



## TOM CHAUNCEY

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Tom Chauncey brings unique experience in media law to Gust Rosenfeld. He works with clients to resolve disputes involving libel, slander, access to records, and privacy issues and frequently is involved in pre-publication issues for newspaper, television, and radio clients. His experience in the communication field enables him to help clients work through the multiplicity of contractual, privacy, employment, and access issues.

A problem-solver, Tom successfully addresses issues in multiple forums simultaneously, such as zoning procedures, litigation, and legislative action. He has implemented compliance programs in a proactive manner to help clients avoid the cost and adverse publicity of litigation. Tom's practice also includes acquisition and disposal of assets; legislative relations; employment issues (contracts, non-compete agreements, sexual harassment, termination); and the difficult environmental issues involved in buying, selling, and financing real estate, including homes, commercial property and ranches.

Prior to joining Gust Rosenfeld, Tom served ten years as executive vice president, general counsel, and station manager for a major radio and television station in Phoenix.

Tom has been listed in the Corporate Law category of *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2007 and in the Corporate Law Legal Expert's List of the *AZ Business Magazine*. He is AV® Preeminent™ rated by Martindale-Hubbell®, representing the highest rating in legal ability and ethical standards.

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of Arizona
  - Business Law Section
  - Intellectual Property Law Section
- American Bar Association
  - Communications Law Forum
  - Intellectual Property Section
  - Entertainment and Sports Industries Forum
- Federal Communications Commission Bar Association
- Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association
- Maricopa County Bar Association
  - Corporate Counsel Division
  - Technology & Intellectual Property Law Section)
- Cronkite Foundation for Journalism and Telecommunications (founding board member and former Chair Nominations Committee)
- First Amendment Coalition (founding member and former president)
- Cameras in the Courtroom Committee (former chairman)
- Arizona Supreme Court Task Force on Court Productivity (former member)
- The National Conference for Community and Justice (former co-chairman)
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (former member)

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Business/Corporate Law
- Labor and Employment
- Litigation
- Intellectual Property

### AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Transactions
- Communications and Media
- Copyrights
- First Amendment Law
- Employment Contracts

### EDUCATION

- Arizona State University College of Law (J.D., 1973, Phi Delta Phi)
- Northwestern University (B.A., with departmental honors, 1970)

### ADMISSIONS

- Arizona State and Federal Courts (1973)

## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Corporate Law (2007-2022)

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Arizona Grantmakers Forum (former member)
- Arizona Pilots Association
- Arizona Historical Society (former Maricopa and State board member and Executive Committee member)
- Barrow Neurological Foundation (former president)
- Foundation for Blind Children (former board member)
- Friendly House (former director)
- Fund for Central Arizona History (former secretary)
- Homeward Bound (former board member)
- Northwestern University Alumni Association of Phoenix (former president)
- Social Venture Partners of Arizona (founding partner)
- Soldier's Best Friend (former board member)
- St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center (former director)

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