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André is an accomplished trial lawyer who practices in the areas of complex business and commercial, trust and estate, product liability, tort, and franchise litigation. André has tried dozens of jury and bench trials to verdict in numerous state and federal courts. Additionally, André has extensive appellate experience. His skills and reputation have earned him an AV Preeminent® Rating by Martindale-Hubbell®, a *Best Lawyers in America* ranking for Commercial Litigation and Trust and Estates Litigation, and selection as a Southwest Super Lawyer® in Business Litigation.

Related Practice Areas

- Appellate Litigation
- Business and Commercial Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Franchise Disputes
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Non-Competition Agreements and Restrictive Covenants
- Probate Litigation
- Product Liability Claims
- Tort Defense

Admissions

- Hualapai Tribal Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona
- U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- Arizona Supreme Court
- Iowa State Bar Association, 1994 (inactive)

Honors & Awards

- AV Preeminent® Rating by Martindale-Hubbell®
- *Best Lawyers in America*
- Southwest Super Lawyer®, Business Litigation

Representative Cases

- Represented the world's largest hotel chain in commercial and trademark litigation matters.
- Represented a well-known motorcycle manufacturer in product liability matters.
- Represents a well-known department store operator in premises liability matters.
- Represents franchisors in franchise litigation.
- Represents a leading designer and marketer of men's, women's, and children's lifestyle apparel and sportswear.
- Represents the owner and operator of laser skin and health centers.
- Represents a distributor of orthopedic health care devices and equipment.
- Represents parties in probate and estate litigation, including disputed estate administrations, will and trust disputes, and contested guardianship and conservatorship matters.



Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, J.D.
 - *Chairperson*, Moot Court Board
- University of Northern Iowa, B.A.