

## C. Bradley Vynalek

### *Partner and Firm President*

Brad Vynalek serves as a counselor and advisor on strategy, exposure, and enterprise opportunity for clients ranging from local start-ups to Fortune 500 companies. Brad works very closely with law departments to create and manage budgets and create optimal teams for a variety of legal services in the banking, high-tech, Internet, software, manufacturing, e-commerce, health care, higher education, and tech transfer industries.

Brad currently serves as President of Quarles & Brady, and has held national firm roles ranging from client service team leader to national strategy partner. Since joining the firm 20 years ago, Brad's roles have ranged from recruiting law school students and lateral attorneys for the firm nationally to leading mentoring and strategic growth initiatives. Meanwhile, he also has provided pro bono services for the Volunteer Lawyers Program, Wills for Heroes, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Outside the firm, Brad holds leadership roles in several professional and community activities. He has served as Chair of the Board of Directors of Make-A-Wish of Arizona, the founding chapter of the nonprofit dedicated to granting wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. He has also served as President of the University of Arizona Law College Association. Within the profession, Brad routinely advocates on behalf of the organized bar before Congress, on issues ranging from pro bono funding to the protection of the attorney-client privilege. He was appointed to serve as co-chair of the American Bar Association's 2014 Section of Litigation Annual Conference.

Before law school, Brad was a Public Service Honors Scholar at Stanford University. He focused his studies on the U.S. Senate confirmation process for Supreme Court Justices and authored a thesis analyzing the process and the justice's commitment to judicial service. After Stanford, Brad worked as a tennis instructor and waiter to fund travel in the U.S. and New Zealand, volunteer for the Olympic Committee in Atlanta, and work at Stanford Sierra Camp at Fallen Leaf Lake in Lake Tahoe, CA.

Brad returned to his hometown of Tucson for law school at the University of Arizona. Highlights from law school include: introducing the '97 U of A National Men's Basketball Championship Team to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor at the U.S. Supreme Court, providing student commencement remarks at graduation, studying political democracy in Prague, and working on Capitol Hill in the personal staff office of Senator John McCain.

Brad has provided keynote remarks in a variety of settings and both sat on and moderated national panels. He is a graduate of Flinn-Brown Civic




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Leadership Academy, Valley Leadership, and the Center for Creative Leadership Lawyer-Leader Program. In collaboration with the Arizona Commerce Authority and the Phoenix Business Journal, Brad created a business leadership summit series bringing together top Arizona CEOs to share lessons on succession planning, overcoming challenges, and innovation.

### **Legal Services**

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### **Education and Honors**

- University of Arizona–James E. Rogers College of Law (J.D., 1999)
- Georgetown University (Prague Institute) (Diploma, 1997)
- Stanford University (B.A., *with honors*, 1995)
  - Public Service Honors Scholar

### **Bar Admissions**

- Arizona

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Supreme Court, 2007
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 1999

### **Professional and Civic Activities**

- Greater Phoenix Economic Council Board of Director (2014 to present) and Co-Chair of GPEC Next (2020 to present)
- Gen Next Arizona (Current Global Member and Board of Directors in 2018)
- Teach for America Regional Advisory Board: Board Member (2015-present)
- Make-A-Wish of Arizona: Chair (2013 to 2015); Service on Board since 2008 and has held committee and executive committee positions
- University of Arizona Law College Association, President (2012 to present): Served on board and led committees since 2000.
- American Bar Association
  - American Bar Association 2014 Section of Litigation annual co-chair

- Grassroots advocacy team and ABA Day in Washington volunteer (2000 to present)
- Business Torts and Corporate Counsel Committees (2009 to present)
- State Bar-appointed delegate to the House of Delegates (2005 to 2011)
- Federal Bar Practice Task Force (2014)
- American Bar Foundation Fellows (Co-Chair, Arizona Chapter: 2014)
- Arizona Commerce and Economic Development Commission, commissioner (2008 to 2009)
  - Appointed by two Arizona governors and confirmed by Arizona Senate to serve on statewide economic development entity
- Maricopa County Bar Association Minority Intern Writing Program, firm liaison (2009 to 2010)
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Arizona's Finest Couples chair
- Oscar Night America Arthritis Foundation chair, 2005 and 2006
- International Association of Privacy Professionals (Member)
- Greater Phoenix Economic Council (Member: Board of Directors, 2014)
- Quarles & Brady (Executive Committee, 2014 to present)

## Professional Recognition

- The University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law 2014 Distinguished Alumnus Award
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2014-present: Commercial Litigation)
- Southwest Super Lawyers®: Business Litigation (2012-present)
- Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy Fellow (2011)
- State Bar of Arizona Recognition Honor for Service to the American Bar Association House of Delegates (2011)
- Center for Creative Leadership Lawyer-Leader Graduate (2010)
- The American Jewish Committee's Judge Learned Hand Emerging Leadership Award (2009)
- Arizona Governor Recognition for Service and Leadership in Advancing Arizona's Economy (2009)
- Award of Merit from the National Center for Exploited and Missing Children for Commitment to Protection of Children (2007)
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Arizona's Finest Couples Award (2007)
- *Phoenix Business Journal's* "Forty Under 40" Award (2006)
- Phoenix Valley Leadership, Class 26 (2006)
- Young Alumni of the Year Award, University of Arizona James E. Rogers School of Law (2005)
- 2003 *Biz AZ Magazine* Up and Comer Attorney



- American Bar Foundation Fellows