

# Michael Wales

## Partner

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Michael Wales is a construction lawyer whose western-states practice focuses primarily on investigating, negotiating and, if necessary, litigating residential, high-rise condominium construction defect cases.

Mike has over 25 years experience as a trial lawyer and is a former judge as well as a frequent author and speaker on the topic of construction litigation. Mike is admitted to multiple federal courts across the nation in addition to being a long-time member of the Arizona, California, and Texas State Bar Associations and has appeared pro-hac vice in cases in Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Oregon.

Formerly a partner with a multi-state insurance defense law firm and the managing partner for a multi-state construction law firm, Mike has represented numerous homeowners' associations, business owners, commercial and residential property owners, general contractors, subcontractors, insureds and insurers in a myriad of construction claims, soils subsidence claims, insurance litigation and surety indemnification claims.

From 1991 to 1993, Mike was employed as a Deputy County Attorney in Maricopa County, Arizona. From 1993 to 1995 he was employed as a Deputy City Attorney in Anaheim, California. Mike was an Administrative Law Judge and subsequently a Municipal Court Judge from 2005 to 2009, before returning to his construction law practice.

When not practicing law, Mike enjoys sailing and travel.

#### MEMBERSHIPS:

- State Bar of Arizona
- State Bar of California
- State Bar of Texas



#### PRACTICE AREAS:

Construction Defects  
Insurance Defense

#### ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

Arizona  
California  
Texas

#### EDUCATION:

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at  
Arizona State University, JD

University of Albany, BS

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- Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum