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Super Lawyers selectee George King is Lang Thal King & Hanson's lead partner in business law, contract formation, entity formation, and mediation. He represents companies in commercial, construction, intellectual property, and environmental litigation. He has also mediated numerous settlement conferences for matters litigated in Maricopa County Superior Court.

Recent litigation results for George King's clients include the following:

- Successfully defended a lawsuit seeking to overturn a trustee's sale; obtained full award of attorneys' fees against the plaintiff.
- Recovered the entire principal ($267,500) plus 18% interest and the vast majority of the excavation contractor's attorneys' fees and costs in a lawsuit against a developer who refused to pay for construction work about which there were no complaints.
- On appeal reversed a trial court's decision against a developer for a multi-million dollar deficiency judgment and negotiated a substantially more favorable outcome for the developer after the appeal (see MidFirst Bank v. Chase in "Published Decisions" below)
- Obtained a substantial payment for an architect and contractor on work, for a homeowners association, that had gone unpaid for years.
- Used satellite photos to establish that an asphalt contractor had lien priority over the lender, thereby securing a substantial payment for the contractor.
- Negotiated a walk-away dismissal of an action filed against an architect for alleged professional malpractice.
- In litigation involving Arizona anti-deficiency statutes, defeated a lender's claim for a deficiency on an unoccupied home and obtained a full award of attorneys' fees (over $29,000) against the lender.
- In a suit filed by a lender for a deficiency after a trustee's sale of a home, defeated the lender's attempt to hold a mortgage broker liable for the deficiency, as the lender made a full-credit bid at the sale. ING Bank, FSB v. Mata, 2009 WL 4672797 (D. Ariz. 2009)
- Resolved a number of trademark disputes short of contested litigation.
- Obtained punitive damages against an individual who repeatedly defamed a small business and its owners.
- Successfully defended a charter school in a lease dispute concerning payment of property taxes, and obtained a full attorneys' fees award against the landlord of over $40,000.
- Defeated a lender's attempt in bankruptcy court to force a quick sale of undeveloped property near Flagstaff; property ultimately sold for nearly double the lender's appraised value.
- Represented mining companies in complex environmental case involving extensive groundwater pollution.

PRACTICE AREAS

Business Law, Contracts and Entity Formation

Commercial Litigation

Mediation

Construction Insurance

Intellectual Property Litigation

Environmental Litigation

HONORS & AWARDS

AV-Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell®

Stand-Out Lawyer, Thomson Reuters, 2024

Super Lawyers, 2017-present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Arizona: Intellectual Property Section; Civil Practice and Procedure Committee

Scottsdale Bar Association

CERTIFICATIONS

40-Hour Mediation Skills Training, Lodestar Dispute Resolution Center, February 2026

Certified Arbitrator, Maricopa County Superior Court

PRESENTATIONS

"Corporate Transparency Act Impacting Construction Industry: Covered Entities, Reporting Requirements, Exemptions Determining Who is a Reporting Company, Performing Due Diligence for Extensive Reporting, Mitigating Risk of Serious Penalties," Strafford CLE Webinars, April 16, 2024

REPORTED DECISIONS

MidFirst Bank v. Chase, 230 Ariz. 366, 284 P.3d 877 (App. 2012)

Cain v. Horne, 220 Ariz. 77, 202 P.3d 1178 (2009)

City of Phoenix v. Mori, 182 Ariz. 612, 898 P.2d 990 (App. 1995)

COURT ADMISSIONS

Arizona, 1990

U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

EDUCATION

J.D., cum laude, Arizona State University, 1990

M.S., Chemistry, Arizona State University, 1991

B.S., summa cum laude, Chemistry, Arizona State University, 1984

BIRTHPLACE

San Francisco, California