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Kurt Maahs is the Managing Attorney of the Arizona office of Sweet James, LLP.

Kurt has worked on both sides of the aisle but has only done plaintiff personal injury work since 2012. For the first 16 years of his career, he was a defense lawyer representing corporations, trucking companies, and insurers for trucking companies in Kansas City, Missouri, and later at a branch office of the same firm in Omaha, Nebraska. Kurt learned greatly from his experiences as a defense lawyer in Kansas City, Missouri. The light turned on for Kurt during a mock trial in front of focus groups on a multi-million-dollar trucking case. Kurt was designated as “Plaintiff’s counsel” and it was natural. Even the claims supervisor commented that Kurt had great passion and should be a plaintiff’s lawyer. He then began handling the plaintiff cases in his defense firm before moving to Arizona and shifting his practice to plaintiff’s personal injury full time.

Kurt has tried several cases involving commercial vehicles. In addition, he has tried, arbitrated, and mediated hundreds of other cases; including multi-million-dollar recoveries for clients with significant injuries, such as traumatic brain injury, wrongful death, severe physical injuries, and burns.

Now, Kurt dedicates his career to helping injury victims obtain justice from major insurance companies and corporations. He handles the commercial vehicle cases for his firm in Arizona, California, and Nevada.

Kurt is a member of the Arizona Association of Justice, where he is on the Board of Directors. He has been a member of the ATAA since shortly after its creation. He is also a member of the American Association of Justice, where he is a member of the Trucking Litigation Group. He is also a member of the American Inns of Court – Sandra Day O’Connor Inn and local and state bar associations.

Kurt has also been a speaker at numerous CLE presentations, including the Arizona Personal Injury Bootcamp (2021), Trial Preparation and Jury Selection (2021), and Personal Injury: A Case-by-case Toolkit (2020).

When Kurt is not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife of ten years, Stacy, and their 7 children from their combined family. It is Brady Bunch plus one! The children’s activities take a great deal of time, but they still find time to hike, golf, and travel.