

### **EDUCATION**

- Arizona College of Trial Advocacy, 2010
- J.D., The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, 2006
- B.A., Mary Washington College, 2001 (English)

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

 Admitted in Arizona and U.S. District Courts (District of Arizona, District of Columbia and Maryland)

## **ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS**

- State Bar of Arizona
- Maricopa County Bar Association

# Stockton Banfield, Esq.

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Small and mid-sized businesses turn to Stockton Banfield for advice on the challenges and growth opportunities owners experience through their many transitional phases. Stockton assists businesses in every stage of development, including entity formation and structuring, contracting with employees and third-parties, regulatory compliance, corporate governance and business acquisitions and sales. He also helps them with Small Business Administration loans as well as loan workouts on business loans and mortgages.

Additionally, Stockton assists companies facing a variety of complex legal issues, including commercial leasing, real estate disputes, contractor agreements, employment agreements, asset sales and general operational matters. He carefully advises his business clients in ways to avoid and resolve costly litigation; however, he is experienced in all areas of commercial litigation, including discovery, motion practice, trial, mediation and appeal. His litigation experience includes representing and defending small- to medium-sized businesses navigating complex litigation over partnership, breach of contract and commercial transactions.

Stockton is also a licensed real estate agent who served the Arizona Association of Realtors as an adviser on its legal hotline. Clients appreciate his experience working with the Arizona Department of Real Estate; he offers real estate agents and brokers advice on starting up brokerages, managing brokerages, complying with Arizona Department of Real Estate regulations and handling complaints and administrative hearings for brokers and real estate agents accused of violations administrative rules.

Stockton is committed to community involvement, including assisting a local journalist with legal issues in his TV segments and volunteering with the American Heart Association – a cause that is especially important to him as a stroke survivor.

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Led a group of investors in the acquisition of multi-million-dollar business and commercial real estate.
- Assisted multi-million-dollar national company in commercial contract negotiations for potential acquisition of an \$8 million national business.
- Represented real estate broker and school in dispute between school and Arizona Department of Real Estate.
- · Represented small business owner in acquisition and subsequent sale of national franchise.
- Successfully defended injunction hearing for breach of Arizona non-compete clause for national air-parts brokerage business.