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#### **SERVICES**

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- Fidelity & Surety Law
- Construction Law
- Construction Litigation
- Business Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Litigation
- Business Law
- Commercial Real Estate
- Mediation & Arbitration
- Appellate

# Chad L. Schexnayder

Chad Schexnayder has more than 35 years of experience in commercial litigation, in both state and federal courts, including U.S. bankruptcy courts throughout the country. His trial and litigation experience includes complex business disputes, surety and fidelity, construction law, construction litigation, bankruptcy, real estate disputes, residential construction defects, and personal injury defense. Chad currently serves as Immediate Past Chair of the Fidelity and Surety Law Committee of the American Bar Association, Tort & Insurance Practice Section.

Chad has earned the Preeminent AV Rating with Martindale Hubbell®.

#### **Bar Admissions**

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- Arizona
- U.S. District Court District of Arizona
- U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

#### **Education**

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- Arizona State University, College of Law, Tempe, Arizona, J.D. (1984), Honors: *cum laude*
- Washington University at St. Louis, B.A. (1981), Honors: *cum laude*, Majors: French & Political Science

## **Published Works**

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Chad has authored, edited and published books, treatise chapters and articles for legal publishers, trade organizations, bar associations. A subset of these include:

- **Surety Aspects of Bankruptcy Law and Practice**, American Bar Association (2021) Co-Editor.
- An article series for the National Association of Surety Bond Producers.
  - [Two Important Eye-Opening Surety Bankruptcy Issues \(Part 4 of 4\)](#) **Surety Bond Quarterly** (Summer 2021).
  - [The Commercial Account Bankruptcy Case Lesson: Sureties Must Be Diligent Throughout the Process \(Part 3 of 4\)](#) **Surety Bond Quarterly** (Winter 2021).
  - [The Surety Faces Unique Risks When Its Contract Account Files for Bankruptcy](#) (Part 2 of 4) **Surety Bond Quarterly** (Spring 2021).
  - [Bankruptcy Basics for the Surety Industry: Cash and letters of credit held by sureties receive special legal status when an estate falls into bankruptcy.](#) (Part 1 of 4) **Surety Bond Quarterly** (Fall 2020).
- **Managing and Litigating the Complex Surety Case, Third Edition**, American Bar Association (2018); Co-author Chapter 12, Navigating In and Around Bankruptcy
- **The Surety Underwriter's Desk Book**, American Bar Association , Co-Editor.
- **New Appleman on Insurance Law** Library Edition, Co-Author Chapter 145.
- **The Quick Reference Guide to Western States Surety & Fidelity Law**, Editor, WSSC, LLC (2006 – 2018)
- **Bond Default Manual, 4th ed.** Author, Chapter 13, American Bar Association (2015)
- **The Contract Bond Surety's Subrogation Rights**, Author, Chapter 11, American Bar Association (2013)
- **The Law of Commercial Surety and Miscellaneous Bonds, 2nd Edition**, Author, Chapter 5, American Bar Association (2012)
- *Intersections of Bankruptcy and Construction: Treatment of Executory Construction Contracts and Mechanic's Liens in Bankruptcy*, Griffin, Deborah S., Martin, Hon. Robert, Schexnayder, Chad, **Journal of the American College of Construction Lawyers**, Vol.4, No.2 (Summer 2010)
- Chad has authored chapters in numerous other publications of the American Bar Association, including but not limited to: **The Law of Payment Bonds, 2nd Ed.**, Chapter 12, (2011); **The Law of Performance Bonds, 2nd Ed.**, Chapter 14, (2009); **Surety's Indemnity Agreement: Law and Practice, 2nd Ed.**, Chapter XI, (2008); **The Most Important Questions a Surety Can Ask About Bankruptcy, 2nd Ed.**, (2003); **The Law of Suretyship, 2nd Ed.**, Chapter 20, (2000).

## **Honors and Awards**

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- Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® in the areas of:
  - Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights- Insolvency & Reorganization Law (2024-2025)
  - Construction Law (2010-2025)
  - Construction Litigation (2011 – 2025)
- Named to Southwest Super Lawyers (2007-2009, 2011-2020) for the following areas of practice:
  - Construction Law and Litigation
  - Surety Law
  - Business Litigation
  - Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights
- Selected for inclusion in Arizona's Finest Lawyers®
- Recognized as Top Rated Lawyer in Construction Law by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Earned AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale Hubble®

## **Professional Associations and Memberships**

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- American Bar Association, Tort & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS), Fidelity and Surety Law Committee, Section Chair (2020-2021).
- American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry, Member
- State Bar of Arizona, Member
  - Construction Law Section, Member
  - Bankruptcy Law Section, Member

## **Classes/Seminars**

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For more than 30 years, Chad has spoken before legal, trade, and professional organizations, as well as industry clients and bar associations. Examples of groups he has addressed include the American College of Construction Lawyers, Surety Claims Institute, American Bar Association, Pearlman Association, Western States Surety Conference, Mid-South Commercial Law Institute, National Association of Surety Bond Producers, West Coast Casualty Construction Defect Seminar, the Surety and Fidelity Association of America, and the Arizona State Bar Construction Law Section.