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Kevin is the Chair of the Fennemore's construction law practice and also serves as Associate General Counsel for the firm. He has more than thirty years of experience advising stakeholders in construction matters. Kevin advises contractors, design professionals, owners, and developers regarding construction issues, from the pre-construction phase through project execution. He has substantial litigation experience including disputes involving private and public contracts, lien disputes, construction and design defects, and other issues. He has negotiated and drafted contracts for construction industry professionals, and has assisted clients in resolving countless disputes outside of litigation.

Kevin also has substantial experience in a variety of commercial litigation matters, including real estate, professional negligence, water law, and bankruptcy matters.

Kevin has successfully handled bench and jury trials, arbitration hearings, administrative hearings before the Registrar of Contractors, and appeals before the Arizona Court of Appeals, the Arizona Supreme Court, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Michigan Law School, *cum laude*
- B.S.A. University of Michigan-Dearborn
- Contributing Editor, *Michigan Journal of Law Reform*

AREAS OF PRACTICE

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Commercial Contingency Litigation
- Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Financial Restructuring

- Construction Law

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Quoted, "Feds Seek Win For Ariz. Apache Tribe In Gila River Water War," Law360, March 7, 2022

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented general contractor in multi-million dollar matter arising out of a power plant fire.
- Represented owner of cement plant in multi-million dollar construction cost overrun matter.
- Obtained \$5 million arbitration award for highway contractor in dispute with public owner.
- Obtained \$1 million arbitration award for contractor in payment/ defect dispute with owner.
- Obtained summary judgment for national homebuilder in multi-million dollar construction defect case.
- Negotiated favorable settlement for national homebuilder in class action construction defect case.
- Obtained \$2 million settlement for commercial building owner in construction defect/breach of contract case.
- Representing general contractors in claims disputes against public owners.
- Representing general contractors and subcontractors in contract and lien dispute cases.
- Representing homebuilders, architects, engineers and owners in construction and design defect cases.
- Representing contractors before the Arizona Registrar of Contractors.
- Negotiation and drafting contracts on behalf of owners, contractors, subcontractors and design professionals.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- *Best Lawyers in America*[®], Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Construction, 2013-2025
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*[®], Construction Litigation, 2012-2022
- *Ranking Arizona*, Best Lawyers – Construction Litigation, 2012
- AV[®] Preeminent[™] Peer Review Rated (the highest rating available), by Martindale-Hubbell

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Arizona, Construction Section
- State Bar of Michigan
- American Bar Association, Construction Law Forum
- Federal Bar Association, Phoenix Chapter Past President and Board Member
- Miracle League of Arizona, Board Member
- Raising Special Kids, Advisory Council; Past President and Board Member
- Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative (2005-2008); Chair (2006-2007)

ADMISSIONS

- Arizona
- Michigan