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## Torgenson Law Spring Newsletter

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**Dear Clients, Friends, and Community,**

**Welcome to the Torgenson Law Spring Newsletter!** As we close out the first quarter of 2026, we're proud to reflect on a strong and purposeful start to the year. The energy and focus we brought into the new year have carried through these first few months, allowing us to serve more families, strengthen our team, and deepen our impact in the community.

Beginning the year with clear goals and renewed dedication has positioned us for continued growth throughout 2026. We remain committed to providing compassionate guidance, strategic advocacy, and relentless representation for every client who places their trust in our firm.

In this issue, we're excited to share firm updates, legal insights, and community highlights from the first quarter, along with a look at what's ahead this spring.

Thank you for your continued trust and support! It is an honor to stand alongside you, and we look forward to building on this strong start as the year continues.

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## **Legal Updates: Arizona Personal Injury Law Update**

### **Key Points from the Investigation**

A recent investigation by the Arizona Republic examined Arizona's Alternative Business Structures (ABS) program and raised concerns about consumer complaints, potential conflicts of interest, and possible regulatory gaps. The ABS program, approved by the Arizona Supreme Court in 2021, allows nonlawyers to own or invest in law firms in an effort to encourage innovation and expand access to legal services.

### **Concerns Raised**

While the program was designed to modernize the legal industry, the investigation reported that some consumers have expressed concerns about aggressive marketing practices, unclear fee structures, and business models that may prioritize profit and high case volume over individualized client service. In certain ABS structures, outside investors may have influence over how cases are managed, how quickly they are resolved, and how much personal attention each client receives.

### **Why This Matters to Clients**

For the public, this serves as an important reminder to understand who stands behind the law firm you hire. When you have been injured, your case is not just a file. It involves medical bills, lost wages, long term health impacts, and your family's financial security. Legal representation should never feel transactional. It should feel personal and focused on your unique circumstances.

### **Our Approach at Torgenson Law**

At our firm, it is personal. Your case is guided solely by your best interests, not by shareholder expectations or corporate growth targets. We believe accountability, transparency, and direct attorney involvement matter at every stage of a case. This investigation highlights the importance of asking questions about law firm ownership, fee structures, and how your case will be managed. If you have been injured and want representation that treats your case with the care and attention it deserves, our team is here to help protect your rights every step of the way.

## Case Study: Bicycle Accident Injury

### What Happened

We recently helped a client who was injured while riding his bicycle through his neighborhood after loose dogs ran into the street and began chasing him, causing him to crash and suffer significant injuries that required medical treatment and time away from work.

### How We Helped

Our team conducted a thorough investigation to uncover the full circumstances surrounding the incident and identify the responsible insurance coverage. Although the insurance company initially denied liability, our firm carefully analyzed the facts and submitted a detailed response challenging their position.

### Takeaway

By fully developing the case and advocating on our client's behalf, we were able to overcome the denial and secure a fair settlement. This matter highlights the importance of working with a law firm that will thoroughly investigate an incident and push back when insurance companies attempt to avoid responsibility.

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## Firm News & Community Engagement



### Meet Our 2026 Scholarship Recipient!

We're excited to share special news from Torgenson Law! Eva Pombo has been selected as the 2026 recipient of the Renee Torgenson Memorial Scholarship. Established in honor of John Torgenson's grandmother, Renee Torgenson, this scholarship recognizes students whose lives reflect compassion, purpose, and a deep commitment to serving others.

A senior at Arizona School for the Arts, Eva has built an extraordinary path that blends science, service, and the arts. She works in a neuromuscular research lab and serves patients in Hospice of the Valley's dementia care unit, experiences that have shaped her goal of becoming a



patient-focused neurologist specializing in neurodegenerative diseases. Recently accepted to Stanford University and named a Flinn Scholarship semifinalist, Eva will finalize her college decision this spring as she prepares for the next chapter of her journey.

Learn more about Eva's story and the scholarship here:

[Renee Torgenson Memorial Scholarship Winner Announced](#)



Congratulations, Eva—we're so proud to support you and can't wait to see what you accomplish next!

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### Recent Achievements:

We started 2026 with a strong first quarter, securing meaningful results for clients across a variety of serious injury cases. Our team successfully resolved numerous auto accident matters, including several cases involving policy limit recoveries and complex settlements with multiple injured parties. Each result reflects the careful investigation, strategic advocacy, and persistent effort our team brings to every case.

In addition to our auto accident recoveries, we also reached successful outcomes in dog bite, pedestrian injury, wrongful death, and premises liability matters. These cases often involve individuals and families facing difficult and unexpected challenges, and we are honored to help guide them through the legal process while pursuing the compensation they deserve.

With a productive first quarter behind us, we remain focused on continuing this momentum throughout the year and delivering meaningful results for the clients who place their trust in our firm.

### Giving Back:

## **Starry Foundation Golf Tournament - Presenting Sponsor**

We were honored to serve as the Presenting Sponsor of the Starry Foundation Golf Tournament at McCormick Ranch Golf Club, supporting families impacted by autism and sensory processing disorder with vital resources, therapy, and care scholarships. Our team hosted a booth with a spinning wheel game and a raffle basket, offering fun giveaways and engaging with attendees through networking and interactive activities. Leah Stuart and Emma Williams staffed the booth, while attorneys John Torgenson and Ariana Byrd participated in the tournament as golfers, connecting with the community while supporting a meaningful cause.



