# Beus Gilbert McGroder PLLC



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PRACTICE AREAS: ZONING AND LAND USE, REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS, COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS, DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS, ENTITLEMENTS, MUNICIPAL MATTERS, PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENTS

Mary Grace McNear is a member of Beus Gilbert McGroder PLLC, a premier boutique law firm concentrating on High Stakes Litigation, Real Estate and Zoning Law, and Plaintiffs Catastrophic Injury & Wrongful Death. Ms. McNear is a member of the firm's Real Estate and Zoning Law practice.

Before joining Beus Gilbert McGroder, Ms. McNear worked in-house representing the cities of Avondale, Mesa, and Scottsdale, Arizona. She advised Mesa and Avondale on real estate, planning and zoning, subdivision, engineering, and construction matters. In her tenure at Scottsdale and Mesa, Ms. McNear defended both cities in ligated matters involving land use, construction, and regulatory licensing. Before beginning her municipal practice, Ms. McNear was a construction litigation partner at a medium-sized Arizona law firm.

#### **ADMISSIONS**

U.S. District Court – District of Arizona Supreme Court of the State of Arizona

#### **EDUCATION**

New York University School of Law – J.D.

Arizona State University – B.S. Political Science, Summa Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa

# PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS

Civil Lawyer of the Year, City of Mesa, 2008

#### MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

AWLA State Board of Directors, Past President

AWLA Maricopa Chapter, Member (1994 – Present)

# **PUBLICATIONS**

Co-author "Standing to Sue in the Charitable Sector," 28 U.S.F. L.Rev., 37 (1993)

### PRESENTATIONS

2018 Arizona City Attorneys' Association, Real Estate Issues, and Illustrations from Specific Transactions 2017 Arizona City Attorneys' Association, Telecom, and Rights of Way-ARS § 9-591, et. seq.

# **OTHER**

Documented the sale of City land in the Avondale BLVD area to a multifamily developer

Represented the City of Mesa in connection with the annexation, entitlements, and Development Agreements for the Eastmark and Cadence planned communities

Represented the City of Mesa in litigation involving the siting of medical marijuana dispensaries

Advised on legal issues and documented the transaction for the public auction of City land in Mesa

Revised the City of Mesa's Right-of-Way Ordinance

Defended the City of Scottsdale in regulatory licensing matters, construction and subrogation claims