



## **Amanda J. Taylor | Partner**

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**Amanda is a partner at Christian, Dichter & Sluga, P.C. and licensed to practice in Arizona and Illinois. Her primary practice areas are insurance coverage and bad faith litigation, and she handles civil appeals. Amanda also has experience in general civil litigation, negotiating business contracts, and employment litigation.**

Amanda originally hails from Illinois but was thrilled to call Arizona home as soon as she attended Arizona State University College of Law. During law school, Amanda had the unique experience of interning for Hon. Jeffrey A. Hotham at the Maricopa County Superior Court. Her time at the court taught her invaluable lessons on what tactics did and did not work in the pretrial phase and during jury trials. After graduating law school, she dove head-first into civil litigation and never looked back.

Amanda takes great pride in cultivating relationships with not only her clients, but also with experts, co-counsel, and others in the legal field. As a result, she is highly regarded within the legal community. Amanda is honored to be recognized by Southwest Super Lawyers as a Rising Star in the field of insurance coverage since 2014.

Amanda works tirelessly to protect and advocate for her clients. Each trial that she has co-chaired has resulted in favorable verdicts for her clients. One such example was an insurance bad faith trial that resulted in a defense verdict as well as an award of attorneys' fees and costs for her client.

Amanda cares deeply about social equity and has recently been involved in the Arizona State Bar task force on diversity and inclusion in the legal field. She is also an active member of the Arizona Women Lawyers Association.

In her free time, Amanda enjoys spending time with her family (both the two- and four-legged members), traveling, supporting the Sun Devils, and dancing.

### **PRACTICE AREAS**

- Insurance Coverage
- Bad Faith Litigation

### **BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

- Arizona, 2005
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 2005
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 2010

- Illinois, 2017

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2014-2020

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

- Arizona Women Lawyers Association
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel
- Maricopa County Bar Association
- National Association of Women Lawyers
- State Bar of Arizona
- Illinois State Bar Association

#### **EDUCATION / HONORS**

- Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (J.D. 2005)
  - Willard H. Pedrick Scholar (Dean's List)
  - Finalist, Oplinger Closing Argument
  - CALI Award Recipient
- Eastern Illinois University (B.A. Political Science, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2002)