

Fred Breedlove

Of Counsel

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Fred focuses his practice on water rights transactions and permitting, state and federal land permitting, mining, administrative law, and governmental relations.

His experience includes a wide variety of water rights transactions (groundwater, surface water, and Colorado River entitlements), assured water supply permitting, consultation on compliance with active management area management plans, water rights due diligence and permitting, state land acquisition, and National Historic Preservation Act compliance. Fred has represented land developers, landowners, golf courses, ranchers, farmers, private water and energy utility businesses, government agencies, and private equity investment firms.

Fred also served for five years as the legislative liaison for the Arizona Department of Water Resources, during which time he managed several bills that were enacted, including the 2007 Water Adequacy Amendments. Fred has experience with the Arizona legislative process, bill drafting, and government relations.

Select Experience

- Appealed suspension of Forest Service Recreation Residence Permit and pursued settlement.
- Prepared applications for new Irrigation Grandfathered Rights in the Douglas Active Management Area.
Prepared applications for new irrigation rights in the Hualapai Valley Irrigation Non-Expansion Area.
- Provided legal analysis public comment to Arizona Department of Water Resources regarding impacts of proposed conservation requirements in the Active Management Area Fourth and Fifth Management Plans on behalf of golf course, mining, and agriculture clients.
- Represented client in seeking state approval for public/private cooperative effort to transport groundwater to public water providers in the initial Active Management Areas ("AMAs") from an approved groundwater transportation basin.

Education

- Vermont Law School (J.D., 2001)
 - Jonathan B. Chase Award for Excellence in Legal Writing
- Vermont Law School (Master of Studies in Environmental Law, 2001)
- Western Washington University (B.S., Environmental Policy & Assessment, 1996)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona

Professional Affiliations

- Maricopa County Bar Association (2020-Present)
- State Bar of Arizona
 - Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section (2009-Present)
 - At-large Member (2021-2023)
 - Secretary of Executive Council (2015-2016)
 - At-large Member (2011-2015)
- Arizona Cattle Growers' Association (2019-Present)
- Green Chamber of Phoenix
 - Board Member (2015-2016)

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Community Legal Services
 - President (2024-Present)
 - Vice-President (2023-2024)
 - Board of Directors (2020-Present)
 - Executive Committee Treasurer (2022-2023)
 - Executive Committee Member-at-Large (2021-2022)
- Youth Basketball Coach (2024)
- Youth Baseball Coach (2020, 2022-2024)
- Youth Soccer Coach (2013-2016, 2018-2019, 2021-2024)
- Luke Air Force Base, Honorary Commander (2004-2005)

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2024-2026

Select Speaking Engagements

- “Acquiring Water Rights: Water Rights Due Diligence and the Application, Lease, Transfer and Sale of Water Rights in Arizona,” Presenter, Halfmoon Seminars Webinar (June 27, 2024)
- “Arizona Groundwater Policy,” Author, The Water Report: Water Rights, Water Quality & Water Solutions in the West (August 2023)

