



Arguably Supreme

Breathes there a law student or lawyer who has not imagined standing before the highest court in the land?

Well, maybe, but I haven't met her or him.

Even those of us who have practiced entirely in, say, transactional work have likely daydreamed, albeit fleetingly, about **addressing the U.S. Supreme Court**. In my own scenario, I alternately reduce the justices to tears (in a good way) or bring them to their feet in applause. After all, those who do not appear before the Court have the luxury of fantasy.

But this month—and next month in Part II—we hear from those who have talked the talk. There may not have been tears or applause, but for the lawyers who recall their arguments, there was something even more. As Judge Patrick Irvine says in his recollection, “Win or lose, big or little case, arguing before the Supreme Court makes a lawyer a part of our nation’s history.”

Thank you to those lawyers who shared their own chapter in history.

The UA Law School again held its **Richard Grand Legal Writing Competition**, in which its students write on an assigned topic. I thank the law school for again inviting me to be one of the judges.

Congratulations to the five finalists and winners: **Matt Gray (3L)**, **Robert Bernheim (3L)**, **Susan Schwem (1L)**, **Amanda Lueders (1L)** and **Stephanie MacDonald (1L)**.

The competition is named for an Arizona lawyer with an international reputation. **Richard Grand** is a Tucson trial lawyer who has had great success in his practice, and he is a certified specialist in injury and wrongful death litigation. Beyond that, however, he is a self-professed “word merchant.” Passionate about verbal persuasion, Grand has issued his “Grand Ideas for Future Trial Lawyers” for many years.

In an upcoming issue, we will speak with Grand about the story behind some of his sometimes puzzling and always revealing aphorisms.



Last month, we asked readers to let us know about **noteworthy civil verdicts** from 2005. Thank you to those who replied. We ask you once more in this issue (see page 65). We will publish the story of those top verdicts in the May issue.

To be sure we can review and possibly include your item, **send minute entries or any additional details to Kelly Wilkins MacHenry** at Snell & Wilmer (kmachenry@swlaw.com, or fax 602-382-6070).

The deadline is March 3.

Tim Eigo

Editor

TIM EIGO

Tim.Eigo@staff.azbar.org

Art Director

KAREN HOLUB

Production Coordinator

LESLIE ROSS

Contributing Writer

MIRA RADOVICH

Communications Assistant

KATE CORTEZ

Advertising Sales Manager

DREW WILLIAMSON

(602) 340-7230

Drew.Williamson@staff.azbar.org

Editorial Board

RANDALL H. WARNER, CHAIR

DAVID H. BENTON

CATHERINE BRIXEN

DENNIS K. BURKE

EMILY JOHNSTON

BRIAN D. KAISER

JOSEPH A. KANEFIELD

FAITH C. KLEPPER

JENNIFER M. MOTT

PATRICIA A. NIGRO

MARK D. SAMSON

KEITH A. SWISHER

ELIZABETH WARNER

M. APRIL WYNNE

Addresses

4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 200
Phoenix, AZ 85016-6288
(602) 252-4804

320 S. Convent
Tucson, AZ 85701-2215
(520) 623-9944

1-866-48-AZBAR
(Toll-free outside Maricopa County)

www.myazbar.org

Statements or opinions expressed herein are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the State Bar of Arizona, its officers, Board of Governors, the Editorial Board, or staff. Although advertising copy is reviewed, no endorsement of any product or service offered by any advertisement is intended or implied by publication.

Arizona Attorney (ISSN 1040-4090) is published monthly, except bimonthly, July/August, by the State Bar of Arizona, located at 4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 200, Phoenix, Arizona 85016-6288. Periodicals Postage paid in Phoenix, Arizona, and additional mailing offices. Subscription price: \$50 per year; all members except retired: included in dues; \$5.00 per copy. Copyright 2006 by the State Bar of Arizona. All rights reserved. Any copying of material herein, in whole or in part, and by any means, without written permission, is prohibited. Requests for such permission or any correspondence for *Arizona Attorney* should be sent to *Arizona Attorney*. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to *Arizona Attorney*, 4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 200, Phoenix, Arizona 85016-6288.

VOLUME 42, NO. 7

