

## Stephen Richer Bio

Stephen Richer is the former elected (Republican) Maricopa County Recorder, where he was responsible for voter registration and early voting for the 4.6 million people in the Phoenix, Arizona metropolitan area.

Now, Stephen is a legal scholar at the Cato Institute, a lecturer and fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School, and the CEO of Republic Affairs, a Washington DC-based solutions firm for civic nonprofits. Stephen is a political contributor and election analyst at *NBC News*, a regular columnist at *The Arizona Republic*, and a contributor to *The Dispatch*.

Stephen's contributions to election administration and American governance has earned him a number of awards including, "Defender of Democracy" (*TIME Magazine*, 2024), "Leader of the Year" (*Arizona Capitol Times*, 2023), and "Arizonan of the Year" (*The Arizona Republic*, 2021).

Stephen received his J.D. and M.A. from The University of Chicago and his B.A. from Tulane University.