

## George K. Staropoli

Mr. Staropoli is a nationally recognized homeowners rights advocate. Since April 2000 he has testified before legislative committees in Arizona, Florida and Nevada and his opinions and views have appeared in the national and local media. He has been quoted in *Private Neighborhoods and the Transformation of Local Government* (2005), AARP Policy Institute *Homeowners Bill of Rights* proposal (2006), and acknowledged as a leading advocate in the Thomson – West legal treatise, *California Common Interest Developments – Homeowner’s Guide* (2006) and in Evan McKenzie’s *Beyond Privatopia* (2011).



In 2011 Mr. Staropoli’s amicus curiae brief was accepted by the AZ Supreme Court in *Gelb v. AZ DBFLS* pertaining to the constitutionality of ALJ adjudication of HOA disputes. In 2013 he filed suit (*Staropoli v. State of Arizona*) against the State of Arizona for an unconstitutional bill, SB1454. The HOA portions of the bill were declared unconstitutional and invalid per the Arizona Constitution.

Emmy winning investigative reporter Ward Lucas (*Neighbors at War!*, 2012) writes about Staropoli saying, “his knowledge is sophisticated . . . [he] has been able to articulate the deficiencies and the pending bombshells contained in the Legislature’s denial of the obvious: that the HOA system is badly broken and in desperate need of an overhaul.”

In 2005, after years of criticism that CAI was a business trade group with consumer HOAs as members in violation of its tax-exempt status, CAI removed HOAs, per se, as a membership category.

In 2000 Mr. Staropoli founded and is president of the nonprofit Citizens for Constitutional Local Government, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ, a nonprofit organization seeking to inform the legislators and public about common interest property issues and to expose the prevalent myths and propaganda about carefree living in an HOA. *Citizens* believes in supporting principles of American democracy.

He is a publisher of HOA issues and has authored: “*Understanding the New America of HOA-Lands*” (eBook, 2010), “*Establishing the New America of independent HOA principalities*” (2008), and he is author of *HOA Common Sense: rejecting private government* (eBook, 2013). George published an education course outline in 2015: the “*HOAGOV Education Series: understanding the real lives of HOA members.*” George also publishes on the internet.

Mr. Staropoli was a Vice President of an international securities brokerage firm, Shearson Hayden Stone (since merged and absorbed into Morgan Stanley Wealth Management); a member of the CEO Club, NY, NY; served as Treasurer and board member of a Penn. HOA; and served as a board member of the NYC Data Processing Assn and the Valley Citizens League, Phoenix, AZ. He holds a MS in Management from Polytechnic University, Brooklyn, NY (now NYU Polytechnic).