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Related Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Constitutional Law
- Election Law
- Government and Congressional Investigations
- Political Law

Jonathan Riches

Of Counsel

Jonathan Riches is Of Counsel with Holtzman Vogel and focuses his practice litigating in the areas of government, administrative, constitutional, and appellate law. He has briefed and argued cases in multiple federal circuits, state intermediate courts, and state supreme courts.

Jon has developed and authored several pieces of legislation, including landmark reforms in occupational licensing and administrative law.

His work has been covered by national media, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, CBS This Morning, *Bloomberg News*, and *POLITICO*.

Previously, Jon served on active duty in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. While on active duty, he represented hundreds of clients, litigated dozens of court-martial cases, and advised commanders on a vast array of legal issues. He is currently an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve, where he has held a number of executive and leadership positions.

Jon is an Adjunct Professor at Arizona State University School of Law, where he developed and teaches a course on Public Interest Litigation.

Education

- University of Arizona – James E. Rogers College of Law, J.D.
- Boston College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Political Science and Government
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Bar & Court Admissions

- Arizona Bar
- U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Clerkship/Government Experience

- Federal Service Impasses Panel - Panel Member
- United States Navy, Judge Advocate General's Corps - Attorney and Naval Officer
- Arizona State Senate, Rules Committee - Legal Intern
- The White House, Office of Counsel to the President - Legal Intern
- United States Senate, Senator Jon Kyl, Committee on the Judiciary - Legal Clerk

- United States Department of Defense, Office of Naval Intelligence - Intelligence Aide

News & Insights

- RNLA Arizona Chapter School Choice Event
- Legal battle over Arizona's water rules intensifies as builders seek court ruling
- A Look Back and Ahead - What Will Influence Arizona Elections?
- Disclosure Laws Put Targets on the Backs of Nonprofit Donors
- Protecting Constitutional Rights Through the Separation of Powers
- National Political, Regulatory & Litigation Law Firm Holtzman Vogel Adds Six Attorneys

Publications

- Disclosure Laws Put Targets on the Backs of Nonprofit Donors
- "Trump Should End Biden Admin's Attack on Grand Canyon University," *The Washington Times*, December 4, 2024. [washingtontimes.com](https://www.washingtontimes.com).
- "No More No-Work Paydays for Public Sector Unions in Arizona," *National Review*, August 16, 2024. [nationalreview.com](https://www.nationalreview.com).
- "Loper Bright Won't Rein in Every Regulator: Agency deference is still a problem at the state level," *The Wall Street Journal*, July 3, 2024. [wsj.com](https://www.wsj.com).
- "What is Biden's team hiding about its pledge to 'shut down' America's largest Christian university?," *Fox News*, April 25, 2024. [foxnews.com](https://www.foxnews.com).
- "Union Scheme to Steal Everyone Else's Money Goes to Court," *National Review*, February 5, 2024. [nationalreview.com](https://www.nationalreview.com).
- "Federal court educates Texas Education Agency on military families' rights," *Stars and Stripes*, December 7, 2023. [stripes.com](https://www.stripes.com).
- "The N.J. Teachers Who Get Paid Not to Teach," *The Wall Street Journal*, January 3, 2021. [wsj.com](https://www.wsj.com).
- *The Goldwater Institute*, "Litigation and Legislative Solutions to Taxpayer-funded Release Time," December 15, 2020.
- "Texans Are Paying to Keep Officers Subject to Discipline," *Austin American-Statesman*, June 28, 2020. [statesman.com](https://www.statesman.com).
- *The Goldwater Institute*, "Confronting the Administrative State: State-Based Solutions to Inject Accountability into an Unaccountable System," April 29, 2020.
- *The Goldwater Institute*, "Breaking Down Barriers to Work for Military Families," December 12, 2019.

Speaking Engagements

- RNLA Arizona Chapter School Choice Event
- A Look Back and Ahead - What Will Influence Arizona Elections?
- Protecting Constitutional Rights Through the Separation of Powers

Community Involvement/Teaching Experience

- Arizona State University School of Law - Adjunct Professor