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Lydia Peirce Linsmeier is a Partner in the Tempe office. Lydia began her legal career as a sole practitioner concentrating on animal and equine law. In 2011, Lydia joined a Valley firm and developed a unique practice area that is sensitive to the role of animals in a community association setting.

As part of the insurance defense practice group, Lydia successfully defends claims in both state and federal court, and the Office of Administrative Hearings. Lydia's general counsel foundation and in-depth understanding of Arizona community association law makes her ideal for representing the interests of associations at every stage, from pre-litigation to trial.

Lydia is passionate about fair housing and disability access issues, and teaches fair housing seminars to managers, associations, and the public. Assistance and service animals are always a contentious issue, and Lydia enjoys educating associations locally and nationally on how to best implement both the spirit and law of the Fair Housing Act.

Previously serving as the 2015-16 Chair of the State Bar of Arizona Animal Law Section, Lydia routinely teaches and writes on animal law topics, including her 'Community Animal' column. She spends her spare time hanging out with a variety of mutts and attempting to grow antique roses.

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Community Associations Institute (CAI)
- State Bar of Arizona, Animal Law Section
- American Bar Association TIPS Animal Law Committee
- Animal Legal Defense Fund



PRACTICE AREAS:

Animal Law
Business Law & Litigation
Community Association & Condominium

- General Legal Advice & Counsel
- Common Area Taxes
- Fair Housing
- Litigation
- Rule & Covenant Enforcement

Employment Law & Litigation
Insurance Defense

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

Arizona
US District Court, Arizona

EDUCATION:

James E. Rogers College of Law at the
University of Arizona College of Law, JD

University at Albany, BA

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PUBLICATIONS:

- *Comfort Gators: Hot New Trend?*, www.linkedin.com/pulse/comfort-gators-hot-new-trend-lydia-peirce-linsmeier/, Feb. 2019
- *MLK/FHA: The Influence of Dr. King on the Fair Housing Act*, www.linkedin.com/pulse/mlkfha-influence-dr-king-fair-housing-act-lydia-peirce-linsmeier/, Jan. 2019
- *Paws Off the Dog! Service Animal Etiquette*, www.linkedin.com/pulse/paws-off-dog-lydia-peirce-linsmeier/, Jan. 2019
- *Bring on the Camels, Dragons, and Prayer Flags*, www.carpenterhazlewood.com/news, Dec. 2018
- *Sully H.W. Bush and the ADA*, www.linkedin.com/pulse/sully-hw-bush-ada-lydia-peirce-linsmeier/, Dec. 2018
- *Javelina Hooligans*, www.linkedin.com/pulse/javelina-hooligans-lydia-peirce-linsmeier/, Oct. 2018
- *Horses in Your Common Area?*, www.linkedin.com/pulse/horses-your-common-area-lydia-peirce-linsmeier/, Aug. 2018
- *There is No Such Thing as a Free Pony!*, www.linkedin.com/pulse/thing-free-pony-lydia-peirce-linsmeier/, Jul. 2018
- *Equestrian Facility Fire Safety Tips*, www.linkedin.com/pulse/equestrian-facility-fire-safety-tips-lydia-peirce-linsmeier/, Jul. 2018
- *Salt River Horses: Wild Arizona*, www.linkedin.com/pulse/salt-river-horses-lydia-peirce-linsmeier/, Jul. 2018
- *The Elephant in the Room*, Texas State Bar, Jul. 2018
- *Rules? We Don't Need No Stinkin' Rules*, Community Resource Magazine, Jan. 2018

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

- "Pet or Prescription? Emotion Support Animals and the Fair Housing Act", CAI National webinar, Nov. 2018
- "Animal Law Across Practice Areas", State Bar of Arizona CLE, Jun. 2018
- "Fair Housing Assistance Animals", CLDP, Mar. 2018
- "When is a Pig a Dog?", CAI Law Seminar, Jan. 2018