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Main Bio

Christian Fernandez is a member of the firm's commercial litigation practice group. In addition to handling general commercial disputes, Christian's practice focuses on construction, real estate, and investigations, government enforcement and white collar protection. Christian has experience representing clients throughout the litigation process, including trial.

In his construction practice, Christian regularly represents owners, developers, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers in all aspects of construction disputes, including delay, defect, wrongful termination, change order, mechanic's liens, and breach of contract disputes.

In his investigations, government enforcement and white collar protection practice, Christian regularly conducts internal investigations and represents companies and individuals in a wide variety of matters relating to federal and state criminal, civil and regulatory enforcement.

Christian maintains a consistent pro bono practice. He has represented individuals in guardianships, contract disputes, and eviction disputes.

Education

- Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (J.D.)
 - Willard H. Pedrick Scholar
 - Dean's Recruitment Award
 - Arizona State Law Journal, Staff Writer
 - The Order of the Coif
- University of Arizona (B.S. Biomedical Engineering, *magna cum laude*)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association
- Maricopa County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division Board Member (2023-Present)

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Recent Developments in Business Courts 2023," Contributor, Business and Corporate Litigation, ABA Business Law Section (April 26, 2023)

- “Construction Laws and Customs: Arizona for Practical Law,” Co-Author, Practical Law, Thomas Reuters (March 31, 2023)
- "Design and Construction Contracts," Presenter, Arizona State University Masters of Real Estate Development Program (February 2023)
- "Tribal Court Litigation," Co-Author, 2022 Annual Review of Developments in Business & Corporate Litigation, ABA Business Law Section (2023)
- “Liquidated Damages: Too High and It’s a Penalty. Too Low and You’re Out of Luck,” Snell & Wilmer Real Estate Litigation Blog (November 9, 2022)
- "[Foreseeing the Future: The Importance of Liquidated Damages Amidst Supply Chain Disruptions](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (April 2022)
- “What We Wish We’d Known: Advice from Practicing Attorneys as You Start Your Career,” Panel Speaker, Trial Advocacy Student Group, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law (March 2022)
- "[Shortages and the Arizona Purchaser Dwelling Action Act](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (January 2022)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Snell & Wilmer Pro Bono Award (2023)

Previous Professional Experience

- Snell & Wilmer, Summer Associate (2020)
- Sacks, Ricketts & Case, Summer Associate (2019)
- Frier & Levitt Law Firm, Intern (2017)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States District Court, District of Arizona