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Areas of Practice:

Construction Litigation
Dram Shop & Social Host Liability
General Civil Litigation
Insurance Coverage & Third-Party Liability
Professional Liability
Wrongful Death & Personal Injury Defense

Industries Served:

Construction
Insurance
Manufacturers
Professional Service Providers
Retail & Hospitality

Representing developers, subcontractors, business owners, business professionals, and product manufacturers, Mike Ludwig's practice focuses on defending clients in matters involving construction defect, personal injury and wrongful death, premises liability, and professional liability.

Currently serving on the Board of Directors for the USLAW Network, Mike is also past-President of the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel. He co-authored the Arizona Construction Practice Manual published by the State Bar of Arizona and has served as the Vice-Chair of the Premises Liability Section of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel.

CIVIC & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

- National Eagle Scout Association, Member

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, Construction Section, Vice Chair, 2020-2022; Premises & Security Liability Section, Vice Chair, 2017-2018
- Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, Past President; Board of Directors, 2005-2014
- State Bar of Arizona, Construction Section Executive Council, 2007-2010; Trial Practice Section Executive Committee, 2006-2007
- USLAW Network, Board of Directors, 2019-2021; Construction Practice Group Board Member, 2007-2010
- Arizona Builders Alliance, Member
- Defense Research Institute, Member; Construction Law Steering Committee, 2005-2008, 2010-2011, 2013-2014; State Representative, 2014
- Maricopa County Bar Association, Construction Section Board of Directors, 2004-2005
- Claims and Litigation Management, Member

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- *Phoenix Magazine Top Lawyers*, Construction, 2024
- *Best Lawyers in America®*, Construction Law, 2014-2025; Litigation – Construction, 2021-2025; Litigation – Insurance, Insurance Law, 2023-2025
- *AzBusiness Leaders 2019*, Construction Law, 2019-
- *Arizona's Finest Lawyers*, 2010-Present
- *Southwest Super Lawyers*, Construction, 2007, 2010-2020, 2024, 2025
- AV® Preeminent™ Rated on Martindale Hubbell

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Mike frequently presents at national and regional conferences for organizations including AADC, USLAW Network, AGC, ACIC and other insurance events. Committed to helping his clients better manage their businesses, Mike has authored and co-authored numerous educational articles. His presentations and publications include:

- "Construction Law," Co-Author, USLAW NETWORK Compendia update, May 2021
- "Banking, Financial Services and Lending," Panel Host, USLAW NETWORK Worldwide Virtual Retreat, October 2020
- "COVID-19 General Liability Quick Guide Compendium of Law," Author, USLAW NETWORK, September 2020
- "Effective Expert Use in a Time of Changing Indemnity," Co-Presenter, Arizona Association of Defense Counsel (AADC), March 2020

- "Current Issues In Professional Liability," Co-Presenter, February 2019
- "Legal Updates," Speaker, Lockton Complex Risk Symposium, June 2018
- ["Keep It Simple Stupid: Remembering the Basics in a Construction Defect Indemnity Case to Minimize Surprises Down the Road,"](#) Co-Author, The JSH Reporter, Spring 2018
- ["Keep It Simple Stupid: Remembering the Basics in a Construction Defect Indemnity Case to Minimize Surprises Down the Road,"](#) Co-Author, FDCC Insights, Volume 4, December 2017
- "Indecent Exposure: New Decision Confirms Subcontractor's Liability to CD Damages is Expansive," *JSH Reporter*, Fall 2017 Issue
- "Slow and Steady Wins The Race," Speaker/Facilitator, USLAW Construction Exchange, October 2017
- "State of Arizona Construction Compendium," Author, USLAW Network, 2017
- "Arizona Construction Law Practice Manual, 3rd Ed. 2016," Co-Author, Published by the State Bar of Arizona, 2016
- "When Bears Attack: Your Defense Attorney's Tips to Prepare for Lawsuits," Co-Presenter, Capitol Indemnity Company's General Agents Underwriting Workshop, June 2016
- "The Different Warranties Covering A Contractor's Work," Author, *JSH Reporter*, Summer 2015
- "Hot Topics in Construction Law," Moderator, USLAW Spring Client Conference, April 2015
- "Jobsite Accident & Injury Claims: Countering the Crisis," Presenter, Arizona Builders' Alliance Webinar, December 2014
- "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
- "Liability Issues," Subcontractor Discussion Leader and Presenter, USLAW Construction Exchange, October 2014
- "Hold Up Issues: Construction Defect, Toxic & Mass Torts, and Minor's Claims," IAIR Insurance Insolvency Workshop, Presenter, January 2014
- "The 10 Minute Construction Law Drill" Panelist, Associated General Contractor's Annual Convention, March 2013
- "Construction Defect Tenders and Related Topics," Presenter, Arizona Insurance Claims Association, October 2012
- "Arizona Coverage and Current Construction Trends," Presenter, West Region Construction Defect and Insurance Coverage Conference, September 2011
- "Examining Emerging Construction Trends Over the Past 10 Years," Presenter, Arizona State Bar Construction Seminar, February 2010
- "Claims Management On A Construction Project Gone Bad," Presenter, Construction Financial Management Association, August 2008
- "Insurance and Indemnity Issues in Construction," Presenter, Arizona Builders Alliance Legal Roundtable, May 2008
- "Reinforcing the Foundation: Emerging Issues For Construction Lawyers," Presenter, State Bar of Arizona, February 2008
- "Indemnity Issues," Arizona Builders' Alliance Legal Roundtable, Presenter, June 2007
- "Latest Issues in Construction Litigation," Presenter, Home Builders Association of Central Arizona, February 2007
- "Construction Defect Litigation: An Overview and Discussion of Insurance and Indemnity Issues in Arizona," Presenter, Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Arizona's Construction Defect Issues Seminar, October 2006
- "Indemnification and Problems Facing the Construction Industry," Presenter, Arizona Builders' Alliance Legal Roundtable, June 2006
- "Litigating the Multi-Party Construction Case," Presenter, State Bar of Arizona, February 2006
- "Economic Damages In Personal Injury Cases," Presenter, Arizona Insurance Claims Association Education Conference, June 2005
- Arizona Builders Alliance Legal Roundtable, Panelist, June 2004 & 2005
- "Expert Retention," Speaker, Arizona Insurance Claims Association Education Conference, June 2004
- "Arizona Construction Defect Update," Presenter, Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, Spring Retreat, April 2004
- *Arizona Construction Practice Manual*, Co-Author, Published by the State Bar of Arizona, 2003
- "Construction Defects and Insurance Coverage in Arizona," Presenter, Lorman Education Services, October 2003
- "What Every Business Lawyer Should Know About Business Insurance," Presenter, CLE By The Sea, July 2003

EDUCATION

Southwestern University School of Law, J.D., 1993

Loyola Marymount University, M.A., English Literature, 1990

Loyola Marymount University, B.A., English Literature, 1988

BAR ADMISSIONS

Arizona, 1996

California (Inactive), 1993