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#### **Education**

Willamette University College  
of Law, Salem, Oregon, 1981,  
J.D.

University of Washington,  
Seattle, Washington, 1978.  
B.A. Business Administration

#### **Bar Admissions**

Washington State Bar  
Association, 1981-2013

U.S. District Court Western  
District of Washington, 1983-  
2013

U.S. District Court District of  
Arizona, 2000  
Arizona State Bar, 1999

#### **William Rinaudo Phillips**

Bill grew up in the Seattle area, and attended the University of Washington, studying business. He received his degree in 1978, and entered the Willamette University College of Law that fall.

Following graduation from WUCL in 1981, Bill joined the Burgess Fitzer law firm in Tacoma, where he enjoyed a civil defense practice throughout southwestern Washington until 1999. He tried jury cases to verdict in dozens of cases in eight counties of Southwestern Washington and in the USDC in Tacoma. Throughout this period, Bill was active with the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers, serving as liaison to the State Bar Board of Governors, Trustee and Officer. For many years, he also served as an Arbitrator / Mediator for Washington Arbitration & Mediation Service. Bill was shareholder in the Burgess, Fitzer, Leighton & Phillips firm, living in Olympia, when he elected to move his family to Arizona.

In Phoenix, Bill worked briefly for the Jones Skelton & Hochuli law firm before joining Broening Oberg Woods & Wilson in 2000. During the past 17 years his practice has involved primarily personal injury, insurance bad faith and professional liability disputes.

#### **Areas of Practice**

- [Personal Injury](#)
- [Insurance](#)
- [Healthcare](#)
- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)

#### **Professional Associations & Memberships**

Washington Defense Trial Lawyers, 1981-2013,  
President 1995-1996

Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, 1999-Present, Board of Trustees 2009-2012

Defense Research Institute Member, 1985-2013

#### **Professional Recognitions & Awards**

AV Preeminent Rating- Matindale Hubbell

Defense Research Institute, Exceptional Performance Citation (1996)