

**Topic:** The Effect of the Media on High Profile Cases

**Speaker:**

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**Speaker Bio:**

Mike Piccarreta, Esq., is a partner at Piccarreta Davis PC. He is a past president of the State Bar of Arizona. He has served as chair of the State Bar's Criminal Rules Committee and its Criminal Justice Section. Mr. Piccarreta has been selected for inclusion in the *Best Lawyers in America* since 1991, and has been selected as its Lawyer of the Year in Tucson, Arizona for criminal defense, white and non-white collar divisions. He is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and has served at the state chair. He also has served as an adjunct at the school teaching advanced criminal trial practice. Mr. Piccarreta has served as president of the Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice and is the recipient of the Pima County Bar Association's 2010 Robert J. Hooker Criminal Justice Award. He is also the recipient of the 2011 State Bar of Arizona Tom Karas Criminal Justice Award. He has extensive trial and litigation experience, and has successfully handled hundreds of criminal matters.

**Attendance Numbers**

- 45 Students (roughly)
- 3 Professors and community members

**Review of Topic:**

The talk focused on how to deal with the media when working on a high profile case. He went over the ethical rules surrounding disclosure of information on pending cases, etc. He mentioned that the prosecution has a heavier burden of silence than the defendant. He also discussed case law surrounding the issue.

**Review of Speaker:**

I thought the audience was very interested in Mike's talk. He was very interactive, charismatic, and knowledgeable. He provided a hand out of ethical rules and opinions, which I found very helpful, attached. Question and answer took place for about 10 minutes. I do wish he would have told a few more stories of actual high profile cases that he worked on with high media attention.