

Quality Public Law Practice

The Coconino County Attorney's Office serves as the Chief Prosecutor of felony, misdemeanor and juvenile crime cases throughout the county, and as county counsel in a wide variety of civil matters. We are twenty lawyers all tolled (including the County Attorney and Chief Deputy), with fourteen prosecutors in the Criminal Division and four attorneys in the Civil Division. We have assembled a group of lawyers who have earned state-wide recognition for excellence, who have a heart for public service, and who feel strongly connected to the extraordinary mountain and canyon country of The Four Corners region.

Our Criminal Division operates as a tight knit moderate size law firm. Our office culture, practices and policies encourage collegiality, mutual support and peer review. As a result, we are able to maintain a high level of trial practice and provide justice that, so far as practicable, is individually tailored to each case.

Lawyers in our Civil Division advise and represent in litigation the Board of Supervisors, Planning and Zoning Commission, all elected and appointed officials of the county and various special districts. Their practice thus spans a broad spectrum of areas: from elections law to environmental law; from tort defense to zoning enforcement.

Historic Coconino County Courthouse



A Law Clerk Program with Real Mentoring & Experience

"My experience working as part of a murder prosecution team prepared me to be an attorney more than all three years of law school."

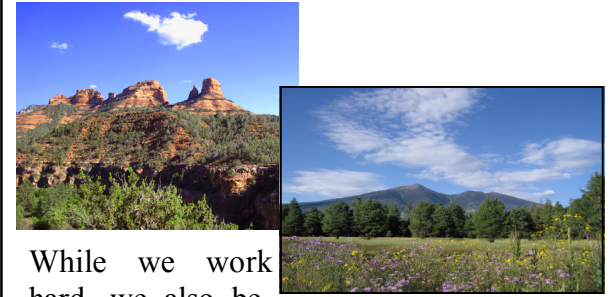
*Ammon Barker
Arizona State University
Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
Graduate of 2010*

Our Law Clerk Program reaches out to students in all three years of law school. We are just as interested in you as a person as we are in you as a young lawyer. Our program and work environment are designed to engage, challenge and nurture young lawyers. Our Senior Attorneys are among the best public lawyers in the state (check out their bios on our website), and our law clerks work closely with them on specific assignments, as part of a team in strategy sessions and in the court room. We promise you will get consistent, valuable feedback on your work from first rate, experienced lawyers.

We use our Law Clerk Program as a primary source of recruiting our attorneys. Although we are less able to predict our hiring needs than are large agencies, we often have greater flexibility in our hiring process. For this reason, and because most of our law clerks have been outstanding young lawyers, we have found ways to bring several of the them on to our prosecution team after graduation.

For more information, see our website at www.coconino.az.gov/countyattorney

In a Spectacular Location



While we work hard, we also believe strongly in a balanced life; a life that includes enjoying Arizona's High Country. We have some of the most beautiful mountain and canyon country in the West: The San Francisco Peaks, the Red Rock Country of Sedona, Navajo and Hopi lands, the Grand Canyon, Oak Creek Canyon, Lake Powell. We have world class mountain biking, rock climbing, and hiking; fishing, swimming, boating and water skiing. It's either here in Flagstaff or an easy drive away from our offices in historic downtown. And "Flag" itself has become one the West's coolest places to be, especially during the summer. After sun down, Flagstaff rocks with restaurants, outdoor concerts, live music bars, micro brews, art galleries or just hanging out. Lots of young people. It's a kick. You'll love it!



Earn Hands-on Legal Experience

Criminal Division:

- ✓ Work with experienced prosecutors in all phases of criminal cases
- ✓ Perform legal research, draft motions to be filed in court and get experienced attorney feedback
- ✓ Observe and participate in trials, evidentiary hearings and oral arguments
- ✓ Experience life as a prosecutor!

Civil Division:

- ✓ Work closely with experienced civil attorneys in advising government clients
- ✓ Perform legal research in diverse areas of civil litigation and administrative law
- ✓ Participate in court proceedings, public meetings, and policy discussions
- ✓ Under attorney supervision, draft memoranda and pleadings in a wide variety of litigation matters.
- ✓ Learn about land use, water and environment, employment, property, tax, guardianship and mental health issues

What Former Law Clerks Have To Say:

“The Coconino County Attorney has provided me with the most interesting and challenging work that I’ve faced throughout my three years in law school.

It’s a terrific place to work.”

*Serena Serassio
University of Utah
SJ Quinney College of Law
Graduate of 2007*



“The two things I like most about my experience working for the County Attorney’s office are trust and responsibility. I was assigned to important cases on my first day of work and, since then, I have been given numerous chances to present my work to experienced prosecutors who are consistently responsive and willing to guide my progress.”

*Ryan Stevens
William & Mary School of Law
Graduate of 2008*



“Working in the civil division of the County Attorney’s Office has given me an opportunity to explore diverse areas of the law and has exposed me to legal issues I never would have expected to encounter. The attorneys here are engaging, helpful and passionate about their work. Plus, Flagstaff is an amazing place to spend a summer.”

*Preston V. Hartman
University of Virginia School of Law
Graduate of 2009*



“I had previously interned at various prosecuting agencies in Arizona. But the quality that set this office apart for me was the one-on-one mentoring I received—a quality that is lacking in larger offices. For example, as an intern with this office, I was a valued member of the trial team in a five-week long first degree murder trial. Not only did I research and draft motions, and attend hearings, but I sat with the trial attorneys every day throughout the trial, providing input and discussing strategy. My experience at the Coconino County Attorney’s Office prepared me to be an attorney more than all three years of law school.”

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**“We serve the public
by advocating for justice.”**

Career Opportunities for Law Students