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Areas of Practice:

Automobile Liability Defense
Bad Faith & Extra-Contractual Liability
Construction Litigation
General Civil Litigation
Premises Liability
Product Liability Defense
Professional Liability
Wrongful Death & Personal Injury Defense

Industries Served:

Construction
Insurance
Manufacturers
Professional Service Providers
Retail & Hospitality

As a member of the firm's Construction Trial Group, Chris Pierce focuses his practice in the areas of construction defect litigation and general civil liability defense including products liability, premises liability and personal injury litigation. He is committed to providing clients with prompt and thorough case evaluations, delivering effective litigation defense strategies, and posturing cases for early resolution opportunities.

During his free time, Christopher can be found exploring Arizona's many hiking and camping destinations.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Arizona Court of Appeals affirmed summary judgment in favor of client and held that homeowners may not sue subcontractors directly for breach of implied warranty of workmanship and habitability absent privity of contract. *Yanni v. Tucker Plumbing*, 233 Ariz. 364, 312 P.3d 1130 (Ariz. App. 2013)
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed summary judgment in favor of client on a multi-million dollar contract dispute. *Museum Associates v. Kailasa Enterprises*, 2013 WL 6212148 (9th Cir. 2013) (unreported)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, Young Lawyers Division, Past President/Board Member
- Arizona State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, Board Member
- Mock Trial Competition, Volunteer Judge

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 2022-2025; Construction Law, 2023-2025; Litigation – Construction, 2025
- *Southwest Super Lawyers: Rising Stars*, 2013-2023
- AV® Preeminent™ Rated on *Martindale Hubbell*

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- "Taking The Bite Out Of Damages: Recoverability, Legal Defenses, and Current Trends," Presenter, JSH Annual Seminar: It's All Fun and Games Until Someone Gets Hurt, November 2014
- "Indemnity Contract Basics," Presenter, Association of Corporate Counsel, August 2012

EDUCATION

University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, J.D., 2009
University of Arizona, B.S., Aerospace Engineering, 2006

BAR ADMISSIONS

Arizona, 2009
U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 2011