



Mr. Wilenchik has been a nationally certified civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy for over 15 years. He is a former Chairman of the Arizona Bar Association Trial Practice Section, President of the Young Lawyers of Maricopa County, Secretary of the Civil Rules Committee, member of the Superior Court Civil Study Committee, Board Member of the Arizona Bar Journal, and Chairman of the County Bar Judicial Evaluation Poll Committee. He has contributed to a national publication on mold effects, and on trial evidence, and concentrates his practice in the areas of civil litigation and trial work, focusing in all aspects of real estate, construction, business and commercial disputes and toxic tort and homebuilder defense and construction defect litigation. He has tried over 150 cases in both federal and state court. He has been lead trial counsel in cases in which he has recovered multimillion dollar punitive damage award verdicts on behalf of builders, and has represented matters as diverse as prosecuting a \$75 million dollar litigation by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. He was a senior partner and head of Litigation for the 45 lawyer firm, Storey & Ross, that merged into the Phoenix office of the international firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, where he was a Senior Partner before forming Wilenchik & Bartness, P.C. in 1991. At each of these firms, the practice focused on real estate, construction defense, title insurance, banking and commercial matters. After a judicial clerkship at the Supreme Court of Arizona in 1977, Mr. Wilenchik was a judicial assistant/commissioner for the Presiding Criminal Judge of Maricopa County, before joining the Maricopa County Attorney's Office where he began his legal career as a Deputy County Attorney before entering private practice in 1980. He has lectured, and continues to do so regularly, at numerous seminars, on the topics of trial preparation and presentation, and construction defects and mold fraud action on behalf of the former Greyhound Financial Services Corp., to defending the former two time Attorney General of the State of Arizona in an investigation.

EDUCATION

Mr. Wilenchik received his B.A. from the City University of New York, Brooklyn College, graduating *magna cum laude* in 1974. He obtained his Juris Doctorate degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas in August, 1977, where he was selected to represent the school as a member of the International Moot Court Team and was a member of the Law Review. He was elected Vice President of the Student Bar Association. At graduation, he received both the C.R. Stanton and E.E. Townes Memorial awards for superior achievement in moot court competition and scholastic excellence. He was admitted to practice in Arizona in June, 1978.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. Wilenchik has participated in diverse professional and community groups, including chairing the State Bar Association Convention's Annual Litigation Seminar in Tucson while he was Chairman of the State Bar of Arizona; Trial Practice Section. He has also been a speaker at the annual Arizona Judge's Convention, and a faculty member for state and county bar seminars on trial techniques including moderating a seminar on "Summary Judgment Practice." He has taught at numerous National Business Institute Bar sanctioned seminars including on advanced trial tactics, advanced deposition practice and mold conditions. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Maricopa County Bar Association (President of the Maricopa County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division) and an Executive Council member of the State Bar Young Lawyers. He served for four years as a Civil Judge pro tem in the Superior for Maricopa County. As a Deputy Maricopa County Attorney, he was assigned to the Criminal Trial Bureau and later selected for the Special Operations Division specializing in white collar crime matters when he left the office in 1980 to enter private practice.

Mr. Wilenchik was past Chairman of the County Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Poll committee and has served as member of the State Bar Judicial Evaluation Committee. He served on the County Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee, the County Bar Professionalism Committee as well as the County Bar Bench/Bar Committee. He is a former member of the Maricopa County Superior Court Civil Study Committee, and is a former Secretary, of the Civil Rules and Practice Committee of the State Bar of Arizona. Mr. Wilenchik is an Arizona Bar Foundation Fellow and was elected a Fellow to the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys.

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Mr. Wilenchik has also served as a member of the Editorial Board of the Arizona State Bar Journal. He was also a Senior Contributing Editor of the four-volume treatise, Evidence in America: The Federal Rules in the States published by the Michie Company of Virginia, and has served as regular Contributing Editor of the Arizona Trial Lawyers Association quarterly magazine "Summation," authoring a column on Commercial Litigation. Currently, he authors a monthly column on real estate and business topics for the Arizona Journal of Real Estate & Business. Mr. Wilenchik has been a member of both the Trial Practice and Evidence Committees of the American Bar Association. He is licensed to practice before all state and federal courts in Arizona as well as the United States Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Northern District of Texas. He is a diplomate of the Hasting's College of Law Trial Advocacy Program and the National College of Advocacy Trial Advocacy Program. Dennis serves as a commercial arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, and was appointed by Governor Babbitt to the Arizona Board of Physical Therapist Examiners, on which he served for five years, ending his term as Treasurer. He was later appointed by the Governor to the Board of Naturopathic Physicians' Medical Examiners. He was elected as Chairman to the Town of Cave Creek Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Wilenchik has also served as a member of the Arizona Bar Associations Young Lawyers' Practice Manual Committee, which established a civil practice manual for the State Bar of Arizona.

PERSONAL

Mr. Wilenchik resides in Paradise Valley, Arizona, New York City, New York and East Orleans, Massachusetts. He lives with his wife and partner Becky Ann Bartness and daughter Caitlin, who is a student at Phoenix Country Day School High School. His son John is attending New York University.

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