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and give faith a
fair shot.”**

The managing member of MWW LAW, LLC, Matthew W. Wright '87, Esq. has a distinguished legal career spanning three decades. Repeatedly named to Best Lawyers® and Southwest Super Lawyers® lists, he holds an AV Preeminent® rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the profession's highest peer-reviewed distinction.

Matthew's expertise includes catastrophic personal injury, complex product liability, constitutional claims, and public entity defense. His clients have included Arizona State University, the Arizona Board of Regents, Arizona school districts, and the City of Phoenix: “There is no greater

career fulfillment than defending educators striving to do their best in a tempestuous, litigious environment.”

His extensive appellate practice includes appearances before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the Arizona Supreme Court. He considers the proudest moment of his career to be the “singular experience” of successfully arguing *Safford Unified School District v. Redding* before the U.S. Supreme Court, which is ranked as 29th out of the 50 most influential cases to shape Arizona's first 100 years. This landmark case is widely taught in law schools and influences Fourth Amendment jurisprudence nationwide.

Following in his family's tradition of serving as educators, he has taught as an adjunct professor at Northern Arizona University and Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. He and his wife, Kimberly Vance-Wright '87, are deeply involved with their church community, recently presiding over service programs in four missions in southern Arizona and previously serving as mission leaders for more than 200 youth in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Recruited to play football at NMSU, Matthew received all-conference honors as NMSU's Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year, in addition to being a Crimson Scholar and an NMSU Alumni Outstanding Graduate. However, he credits wife Kimberly with being “the greatest contributor to my success.” ▲