

Nicole Stanton

Partner

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Nicole is a veteran litigation and legal ethics counsel with over 20 years of experience.

Nicole's success as defense counsel has garnered her an established and credible reputation across business practices including several notable awards.

Most recently, Nicole served as the Vice President and General Counsel for a publicly traded company operating in nine states with over \$1 Billion in annual revenue. She oversaw the development and execution of legal, corporate compliance and governance, safety and risk management programs. She was a trusted advisor for the company and member of the Executive Leadership Team.

Through her in-house experience Nicole has skillfully overseen all legal aspects of a business including regulatory compliance, labor and employment, business transactions, litigation, mergers and acquisitions, and contracts. Nicole is a dedicated leader with excellent communication skills and a proven track record of success in identifying methods to remove legal barriers and maximize revenue.

Nicole is the Ethics Partner at Dorsey & Whitney LLP. As Ethics Partner, she focuses on legal ethics and loss prevention, advising lawyers in Dorsey's offices in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Asia-Pacific. She is a frequent CLE lecturer on legal ethics. She has served as an adjunct faculty member at the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law teaching Professional Responsibility and at the University of Arizona James E. Rodgers College of Law teaching Leadership in Law.

Professional Affiliations

- Member, American Law Institute, 2015-Present
- Adjunct Faculty, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University (Professional Responsibility)
- Adjunct Faculty, James E. Rodgers College of Law at the University of Arizona

Education

- University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law (J.D., 2000)
 - *magna cum laude*;
Order of the Coif
- University of Utah (B.S., Mass Communication/Media Studies, 1995)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

(Leadership in Law)

Clerkships

- Arizona Supreme Court, Justice Charles E. Jones, 2000–2000

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Founder, Stop Bullying AZ/The Dion Initiative, 2012-Present
- President, Charter 100, 2020-2021
- Board Member, Charter 100, 2016-2022
- Member, Charter 100, 2008-Present
- Board Member, Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest, 2024-Present
- Advisory Board Member, Sandra Day O'Connor Justice Prize, 2014-Present

Accolades

- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Team Award (Arizona Justice Project Case Review Team), 2025
- Public AZ Company General Counsel of the Year, Arizona Association of Corporate Counsel, 2021
- Honorary In Business Magazine, "Women of Achievement," 2018
- Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona, AZ Business Magazine, 2016 and 2017
- Horace Steele Child Advocacy Award, Children's Action Alliance, 2016
- Honorary Law Firm Leader, Arizona Business Magazine, 2014, 2016, and 2018
- Most Admired Leaders, Phoenix Business Journal, 2014
- "A Woman Worth Watching," Diversity Journal, 2014