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A Super Lawyers Rising Stars honoree, Josh Mozell practices in the areas of estate planning, mental health law and elder law as well as contested probates, guardianships and conservatorships.

In his estate planning practice, Josh assists clients with the drafting of wills, durable powers of attorney, healthcare powers of attorney and living wills, mental health powers of attorney, and various types of trusts, including revocable trusts and special needs trusts. Josh also represents heirs, beneficiaries, fiduciaries and third parties in estate and trust litigation matters. Through the guardianship and conservatorship process, Josh assists family members seeking to protect those individuals who are no longer able to make appropriate decisions regarding their health care or finances.

In his mental health practice, Josh assist clients to understand and effectively access Arizona's uniquely complex mental health system, and counsels clients navigating through the civil commitment process. Josh frequently helps families implement a Mental Health Guardianship so they can properly advocate for their mentally ill loved ones. Additionally, a significant portion of Josh's mental health practice focuses on "psychiatric boarding," a situation in which clients are involuntarily and unlawfully held in an emergency room.

For 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.

Josh is a 2017 gubernatorial appointee to the AHCCCS Maricopa County Human Rights Committee; serves as vice chair of the board of Mental Health America of Arizona; is a member of the Executive Council of the State Bar's Elder Law, Mental Health and Special Needs Planning Section; and serves on the board of governors of Recovery Empowerment Network (REN).

In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, hiking, and spending time with his wife and family.

PRACTICE AREAS

Estate Planning

Elder Law

Mental Health Law

Guardianships and Conservatorships

Contested Guardianships, Conservatorships and Probates

HONORS & AWARDS

Super Lawyers Rising Stars, 2018

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Arizona: Elder Law, Mental Health and Special Needs Planning Section (Executive Council Member)

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Tax Court, 2014

Arizona, 2013

ARTICLES

"Arizona's Broken Mental Health System — with Specificity" (guest editorial), *Arizona Capitol Times*, March 22, 2018

"Psychiatric Boarding: How Some Arizona Hospitals Misuse the Law to Involuntarily Detain Patients," January 2017

"Mental Health Power of Attorney and Guardianship: Efficacy and Barriers" (co-author), *Arizona Attorney*, June 2016

PRESENTATIONS

“Legal Considerations for Family Members: Guardianship, Conservatorship, Powers of Attorney and Estate Planning,” Seeds Conference, 2016

“Title 36: Court-Ordered Evaluation and Treatment Process,” Mercy Maricopa Executive Counsel

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Maricopa County Human Rights Committee, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

Mental Health America of Arizona: Vice Chair, Board of Directors

Recovery Empowerment Network: Board of Governors

Healthcare for the Homeless: Founder, Advance Directive Clinic

National Alliance on Mental Illness Arizona: Past Member, Board of Governors

Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care Advocacy Committee: Former Member

EDUCATION

J.D., Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, 2013: Legislative Correspondent, Office of U.S. Senator Tom Coburn; Research Assistant, Law Professor Raymond L. Yasser; Research Assistant, Law Professor Hannah Wiseman; Legal Extern, Honorable Jane P. Wiseman, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals; Legal Intern, Arizona Justice Project

B.A., University of Arizona, 2006