



Oscar S. Lizardi

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Attorney Oscar Lizardi has over 29 years of corporate and transactional law experience representing large corporations, small businesses, and individuals in a variety of business transactions.

For 29 years, Oscar has represented a broad range of corporate and commercial clients and has built a savvy corporate practice with an emphasis on governance and compliance, succession planning for businesses, and mergers and acquisitions. He too, has broad experience in representing private and commercial lenders, both credit unions and banks, in financing and lending transactions with an emphasis on real estate related lending. Oscar's practice also includes commercial real estate sales and leasing, as well as assisting employers in obtaining non-immigrant visas for foreign employees.

His experience and skills bring a unique perspective to any client's team. Oscar's goal is to contribute to the commercial and financial success of his clients while mitigating their exposure to commercial liability. His philosophy: Listen to understand, advise, contribute, and protect.

Oscar has always been committed to the community. He has been and is an active participant, often in leadership positions, on numerous Boards within the state of Arizona including: Governor's Southern Arizona Hispanic Advisory Committee, Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, University of Arizona Law College Association Board of Directors, Arizona State Board of Directors for Community Colleges, Hispanic Professional Action Committee, Child and Family Resources, Children's Action Alliance, Angel Charity for Children, Tu Nidito Children and Family Services, served as President of the Tucson Conquistadores, University of Arizona President Search Advisory Committee, Board Chair for the 1st Tee of Southern Arizona, and Board Chair for the Vantage West Credit Union.

Mr. Lizardi is AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated through the Martindale Hubbell®, has been recognized by both Southwest Super Lawyers® in Business/Corporate Law, and The Best Lawyers in America® in Corporate Law, and awarded Tucson Businessman of the Year by the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

EDUCATION

- University of Arizona, J.D., cum laude, 1995:
 - Valdamar Corodova Scholarship Recipient
- Arizona State University, B.S., Finance, 1991

PRACTICE

- Mergers, Acquisitions & Divestitures
- NIL - College Athletics
- Contracts
- Internal Investigations
- Business Formation & Corporate Governance
- Acquisition & Disposition
- Commercial Property & Real Estate Development
- Finance
- Land Use, Zoning & Condemnation
- Agriculture
- Construction
- Bank & Credit Union Representation
- Private Placements
- Restrictive Covenants, Confidentiality/Trade Secret & Intellectual Property Rights
- Immigration Law
- Government Contracts

Admissions and Professional Activities

- United States District Court, District of Arizona
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- State Bar of Arizona: Sections on Real Property Law, International Law and Immigration Law
- American Bar Association: Section on Immigration Law
- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Pima County Bar Association

Publications, Speeches, and Training

- Board/Management Relations, Responsibilities and Governance, October 2015
- Credit Union Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee training regarding Corporate and Credit Union fiduciary duties owed to its members, July 2015
- Finance and Insurance Requirements in the Retail Automobile Industry, October 2014
- Breaking Bad: Ins and Outs of a Business Divorce, June 2014
- Hazardous Waste and Customs Policies Along the U.S./Mexico Border: Through the Maze of Legal and Administrative Requirements, Hazwaste 96 Symposium
- Legal Aspects of Medicine: Entering the Workforce, May 2014
- Ethics, October 2012
- Ethics and the Real Estate Lawyer, October 2005
- Non-Immigrant Work Visas, March 2003
- Overview of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, February 2002
- Basic Contract Consideration in Cross-Border Transactions, February 2002

Honors & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Corporate Law, 2009 - 2011, 2020 - 2025
- Southwest Super Lawyers, Business/Corporate Law, 2016 - 2019, 2021 - 2024
- Tucson Hispanic Businessman of the Year, Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 2016
- AV Rated Lawyers, Martindale-Hubbell Ratings, (2010)
- Top Lawyers in Tucson, Tucson Lifestyle Magazine, Corporate Law, 2009, 2010, 2011
- Tucson Business Edge, 40-under-40 Award, Recipient, 2005

Community Involvement

- Tucson Values Teachers Board Member, 2023- Present
- Vantage West Credit Union, Board Chair, November 2018-2021
- First Tee Board Member, 2017-2022
- University of Arizona President Search Advisory Committee, 2016
- Tucson Conquistadores, Board of Directors, 2012-2016; President 2015-2016
- Tu Nidito Children and Family Services, Board of Directors, 2014-2020
- Angel Charity for Children, Advisory Board Member, 2011-2019
- San Miguel High School, Board of Trustees, July 2008-June 2014 and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, July 2011-2013
- Children's Action Alliance Board of Directors, January 2009-2013
- Child and Family Resources, Inc. Board of Directors, 1998-2009; Board Vice Chair, 2005-2006, Board Chair, 2007-2009
- Hispanic Professional Action Committee, President, 2005

- University of Arizona Law College Association, Board of Directors, 2001-2005
- Arizona State Board of Directors for Community Colleges, 2001-2003
- Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, 1996-1998
- The Governor's Southern Arizona Hispanic Advisory Committee, 1994-1996

Personal

I enjoy being involved in my local community. I passionately believe education is the key to improving the socio-economic conditions of individuals. I am also enthusiastic about improving the lives of children. To that end, I proudly serve on various community boards which focus on improving the socio-economic conditions of children through education, advocacy and youth sports related activities. Aside from my community involvement, I enjoy spending time with my wife and two daughters, practicing yoga, meditation, and golfing.

Mission Statement:

I will listen to understand, advise, contribute, protect, improve and then repeat.