousands of variances and use permits applications (outside contractor)

Bonnett, Fairbourn, Friedman & Balint, P.C., Phoenix, Arizona (Nov 1988 - Present)

- Of Counsel, Jun 2008 to Present
- Director/Shareholder (Jan 1991 – May 2008); Senior Associate (Nov 1988 – Dec 1990)
- Managing attorney of transactions group, practicing contract, business, real estate, environmental, water and land use law; advise municipalities, fire districts, law firms, manufacturing companies, property developers, healthcare providers and entrepreneurs in business and employment law matters

Steptoe & Johnson, LLP, Phoenix, Arizona (May 1986 – Oct 1988*)

- Associate Attorney, Member of Hiring Committee
 - Practiced real estate and land use law, representing commercial and residential developers
- * From May 1986-April 1987, practiced with Lowe & Berman, P.A. before its Steptoe merger

Beus, Gilbert, Wake & Morrill, P.C., Phoenix, Arizona (Aug 1983 – Apr 1986)

- Associate Attorney in litigation and land use law sections of 40-lawyer firm
- Represented developers in 100+ land use hearings in Arizona cities/counties

Supreme Court of Arizona, Judicial Clerk to James Duke Cameron, Phoenix (1982 – 1983 Term)

Mediator and Arbitrator, State and U.S. District Court appointments

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & CERTIFICATIONS

Phoenix Magazine's Top Attorneys in Arizona

Top Rated Lawyers® in Banking & Finance Law (American Lawyer Media)

Martindale – Hubbell™ “AV” Preeminent® Peer Review Rating

Southwest Super Lawyers® & Southwest Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel®
Arizona's Finest Lawyers® First Edition
Certified Specialist, Real Estate Law, Board of Specialization, State Bar of Arizona 1991-present

BAR ADMISSIONS AND COURTS

Supreme Courts of Arizona and Tennessee (1983)
United States District Court, District of Arizona & United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1984)
Supreme Court of the United States of America (1986)

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

A. Chief Executive Offices Held

Manager, Outtahere@62.5, L.C., residential and commercial properties owner/landlord in Arizona, Tennessee and Florida (current)
Manager, Regency Capital, LLC, residential investment and leasing company (current)
President, Board of Trustees, Orangewood Presbyterian Church
President, Saint Mary's High School Scholarship and Benefit Fund (Educational foundation)
President, Central Arizona Biomedical Librarians Association (Professional organization)

B. Boards of Directors Service

Maricopa County Justice Museum & Learning Center (Education)
Phoenix Shanti Group, Inc. (Education/Healthcare)
Phoenix Sister Cities, Inc. (Citizen Diplomacy)
Phoenix Public Library Advisory Board

BAR PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

Maricopa County Justice Museum and Learning Center: Founding Director; Chairperson, Exhibits Committee (2010-2016)
State Bar of Arizona: Arizona Community Service Legal Assistance Foundation, Founding Director (1986-90)
American Bar Association: Committee on Elderly Housing, Member (1990-98)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association: Sections on Real Property & Business Law
State Bar of Arizona: Sections on Real Property & Business Law
Maricopa County Bar Association: Business & Real Property Law Sections

CIVIC ACTIVITIES & PUBLIC SERVICE

- Member, Arizona State Liquor Board 2017-
- Member, Arizona Town Hall, 2010-; Moderator, "Visioning Scottsdale" Comprehensive Plan Citizens' Conference, Feb 2013; Panel Facilitator, 98th Arizona Town Hall, May 2011; 107th Town Hall, Nov 2015; Presenter, Community-based Town Halls, 2011-16
- Phoenix Sister Cities Commission: Committee Chair, Catania, Sicily (4 years); Board of Directors (1 year)
- Habitat for Humanity Construction Volunteer, 2000-2016
- City of Phoenix Public Library Advisory Board Member, 1997-9
- City of Phoenix Surface Transportation Advisory Committee Member, 1988-1990