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**Associate**



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**Education**

Sandra Day O'Connor  
College of Law, Arizona State  
University, J.D. 2011

Arizona State University  
National Merit Scholar  
*cum laude*  
B.A. English (Literature)  
B.A. Political Science, 2008  
Thesis: Reshaping Women:  
The Media's Creation of a  
New Feminine Mystique

**Bar Admissions**

Arizona, 2011  
U.S. District Court, District of  
Arizona

**Jessica Kokal**

Jessica joined Broening Oberg Woods & Wilson in 2016 to continue her insurance defense practice. She got her start in insurance defense litigation in 2009 working full-time at a small Phoenix firm while also attending law school at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. Since graduating in 2011, Jessica has defended over 30 arbitrations and second chaired two jury trials to defense verdicts.

Jessica moved to the Valley from the Detroit metropolitan area to attend Barrett, the Honors College at Arizona State University as a scholar recruit. There, she received dual B.A.s in English (Literature) and Political Science and completed her Honors thesis. Jessica worked in Arizona campaign politics before starting law school and her insurance defense practice.

**Areas of Practice**

- [Insurance](#)
- [Professional Liability](#)
- [Personal Injury](#)
- [Healthcare](#)

**Representative Cases**

*Santorii v. MartinezRusso*, Arizona Court of Appeals, 2016 Published Opinion  
*Jankowski v. Hurtado*, Gila County Superior Court, October 2015 Defense Verdict  
*Calderon v. Shah*, Maricopa County Superior Court, November 2015 Rule 50 Defense Verdict

**Professional Associations & Memberships**

Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, Member  
  
Defense Research Institute, Member  
  
Arizona Women Lawyers Association, Member  
  
Ladder Down Graduate, Class of 2016  
  
Ladder Down Sponsorship Chair 2017  
  
Arizona Asian American Bar Association, Member

**Presentations & Publications**

"When Bears Attack: Your Defense Attorney's Tips to Prepare for Lawsuits," Co-Presenter, Capitol Indemnity Company's General Agents Underwriting Workshop, June 2016  
  
"From the Trenches - What Your Defense Attorneys Want You to Know," Speaker, General Agent Underwriting Workshop, June 2015  
  
"Emerging Trends: An Overview of New Case Law and Developments," Presenter, 2014 JSH Annual Seminar: It's All Fun and Games Until Someone Gets Hurt, November 2014