

JOSHUA N. MOZELL

Biographical Sketch

Joshua N. Mozell is a fourth-generation Arizonan and a 2013 graduate of the Sandra Day O’Conner College of Law. During the four years after earning his undergraduate degree from the University of Arizona, Josh worked in Maricopa County’s public mental health system. Before and during law school, Josh worked nights at Maricopa County’s crisis line, the Crisis Response Network. He began his career as an associate at the law firm of Frazer, Ryan, Goldberg, & Arnold, L.L.P.. He became a partner at FRGA in 2018. He became a senior partner in 2019. Josh and his group at FRGA specialize in mental health. They are the only attorneys in Arizona and one of only a handful of law firms in the nation with family focused mental healthcare practice. He is the chairman of the board of Mental Health America of Arizona, the President of the Association for Chronically Mentally Ill (“ACMI”), the chair of the State Bar of Arizona’s Elder Law, Mental Health and Special Needs Planning Section, a member of the Maricopa County Independent Oversight Committee of the Seriously Mentally Ill, and a member of Columbia University’s Council for the Advancement of Global Health Research. Supported by his background in the mental health system, decades of mental health law experience with his law firm partners, and a team of expert clinicians, he specializes in guiding families through the complex environment of legal issues that impact loved ones with serious mental illness and/or substance abuse issues. Josh also represents larger institutions, such as community hospitals, major hospital systems, large and small behavioral health outpatient programs. In his mental health advocacy, Josh and his group, the ACMI, created and funded an entirely new level of care, a secure residential facility. With homelessness being such an emergent issue, Josh and ACMI have worked for millions of dollars to be allocated for permanent supported housing – cited by most experts as the largest gap in the mental health system. In a way not seen before, Josh has created a novel program within the SMI system which enhances the care for the most vulnerable within the SMI population. Josh has consistently challenged and improved the civil commitment process by filing legal action against hospitals and by holding stakeholder meetings. Josh regularly drafts legislation and testifies at the Capitol to advocate for system improvement. In his estate planning practice, in addition to the typical planning, Josh has developed a Substance Abuse Treatment Trust and a Wellness Trust, where he brings in the nation’s most qualified substance abuse and mental health clinicians to consult on the drafting and implementation of the trusts.