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## Jonathan G. Brinson

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### Main Bio

Jonathan Brinson represents businesses and individuals in various complex dispute resolution and litigation matters throughout the United States. Jonathan regularly works for his clients in state and federal courts, in mediation and arbitration proceedings, appeals, and in other alternative forms of dispute resolution.

In his insurance recovery practice, Jonathan works closely with clients on loss and insurance benefit recovery, and regularly works with clients' insurance brokers in providing guidance on their insurance program. He has extensive experience seeking recovery under a variety of policies, including general liability, cyber, fidelity, builders' risk, professional liability, director and officer liability, errors and omissions, crop insurance, and a wide variety of other coverages.

Jonathan routinely represents software developers in disputes over enterprise software development and claims regarding scope of performance and contractual obligations. Additionally, Jonathan represents government entities in high-stakes litigation ranging from high-profile wrongful arrest and imprisonment claims to hundreds of millions of dollars in alleged government takings. He also represents clients in CERCLA, RCRA, and other environmental matters, as well as product liability disputes.

Jonathan represents Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies across the country, including software companies, financial institutions, manufacturers, wholesalers, service providers, retailers, farmers, and business owners.

### Representative Experience

- Assisted policyholder seeking recovery under dozens of insurance policies spanning decades of time for costs of environmental cleanup at numerous sites throughout the United States, totaling hundreds of millions of dollars
- Represented government entity in \$400+ million suit alleging unconstitutional taking of utilities company
- Defended government entity in lawsuit alleging wrongful arrest and imprisonment in high-profile action where plaintiff sought \$50+ million in damages
- Defended a software developer in arbitration with customer regarding performance of enterprise software
- Represented insurance carriers in claim relating to software and video system installation dispute

- Assisted policyholder to obtain coverage under property policy for multi-million dollar losses based on devastating fire damage at numerous commercial buildings
- Negotiated full indemnification and defense fees from an insurance carrier for claim against client by a borrowed employee of a temp agency that sustained extremely severe injuries while working at client's premises
- Conducted arbitration against crop insurance carrier in seeking millions of dollars in policy benefits, and settlement of additional court actions against the insurance broker and bad faith claims against the carrier
- Represented clients in numerous Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act related matters
- Handled appeal of constitutional law claims filed by former chairman of the Corporation Commission regarding constitutional authority of commissioners
- Assisted client in a matter involving environmental cleanup at a closed mining site
- Represented international manufacturing plant with insurance recovery under a fidelity policy
- Assisted in representation of a client regarding reinsurance obligations and rescission claims in federal court

## Education

- Cornell University (J.D.)
- Arizona State University (B.S., Finance, *summa cum laude*, Minor, Political Science)

## Languages

- Spanish

## Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association
- Arizona Bar Association
- Arizona Republican Lawyers
  - Board Member
- Maricopa County Bar Association

## Professional Recognition & Awards

- Southwest Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup>, Rising Stars Edition, Insurance Coverage (2012-2018)
- Volunteer Lawyers Program Pro Bono Attorney Award (2014)

## Community Involvement

- Volunteer Lawyers Program, Member

## Previous Professional Experience

- Polsinelli, P.C., Shareholder (2013-2022)
  - Senior Associate (2010-2013)
- Bryan Cave, LLP, Associate (2006-2010)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Arizona

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit