

EMILIO M. JUSTO, M.D., FAAO, FAACS

Board-Certified Ophthalmologist • Ophthalmic & Oculoplastic Surgeon • Medical-Legal Expert

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Board-certified ophthalmologist with more than three decades of clinical and surgical experience in comprehensive ophthalmology, cataract surgery, glaucoma management, and functional and cosmetic oculoplastic surgery. Founder of Arizona Eye Institute & Cosmetic Laser Center and its ambulatory surgery center; clinical educator, investigator, author, and three-time TEDx speaker. Provides independent medical-legal consultation, record review, independent medical examinations, standard-of-care and causation analysis, written expert opinions, deposition support, and testimony for plaintiff and defense matters through Paradise Valley Management Group, Inc. (PVMG), his professional consulting and billing entity.

MEDICO-LEGAL & EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

Role: Independent Medical-Legal Consultant & Expert Witness, 2014–Present

Professional Consulting/Billing Entity: Paradise Valley Management Group, Inc. (C corporation) EIN 74-3182996

Scope: Plaintiff and defense medical-malpractice matters; independent medical examinations (IMEs); workers' compensation and federal second-opinion evaluations; personal-injury and ocular-trauma matters; medical-record review; standard-of-care, causation, damages, prognosis, future-care, impairment and work-capacity opinions.

Core subject areas: Comprehensive ophthalmology; cataract surgery and complications; premium IOLs; glaucoma and MIGS; oculoplastic and eyelid surgery; blepharoplasty; ptosis repair; ectropion/entropion; CO2 laser surgery; ocular trauma; corneal injury/infectious keratitis; vision loss; macular degeneration; diabetic retinopathy.

Representative current/recent litigation: Ophthalmology expert engagements in Arizona, Nevada, and New York involving glaucoma/cataract care, infectious keratitis/corneal ulcer, postoperative corneal-transplant management, eyelid/ocular trauma, and related standard-of-care and causation issues.

IME/agency work: Ophthalmology IMEs and record reviews for workers' compensation and third-party medico-legal organizations, including evaluations addressing ocular trauma, retinal injury, maximum medical improvement, impairment, work restrictions, medical necessity, and future care; federal OWCP second-opinion evaluation experience.

Prior sworn testimony: Oral expert deposition testimony, Douglas Myers v. James Plotnik, M.D., et al., Maricopa County Superior Court, Arizona, Case No. CV2013-010134 (November 4, 2014). No expert deposition or trial testimony during the preceding four years as of September 2026.

A separate Comprehensive Expert Witness & Medico-Legal Experience list, including retaining-side/source information and reference contacts where available, is maintained and available upon request. Expert opinions and testimony are rendered personally by Emilio M. Justo, M.D.; PVMG serves as the contracting, invoicing, and tax-reporting entity for this work.

EDUCATION & POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

Ophthalmology Residency — The Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C., July 1986–June 1989

Transitional Internship — St. Vincent Hospital and Health Care Center, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 1985–June 1986

M.D. — University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 1985

B.S., Biomedical Sciences — University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, December 1984; High Distinction

Integrated Premedical-Medical Program — University of Michigan, 1979–1985

PROFESSIONAL & CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

Medical / Research Appointments

- Emilio Martin Justo, M.D., P.C. — Founder, December 1989–Present
- Arizona Eye Institute & Cosmetic Laser Center, Inc. — Founder, Ambulatory Surgery Center, May 1999–Present
- Physicians Research Group — Principal Investigator (Independent Contractor), November 2019–September 2024

Facility Appointments

- West Valley Hospital, Goodyear, Arizona — February 2005–Present
- Arizona Eye Institute & Cosmetic Laser Center ASC, Sun City West, Arizona — December 1999–Present

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- University of Arizona College of Medicine–Phoenix, Department of Ophthalmology — Clinical Assistant Professor, September 2019–Present
- Midwestern University, Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, Glendale, Arizona — Clinical Assistant Professor, July 2009–Present
- A.T. Still University, School of Osteopathic Medicine, Mesa, Arizona — Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, April 2024–Present
- Kansas City University, College of Osteopathic Medicine — Adjunct Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, March 2024–Present

LICENSURE, BOARD CERTIFICATION & FELLOWSHIPS

- Arizona Medical License #18595
- Florida Medical License #ME 153578
- Texas Medical License #W7851
- California Medical License #G211369
- Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) Letter of Qualification — expires July 9, 2027
- Diplomate, American Board of Ophthalmology
- Diplomate, National Board of Medical Examiners
- Fellow, American Academy of Ophthalmology (FAAO)
- Fellow, American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery (FAACS)
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Good Clinical Practice Training — credential listed in prior CV; expiration September 25, 2025

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & LEADERSHIP

- American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery
- American Academy of Ophthalmology
- American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
- Arizona Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
- Phoenix Ophthalmological Society
- Phoenix Ophthalmic Business Society
- Arizona Latin-American Medical Association
- Board of Directors, Tarkio College, Tarkio, Missouri — 2022–Present
- Past President, Surprise Grand Bell Rotary Club, Surprise, Arizona — 1992–1993

SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS & FACULTY ACTIVITIES

- TEDxASU, Mesa, Arizona (April 12, 2026) — “The Most Dangerous Skill in the Modern World is Speed”
- TEDxWesternU, London, Ontario, Canada (February 2, 2024) — “Unleashing the Drive Within: The Obsession Advantage to Unprecedented Success”
- TEDxCherryCreekHS, Parker, Colorado (August 12, 2023) — “Delayed Gratification: Your Superpower to Success”
- Cambridge University, United Kingdom (August 8, 2024) — “Mastering the American Dream: The Cuban Triad for Triumphant Success”
- American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Facial Cadaver Workshop, Orlando, Florida (April 25, 2026) — “Differentiating Levator Repair & Muellerectomy: Indications for Each” and “Lateral Canthal Tendon Tightening”
- American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida (February 5, 2026) — “Precision Muellerectomy for Acquired Ptosis: A Targeted Approach for Elevating Upper Eyelid Function”
- American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida (February 5, 2026) — “CO2 Laser Upper and Lower Eyelid Blepharoplasty: Precision, Safety, and Enhanced Outcomes in Aesthetic and Functional Oculoplastic Surgery”
- American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida (February 7, 2026) — “Starting Your Own Medical & Cosmetic Surgery Practice: A Blueprint for Autonomy, Growth and Long-Term Success”
- American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Advanced Cosmetic Surgery Board Review Course, Live Virtual Training (March 7, 2026) — “Cosmetic Surgery of the Eyes I” and “Cosmetic Surgery of the Eyes II”
- Global Aesthetics Conference, Miami Beach, Florida (October 30–31, 2025) — “Starting Your Own Medical & Cosmetic Surgery Practice” and “The Art of CO2 Laser Blepharoplasty”
- American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Webinar (April 29, 2025) — “Starting Your Own Medical and Cosmetic Surgery Practice”
- American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Annual Meeting, Palm Springs, California (February 21, 2025) — “The Art of CO2 Laser Blepharoplasty”
- American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Advanced Cosmetic Surgery Board Review Course, Live Virtual Training (March 7, 2025) — “Cosmetic Surgery of the Eyes I” and “Cosmetic Surgery of the Eyes II”
- American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery Facial Cadaver Workshop, Orlando, Florida (May 5, 2024) — “Laser Blepharoplasty & Muellerectomy”

HONORS

- Valedictorian, Andrean High School, Merrillville, Indiana — 1979
- Graduate with High Distinction, University of Michigan — 1984

PUBLICATIONS / BOOKS

- Author, The Power of Pause: Mastering Delayed Gratification for Success
- Contributing Author, Business, Life & the Universe, Vol. 12 (Corey Poirier)
- Contributing Author, Talk Your Way to the Top (Tara Lafon Gooch)
- Contributing Author, Revitalize for the Soul, Vol. 1 (Kim Groshek)
- Contributing Author, Business, Life & the Universe, Vol. 14 (Corey Poirier)

CLINICAL & SURGICAL INTERESTS

- Laser-assisted refractive cataract surgery, including LenSx femtosecond laser techniques

- Advanced-technology intraocular lens implants
- Glaucoma diagnosis and management, including SLT and MIGS
- Functional and cosmetic oculoplastic surgery, including blepharoplasty, ptosis repair, eyelid malposition surgery and brow procedures
- CO2 laser-assisted blepharoplasty and facial resurfacing
- Physician education: intensive live CO2 laser blepharoplasty training for U.S. and international physicians

CLINICAL RESEARCH

- Ophthalmic assessments of signs and symptoms of dry eye in patients with self-reported or clinician-diagnosed dry eye disease.
- Phase 3, multicenter, randomized, double-masked, placebo-controlled clinical study assessing safety and efficacy of an investigational ophthalmic therapy for dry eye syndrome using environmental and controlled adverse-environment challenge models.
- Phase 3, multicenter, randomized, double-masked, placebo-controlled clinical study assessing safety and efficacy of an investigational ophthalmic solution for dry eye syndrome.
- Multicenter, double-masked, randomized, vehicle-controlled, parallel-group clinical trial evaluating safety of an investigational ophthalmic solution in subjects with dry eye disease.

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEER SERVICE

- Monthly volunteer, MOM'S PANTRY, Phoenix, Arizona — food assistance for homeless and underprivileged populations
- Team Leader, Boys Team Charity, Sonoran League, Scottsdale, Arizona — youth community outreach and volunteer programs
- Led international medical and surgical missions to Puerto Peñasco, Mexico, and Havana, Cuba — 1995–2005