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James E. Barton II
Partner & General Counsel

Barton has been the counsel of record on many important election law cases. He was the lead attorney defending Prop. 127 against an onslaught of attacks, and ultimately, before review by the

Arizona Supreme Court. In 2016, he successfully defended Arizonans for Fair Wages and Healthy Families (Prop. 206) against legal challenges to the initiative to raise Arizona's minimum wage. Prior to the 2016 election cycle, Barton and the legal team advised the Protect Your Right to Vote Committee on referring HB 2305 to the voters on matters such as signature collection, and anticipating challenges to the measure's position on the ballot. Barton successfully challenged a biased description of the Quality Education & Jobs Act proposed by the Arizona Legislative Council and defended the superior court decision before the Arizona Supreme Court.



Israel G. Torres
Managing Partner
 Fluent in Spanish

Under Torres's guidance, Torres Consulting & Law Group has built national relationships among government, labor, private industry, and social service

sectors to champion policies that improve the lives of all Arizonans. With extensive experience in business development in the building and construction sector, Torres brings unique insight into important issues such as workforce development, wages, and labor relations. He previously served as a member of Governor Janet Napolitano's cabinet as the Director of the Arizona Registrar of Contractors (ROC). Prior to working for the State, he was Chief of Staff for then City of Phoenix Councilman Greg Stanton, and a Zoning Adjustment Hearing Officer.



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 Fluent in Spanish

Mendez Soto specializes in the areas of labor and employment law, family law, and estate and probate law. She began her career as a

field examiner for the National Labor Relations Board where she investigated unfair labor practices. After earning her J.D. she continued working in the labor law and employment field as in-house counsel for an international corporation and as an associate at a large law firm. She has also practiced in the family law, juvenile law and probate law fields representing clients in dissolution proceedings, parenting plan and child support issues, private parental severance proceedings, adoptions, and juvenile and dependent adult guardianship proceedings. She also advises clients on estate planning matters, including preparation of wills.