## **Latina Strong Golf Tournament**

We proudly supported the Latina Strong Golf Tournament at Arizona Biltmore Golf Club, which raises funds for education, scholarships, and health equity initiatives in underserved communities. Our booth featured an Olympic theme celebrating Dr. Regina Martinez Lorenzo, the first Mexican woman to compete in cross-country skiing at the Winter Olympics. Attendees participated in a ring toss game and received giveaways items, while our team wore custom Torgenson Law polos featuring the Mexican flag to show support and compete in the Best Themed Team contest. Attorneys John Torgenson and Ariana Byrd, along with employee Lindsay Aleman, played in the tournament, and Valerie Cochlin, Corina Alfaro, Leah Stuart, and Emma Williams staffed the booth.



## Shadow Rock Preschool Auction

We also contributed to the Shadow Rock Preschool Auction as the Gold Sponsor at Aunt Chillida's, which raises funds to enhance school programs and provide scholarships for quality early education. Attorney Ariana Byrd and her wife attended the auction, representing the firm while supporting this local cause.



Giving back remains a cornerstone of our mission because the communities we serve are personal to us. If there is a cause close to your heart, we invite you to reach out. We are always looking for ways to make a difference.

**Team Updates:** During The first quarter of this year, we celebrated the birthdays of Ashley, Jenn, Valerie, Lindsay, and Sarah. We are grateful for each of them and the contributions they make to our team. We also congratulated Attorney Ariana Byrd one her one-year anniversary with Torgenson Law and thank her for her dedication to our clients.

In addition, we are excited to welcome Leah Stuart to the firm as a Litigation Paralegal, Jennifer Mazzie as a Conservatorship Specialist and Case Manager, and Isis Chase as a Lien Resolution Specialist. We look forward to all they will bring to the team.

**When It Matters Most, We're Here.**

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## Staff Spotlight

This quarter, we are proud to spotlight our Legal Administrator, Valerie Cochlin. A little about Valerie:

- **Background:** Valerie grew up in a small farm town in California's Central Valley, where her parents instilled in her the values of independence and hard work from a young age. She moved to San Diego to attend the University of San Diego, earning degrees in Psychology and Speech Communication Studies, and later completed her paralegal certificate with a focus in civil litigation through the University of San Diego Paralegal

Program. In early 2015, Valerie moved to Phoenix and found the perfect fit at Torgenson Law, where this March she proudly celebrates 11 years with the firm. With her background in plaintiff's personal injury and legal administration, she plays a vital role in overseeing the firm's facilities and operations, accounting, and human resources, while also contributing to marketing, budgeting, and forecasting efforts.

- **Passions & Interests:** Outside of the office, Valerie is an avid cook and gardener who loves creating welcoming spaces through interior design and drawing inspiration from her travels to new places. Most of all, she treasures spending time with her husband, Mike, and their adorable girls, Lucy Q and Micki J, making family time her greatest joy.
- **Favorite Part of Working at Torgenson Law:** Valerie finds deep fulfillment in supporting both the clients and the team behind the scenes, taking pride in ensuring the firm runs smoothly and that every member of the team has the resources they need to succeed. She knows her work directly impacts the lives of injured clients and the overall success of the firm, and her steady leadership, dedication, and commitment over the past 11 years make her an invaluable part of Torgenson Law.



## 5-Star Reviews & Client Testimonials

We are honored to receive incredible feedback from our clients. Here's what one of them had to say:

*"I had a great experience working with Torgenson Law after my accident. From the start, they were incredibly helpful, educational and professional. They answered every question I had and made a stressful process feel much easier. Highly recommend them if you need a personal injury team that truly cares for you."*



## Accidents Don't Keep Business Hours.

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### Legal Tip of the Quarter

#### What to Do After a Hit-and-Run Accident:

1. Call 911 Immediately – Report the crash immediately and request medical assistance. A police report is essential.
2. Document What You Can – Note anything you remember about the vehicle and direction of travel.
3. Take Photos – Photograph vehicle damage, the scene, and any injuries.
4. Look for Witnesses or Cameras – Get contact information for witnesses and look for nearby cameras.
5. Check Your Uninsured Motorist Coverage - If the driver isn't found or has no insurance, your UM coverage may protect you.
6. Call a Personal Injury – Contact Torgenson Law for a free case evaluation and to protect your rights.

### We're Sending You to a Diamondbacks Game!

We're excited to give back to our amazing community with free Arizona Diamondbacks tickets! The winner will score 4 tickets, Avnet Home Plate Club tickets, Section S, Row D, Seats 1-4. These tickets give you “under the dugout” access and amenities. This will be for Friday, May 22 against the Colorado Rockies, with postgame fireworks!

Want a chance to win? It's easy:

1. Click the link to our **Instagram** or **Facebook**.
2. Like our post about this newsletter.

You're in the running!



One lucky winner will score 4 tickets to an upcoming Diamondbacks home game.

It's our way of saying thank you for staying connected with us.

Don't wait — hit that like button and we'll see you at the ballpark!

## Your Injury. Your Story. It's Personal To Us.

We appreciate your continued support and trust in Torgenson Law. Follow us online and on social media for legal insights and firm updates:



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If you have any legal questions or topics you'd like us to cover in the next newsletter, feel free to reach out!

**Until next time, stay safe and know that Torgenson Law is here for you.**

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