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Main Bio

Creighton Dixon primarily advises clients in three areas: construction law, water law, and commercial litigation.

His construction practice includes advising owners and contractors as it relates to contract negotiations, licensing concerns with Arizona's Registrar of Contractors (ROC), the Prompt Pay Act, and disputes between the parties, including mechanics' and materialmen's liens.

His water practice includes helping clients in various industries, ranging from developers to mines, with issues relating to water rights, supply, and transfer.

Finally, he advises clients with their commercial litigation concerns. This includes representing clients during pretrial litigation (for example, during depositions and motion practice) and through trial. He also advises clients through alternative dispute resolution procedures, such as mediation or binding arbitration.

Representative Experience

- Advised owner on construction law issues relating to construction of approximately \$1 billion semiconductor manufacturing facility and related projects. Worked directly with business and construction teams on issues including COVID-19, delay claims, and payment terms, as well as providing training on contract interpretation and enforcement
- Advised general contractor during dispute with its subcontractor over subcontractor's installation of parking lot surfacing
- Advised charter school owner in dispute with general contractor over workmanship concerns
- Defended car manufacturer in trial against consumer warranty claim
- Advised client on contractor licensure issues related to acquisition of Arizona company
- Advised a national grocery chain on contractor licensure issues in connection with an acquisition transaction

Education

- University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*)
 - Case Note Editor, Arizona Law Review
 - CALI Awards: Legal Process, Analysis, and Writing; Water Law

- Research Assistant for Professors Robert Glennon and Sergio Puig
 - Student Bar Association
- Boston College (B.A., Political Science and Communications, *cum laude*)
 - Order of the Cross and Crown
 - Henry J. McMahon Award
 - Research Assistant for Prof. Gerald Easter, Boston College Political Science Department

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Law College Association of the University of Arizona, Board Member (2022-Present)
- Arizona State Bar Construction Section, Executive Council
 - Member at Large (2021-2024)
 - Young Lawyer Representative (2020-2021)
- Maricopa County Bar Association, Environmental & Natural Resources Section
 - Chair (2021)
 - Chair-Elect (2020)
 - Secretary (2019)

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[Mechanics' and Materialmen's Liens: Tips for Arizona Contractors and Owners](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (February 12, 2024)
- "[A Contract Check Up for the Construction Industry](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (November 10, 2023)
- "[A 2023 Water Update for Arizona Contractors and Developers](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (August 28, 2023)
- "[Coverage Construction: Arizona Supreme Court's Osborn III Opinion](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (May 15, 2023)
- "Coordinating the Claims Related to Supply Chain Issues," Presenter, Arizona Builders Alliance (February 23, 2023)
- "Water for Construction Lawyers: Is There Enough?," Presenter, Arizona State Bar Construction Law Section (February 7, 2023)
- "[An Insurance Check Up for the Construction Industry](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (January 2023)
- "[No Longer Foreseeable? Cal-Am's Impact for the Construction Industry](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (July 2022)
- "[Foreseeing the Future: The Importance of Liquidated Damages Amidst Supply Chain Disruptions](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (April 2022)
- "Oregon and Washington Construction Liens and Bonds," Co-Presenter, National Association of Credit Management (March 29, 2022)
- "[Shortages and the Arizona Purchaser Dwelling Action Act](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (January 2022)

- "[Arizona Homebuilders Cannot Disclaim Implied Warranties](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (October 2021)
- "[Big Projects Are Big Opportunities: But Don't Ignore Arizona Law](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (July 2021)
- "[Wash Your Hands and Read Your Contract: COVID-19 Reminders for the Construction Industry](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (April 19, 2021)
- "[Prompt Pay Act Lessons from The Arizona Court of Appeals](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (January 2021)
- "*Shea Connelly Development LLC vs. AROC and the Prompt Pay Act*," Co-Presenter, State Bar of Arizona Construction Law Section, Phoenix, AZ (December 15, 2020)
- "[COVID-19 and Absent Past Parallels](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (April 2020)
- "Young Professionals Series: House Flipping and the Judicial System," Speaker, Snell & Wilmer (February 20, 2020)
- "Understanding Arizona Groundwater Rights," Co-Presenter, Arizona Water Laws and Regulations Seminar, Tempe, AZ (January 29, 2020)
- "[The Registrar of Contractors and the Residential Contractors' Recovery Fund: One Size Does Not Fit All](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (January 2020)
- "Young Professionals Series: Airbnb and Landlord Tenant Act Issues," Speaker, Snell & Wilmer (November 14, 2019)
- "[Arizona's ROC: A Business's Primer](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (October 2019)
- "[Arizona Senate Bill 1397: What You Should Know About the ROC's Legislative Update](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (July 2019)
- "Young Professionals Series: Basic Homebuying and Estate Planning Issues," Speaker, Snell & Wilmer (June 20, 2019)
- "[Delay and Disruption Claims](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Under Construction Newsletter (July 2018)
- "Preserving and Proving Subcontractor Delay and Disruption Claims," Co-Author, The Contractor's Compass (June 2018)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Southwest Super Lawyers®, Rising Stars Edition, Construction Litigation (2024)
- The Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, Construction Law (2021-2024)

Community Involvement

- Arizona High School Mock Trial Regional Coordinator and Volunteer Judge (2017-Present)
- Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout

Previous Professional Experience

- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, Judicial Extern for The Honorable Stephen M. McNamee (2014)
- Iron Springs Store, Manager (2009-2014)
- Boston College TV (2009-2013)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona