

Timeline of Events in Arizona Legal History

Pre-1912 (Arizona Territory)

- Legal professionals take oaths upholding territorial laws and the U.S. Constitution.
- Oaths structured based on territorial laws with federal influence.

February 14, 1912

- Arizona achieves statehood.
- The Arizona Constitution is established, requiring oaths from public officials, including attorneys and judges, to uphold both the U.S. and Arizona Constitutions.

Post-1912

- Oath of office for judges outlined in Article VI of the Arizona Constitution, focusing on upholding the Constitution and impartial justice.
- Judicial oath evolves to reflect legal reforms and maintain impartiality.
- Attorneys begin taking oaths upon admission to the bar, pledging ethical behavior, honesty, and protection of justice.
- Attorney oath evolves to reflect changes in the legal profession, including civil rights and representation of disadvantaged groups.

1933

- State Bar of Arizona established.
- Formalized admission process for attorneys and set professional standards.
- Attorneys required to take an oath affirming ethical obligations to the courts, clients, and the public.

1950s-1960s (Cold War Era)

- Loyalty oaths introduced for public officials, including judges and attorneys, due to Cold War tensions and fear of communism.
- Oaths require individuals to pledge defense of the state and nation against foreign and domestic threats.

Present Day

- Arizona attorneys and judges take three key oaths:
 1. Oath of Admission to the Arizona Supreme Court
 2. Oath to the State Bar of Arizona
 3. Loyalty Oath

Cast of Characters

This section is difficult to complete as the sources provided do not mention specific individuals by name. The documents focus on the historical development of legal oaths in Arizona, not on the people who took them.

To create a "cast of characters" we would need sources that mention specific judges, attorneys, or legislators who played key roles in shaping these oaths.

However, we can identify the general groups of people involved:

- **Arizona Territorial Legislators (Pre-1912):** Responsible for drafting and implementing the legal framework in the territory, including oaths for legal professionals.
- **Framers of the Arizona Constitution (1912):** Established the constitutional requirements for oaths taken by judges and other public officials.
- **Arizona Supreme Court Justices:** Played a crucial role in shaping the interpretation and evolution of legal oaths through their rulings and opinions.
- **Members of the State Bar of Arizona:** Instrumental in developing and refining ethical standards for attorneys and incorporating them into the oaths taken by members.
- **Arizona Legislators:** Responsible for enacting laws related to oaths, particularly the loyalty oath during the Cold War era.

This list provides a general idea of the groups involved, but without specific names and biographies, it remains incomplete.