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PRACTICE AREAS

Construction Litigation (Firm Practice Group Chair)
Professional Liability
Appraisal Malpractice
Appeals
Real Estate Valuation Litigation

EDUCATION

Arizona State University, J.D., *cum laude*, 1987
Arizona State University, B.S., Business/Real Estate, *magna cum laude*,
1983: Beta Gamma Sigma
Phoenix College, A.A., Legal Assistant, with highest distinction, 1979

BAR ADMISSIONS

Arizona, 1987
U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 1988

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Arizona
ALFA International: Steering Committee Member, Construction Law
Practice Group, 2006-present

PUBLICATIONS

Regional Editor, "ALFA International 50 State Compendium of
Construction Law Issues," 2007 and 2009
"An Irreverent Look at Highway Proximity Damage Decisions,"
Southwestern Legal Foundation Annual Institute on Planning, Zoning
and Eminent Domain, 1993
Co-Author, "When Eminent Domain 'Working Rules' Don't Work,"
Appraisal Journal, 1991

PRESENTATIONS

"*Design Alliance* Revisited," Maricopa County Bar Association, June 2010
"Designing the Successful Defense for Claims Against Architects and
Engineers: The Economic Loss Rule" (faculty member and panelist),
ALFA International Construction Conference, San Francisco, July 2010
"The Economic Loss Doctrine After *Flagstaff Affordable Housing*: Its
Impact on Owners, Designers and Builders" (panelist), Construction Law
Section, State Bar of Arizona, April 2010
"Recent Decisions Involving the Economic Loss Rule and Design
Professionals," Construction Section, Maricopa County Bar Association,
November 2009
"Common Law and Statutory Indemnity," ALFA International Construction
Practice Group Seminar, July 2008
"Architect/Engineer Liability," Lorman Seminars, January 2008
"Common Law Indemnity in Construction Defect Litigation,"
Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, September 2007

REPORTED DECISIONS

Flagstaff Affordable Housing v. Design Alliance, 223 Ariz 320 P.3d 664
(2010)
Maxfield v. Martin, 173 P.3d 476 (Ariz. App. 2007)
Schwarz v. City of Glendale, 950 P.2d 167 (Ariz. App. 1997)
City of Phoenix v. Mangum, 912 P.2d 35 (Ariz. App. 1996)
City of Phoenix v. Leroy's Liquors, Inc., 868 P.2d 958 (Ariz. App. 1993)

HONORS AND AWARDS

"Best of the Best: Top Lawyers," *Arizona Business*, 2009

AWAY FROM THE OFFICE

Denise is married to David Wachholz, an appraiser for the Maricopa County Assessor. They have an eight-year old daughter. Denise also has two grown children, a son who served in Iraq from 2003 to 2004 and a daughter in college. Denise is a member of Christ Church Lutheran, and serves on its school board. Outside of practicing law and taking good care of her clients, Denise's passions are her family, hiking and reading.