**JoAnn Falgout, Esq.**

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With extensive experience negotiating, mediating, and litigating cases, JoAnn Falgout helps Guidant clients resolve a wide variety of complex legal issues. Focused on bankruptcy, commercial, and appellate law, she applies a “client first” approach that delivers outstanding results for individuals and businesses.

In her bankruptcy practice, JoAnn represents both commercial and consumer clients in connection with Chapter 7, 11 (including Subchapter V), and 13 bankruptcy cases and appeals. She also advises and represents individual and business clients in commercial and construction disputes, including litigation and appeals.

JoAnn honed her appellate prowess as an Assistant Attorney General, advising and representing the Department of Child Safety and the Arizona Department of Economic Security in appeals from administrative and trial court proceedings in the Arizona Superior Court, Arizona Court of Appeals, Arizona Supreme Court, and the U.S. Supreme Court, winning several awards for her excellent appellate advocacy. Moreover, in nearly 10 years as a Staff Attorney with the Arizona Court of Appeals, she drafted proposed opinions and memorandum decisions to resolve criminal and a wide variety of civil appeals including torts, contract disputes, construction disputes, insurance coverage and bad faith claims, and land use and zoning cases.

JoAnn’s appellate background also benefits Guidant’s bankruptcy clients as she has represented debtor and creditor clients in bankruptcy appeals as well as in proceedings before the bankruptcy court. She began her career in the bankruptcy litigation section of a large firm in Phoenix and is excited to be doing this work again.

Committed to shaping the future of the legal community, JoAnn helps prepare students to obtain excellent scores on the Law School Admissions Test and has also taught for the Phoenix School of Law as an adjunct professor. She earned her J.D. from Arizona State University, where she was a student instructor for the legal writing class and tutored students struggling with the first-year contracts class.

**Activities & Memberships**

* Maricopa County Bar Association
* Arizona State Bar Appellate Practice Section
* Arizona State Bar Bankruptcy Law Section
* Arizona State Bar Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
* Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court

**Recognitions**

* *The Best Lawyers in America*©: Appellate Practice Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2024, 2025)

**Presentations**

* Presenter, "Exploring the Differences in Male and Female Judicial Decision-Making," Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court (Oct. 2024)
* Presenter, "Balancing the Scales of Justice in Bankruptcy," State Bar of Arizona 2024 Convention (Jun. 2024)
* Presenter, "Noisy? Or Nice? (The Subtle Art of Withdrawal)," Arizona Bankruptcy American Inn of Court (Feb. 2024)

**Education**

* J.D., Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law
  + Cum Laude graduate
* B.A., Psychology & Religious Studies, University of Virginia

**Bar Admissions**

* Arizona
* United States District Court for the District of Arizona
* United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit
* United States Supreme Court