

SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR MICHAEL URBANO

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Michael Urbano is a criminal defense attorney with a wild and crazy streak who is passionate about giving back to his community. A graduate of Arizona State University, with a dual degree in Aeronautical Engineering and Business, Michael also went on to earn two Master's Degrees in Aeronautical Science (at the same time) from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, Florida, with Distinction! Since then, he has worked as a flight test engineer with both Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, working on the AH64 Apache Helicopter program. A veteran, Michael served in the U.S. Army as a pilot, flying helicopters during Desert Storm. After completing his tour of duty, he was recruited as a police officer in Las Vegas, NV because of his skills as a helicopter pilot. Later, he went on to be a reserve officer with the Los Angeles Police Department.

So after all of his impressive accomplishments in his early life, what led him to criminal defense work? Michael says he wanted to make sure everyone was given the opportunity to receive justice. In pursuit of this desire to provide justice, he graduated with a Doctorate of Juris Prudence from the University of Nevada, William S. Boyd School of Law.

While Michael's practice is mainly criminal defense, he will also work on family law cases, specifically domestic violence. He is passionate about his work and wants to help everyone he can.

In addition, maintaining his love for flying, Michael's skills as a pilot have also allowed him to give back to the community. For many years, he worked with the Wounded Warriors Project, flying soldiers and veterans around the country to treatment facilities. "It's the least I can do," Michael says about his volunteer work with the Wounded Warriors Project. Now Michael is volunteering here at the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education to assist with our Veterans Army One Source program, where veterans have the opportunity to consult with an attorney for one free hour.

Michael contacted the Foundation this past summer after seeing a request for volunteers to speak at schools during Constitution Day. He spoke at two different high schools about Con Law, and he enjoyed it so much that he plans to do more in the future. Through all he has accomplished in his life so far, Michael has remained a vibrant and charismatic character, and has even been known to wear colorful suspenders to court. Recently, Michael flew one of his two planes to Texas to fly with his dad, who is a veteran as well, having served in World War II. Thanks to his mom, Michael is a huge fan of the Beatles, and loves to use them as a reference. His tag line is "Nobody told me there would be days like these. Strange days indeed..." - John Lennon.

Thank you Michael Urbano, for serving our country, our veterans, our military, and those who need representation.