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Overview

Timothy P. Burr represents buyers, sellers, developers, investors, lenders, and business owners in a wide variety of real estate, financing, and commercial transactions, developing strategic plans based on a meticulous evaluation of risks and advantages. Well versed in alternative dispute resolution, he also represents clients as a mediator, arbitrator, and mediation advocate.

In addition to representing buyers and sellers in transactions of all sizes and levels of complexity, Timothy's extensive experience includes negotiating and drafting commercial and residential leases; reviewing loan transactions, deeds of trust, and other financing documents; representing developers and members in the construction and operation of golf courses and golf communities; and assisting in the development and leasing of wireless communication sites throughout Arizona and the Southwest.

Notably, Timothy was the author of a petition to the Arizona Supreme Court and architect of the campaign that resulted in the subsequent adoption by the Court of an admission on motion rule for Arizona, which permits experienced Arizona attorneys to gain access to admission in other reciprocal states without taking another bar exam. Following the rule change, Timothy was appointed by the Court to serve on the Admission on Motion Task Force.

Timothy was a faculty member at Arizona State University College of Law and served as the director of the Foreclosure Mediation Unit (FMU), which provided impartial mediation services between lenders and residential borrowers facing foreclosure through a court-connected program with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona. Timothy designed the FMU program rules, procedures, and forms and then used that framework to develop and lead the academic component.

Education

- Pepperdine University School of Law, 1995 (J.D.)
- Arizona State University, 1988 (B.S.)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona

Distinctions

- Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona, *Az Business*, January / February 2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Real Estate, 2024-2026
- International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution, Outstanding Practical Achievement Award, 2012

Memberships

- Supreme Court of the State of Arizona, Admission on Motion Task Force
- Arizona State University, President's Mortgage Certificate Proposed Legislation Expert Panel
- Maricopa County Bar Association
 - Board of Trustees, Former Member
- Arizona Bar Association
 - ADR Section, Executive Council, Former Member
 - Animal Law Section, Executive Council, Former Member

Presentations and Publications

- "Foreclosure Mediation in Arizona," *Arizona State Law Journal*, 2013
- "ASU College of Law Foreclosure Mediation Unit," *Bankruptcy Law Journal*, Winter 2013
- "ADR Workouts in a Recessionary Environment," State Bar of Arizona, Annual Convention, June 2012
- "Breaking Deadlocks in Mediation," Arizona Association of Conflict Resolution, September 2012
- "Corporate ADR Strategies," Thunderbird School of Global Management, March 2011
- "ADR Career Paths," Arizona Association for Conflict Resolution, September 2010

Related Experience

- Represented a buyer in the acquisition of a 22,000-acre ranch.
- Counseled several homeowners associations on all aspects of the law pertaining to community associations, including drafting, amending, and interpreting declarations of covenants, conditions and restrictions, bylaws, rules and regulations, architectural guidelines, and other governing documents; covenant and rule enforcement; and other legal issues.
- Served as a member of the American Arbitration Association Commercial Mediation and Commercial Arbitration Panels.
- Served as a mediator for the Arizona Association of Realtors.
- Served as an arbitrator on the State Bar of Arizona Legal Fee Arbitration Panel.
- Served as a mediator for the Office of the Arizona Attorney General.