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Ernest Calderón, a native of Morenci, Arizona, and a sixth-generation native of what was New Mexico Territory, has practiced law in Arizona since 1983.

Ernie began his tradition of leadership as student body president at Northern Arizona University and has included elected and appointed service as president of the Arizona Board of Regents, president of the State Bar of Arizona, president of the Boys Scouts of America (Grand Canyon Council), and chair of the Catholic Community Foundation, Diocese of Phoenix. Six Arizona governors have appointed him to leadership positions.

In addition to conducting an effective and diverse law practice that encompasses a broad scope of litigation, administrative, transactional and appellate skill, Ernie has substantial in-house legal experience as the Director of Legal Affairs for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona and as a litigation attorney for Arizona Public Service.

PRACTICE AREAS

Education Law
Mediation
Employment Law
Appellate Law
Commercial Litigation
Administrative Law
Public Procurement Law
Construction Law
Professional Licensing

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

AV Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell®
Super Lawyers, 2007-2017
Litigation Counsel of America: Founding Fellow; Barrister, Order of *Juris*; Advocate, Order of *Certus*
Arizona's Finest Lawyers: Sustaining Member

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Arizona: Past President (2002-2003); Board of Governors, 1987-1988, 1997-2003; Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, 1990; Appointments Committee Chair, 1999-2000; Executive Council Member, Labor and Employment Law Section; Construction Law Section
Arizona Commission on Appellate Court Appointments, 1993-2000
Past Judge Pro Tem, Arizona Court of Appeals, 1993, 1994, 1996
Arizona State University Law Society: Board of Directors, 1992-1997
University of Arizona Law College Association: Board of Directors, 1986-1994
Past Judge Pro Tem, Arizona Superior Court
Arizona Appellate Practice Institute: Faculty Member
Supreme Court of Arizona Professionalism Course: Faculty Member
Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges: Past Member, Council of Board Chairs

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Law Institute: Elected Member
American Bar Association: Member, 1983-present; House of Delegates, 2004-2006

American Bar Foundation: Fellow

State Bar of Arizona

Federal Bar Association

Maricopa County Bar Association: Volunteer Lawyer of the Month, June 1989, August 2001

St. Thomas More Society: Past President (1992-1993)

Los Abogados, Hispanic Bar Association: Member of the Year, 1998; Vice President, 1985-1987; Board of Directors, 1985-1992; Co-Founder, Valdemar Cordova Fund

National School Boards Association: Council of School Attorneys

COURT ADMISSIONS

Arizona, 1983

U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 1983

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1983

U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, 1984

U.S. Supreme Court, 1986

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

Florez v. Sargent, 185 Ariz. 521, 917 P.2d 250 (1996)

R.L. Augustine Construction v. Peoria Unified School District No. 11, 188 Ariz. 368, 936 P.2d 554 (1997)

Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission v. Fields, 206 Ariz. 130, 75 P.3d 1088 (Ariz. App 2003)

Gallo v. United States District Court, District of Arizona, 349 F.3d 1169 (2003)

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Hon. Walter E. Craig, U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 1982-1984

EDUCATION

Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Graduate Course Certificate, 2009

J.D., University of Arizona, 1982: President, Student Bar Association

B.S., Northern Arizona University, 1979: President, Associated Students of Northern Arizona University, 1978-1979; President's Award (Outstanding Graduating Senior), 1979; Gold Axe Award, 1979

CIVIC AND ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

Harry S. Truman Scholar, 1977 (Arizona's first)

Doctor of Humane Letters, Northern Arizona University, 2013

Victoria Foundation: Edith Sayre Auslander Outstanding Support of Hispanic Issues in Higher Education Award, 2012

Judge Learned Hand Award (Community Service), 2004

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Dan O'Meara Award, 2003

University of Arizona: Distinguished Citizen Award, 2003

Hispanic National Bar Association: Latino Lawyer of the Year, 2002

Anti-Defamation League: Leaders of Distinction Award, 1998

Chicanos Por La Causa: Community Advocacy Award Recipient, 1993

Valle del Sol "Profiles of Success" Hispanic Leadership Award

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

Arizona Board of Regents: Member, 2004-2012; Past President (2009-2010); President *Emeritus*

Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Western Regional Medical Center: Board of Directors, 2008-present

Aquila Municipal Trust: Trustee, 2001-present

Northern Arizona University Foundation: Board of Directors, 1986-present

Catholic Community Foundation: Past Chair (1998-2000), Past Board Member (1992-2002)

Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Phoenix

St. Theresa Roman Catholic Parish, Parishioner

Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (Papal Order), Knight Grand Cross, Vice Councillor, 2003-2006

Diocesan Finance Council, Member, 1994-2001

Diocesan Human Development Council, Past Member

Diocesan Immigration Task Force, 2007-2008

Grand Canyon Council, Boy Scouts of America: Past President (2004-2006); Former Cubmaster (Pack #148)

Valley Leadership: Past Chair (1994-1995); Man of the Year (Metropolitan Phoenix), 2004

Gubernatorial Transition Team Member, Governors Napolitano and Brewer

Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners: President, 1990; Member, 1986-1993

Arizona Community Foundation: Past Board Member

American Red Cross, Greater Phoenix Chapter: Past Board Member

Valley of the Sun United Way: Past Board Member

American Diabetes Association, Phoenix Office: Past Board Member

Central Arizona Shelter Services: Past Board Member

Northern Arizona University: Professor, Adjunct Faculty

Mayor's Ethics Task Force, City of Phoenix: Member

Arizona Town Hall: Member

BIRTHPLACE

Morenci, Arizona