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Construction
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Surety and Bonding

Denise has over 25 years' experience handling both construction and surety bond disputes and civil fraud investigation and recovery matters.

As part of her construction law practice, Denise handles surety bond claims and a broad range of other construction claims, including:

- claims for breach of contract
- breach of trust
- construction liens
- indemnity and other recovery claims arising out of construction projects

She has extensive experience representing surety bonding companies on many types of claims and issues relating to performance bonds and labour and material payment bonds, as well as claims for indemnification, breach of trust and other avenues of recovery for surety bond losses.

She also advises owners and contractors on a wide variety of issues arising out of construction projects and related disputes.

Denise also practices extensively in the areas of civil fraud recovery and commercial litigation involving issues related to fraud.

- *Mareva* injunctions
- *Norwich Pharmacal* orders

- *Anton Piller* orders
- setting aside fraudulent conveyances
- tracing orders
- restitution orders

Insights & Events

- Author, "Investigating performance bond claims: Lessons learned from Graphic Packaging v. 2477621 Ontario Inc.", BLG Article, February 2026
- Author, "Performance bonds remain effective despite stay ordered in CCAA proceedings", BLG Article, October 2025
- Speaker, “Canadian Surety Legal Update,” Surety Association of Canada, February 8, 2022
- Speaker, "Construction Law Roundtable", BLG, December 2021
- Speaker, "Investigation Experts – Who/What/When/Where Do We Use Them," Association of Certified Fraud Examiners' FIT Conference, April 2019.
- Speaker, "Modernization Under the New Construction Act," Ontario General Contractors Association's Construction Symposium, April, 2019.
- Speaker, “The Use of Technology in Workplace Investigations”, Association of Certified Forensic Investigators 20th Annual Fraud Conference, May 2018.
- Speaker, “Combating Construction Fraud: Detection, Prevention and Response”, Association of Certified Forensic Investigators 19th Annual Fraud Conference, May 2017.
- Speaker, “Bankruptcy and Insolvency Orders Post Comstock, Atlas and Iona – The New Thorns”, Ontario Bar Association’s Institute – Construction and Infrastructure Law – Navigating Everyday Construction Law Landmines – Best Practices for Smooth Digging, February 2017.
- Speaker, “Cyber Risk Survival: Legalities and Strategies for Preventing, Detecting and Responding to Cybersecurity Threats”, Annual Toronto Fraud Forum, September 2015.
- Speaker, “Keeping the “F” Word Off Construction Sites: Current Issues Related to Construction Fraud”, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Toronto Chapter, February 2015.
- Speaker, “Procurement Fraud – Strategies for Prevention, Early Detection and Response”, Municipal Internal Auditors Association Fall Workshop, October 2014.
- Speaker, “Employee Fraud: Detection, Investigation and Response”, Annual Toronto Fraud Forum, September 2014.

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Executive Member, Canadian Bar Association, Construction and Infrastructure Law Section
- Member, Ontario Bar Association, Litigation, Construction Law and Insurance Sections
- Member, The Advocates' Society
- Member, Association of Certified Forensic Investigators of Canada and Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Member, Canadian Association of Women in Construction
- Fellow, Canadian College of Construction Lawyers
- Fellow, Construction Lawyers Society of America (CLSA)

Community Involvement

- Captain, BLG Weekend to End Women's Cancers Team
- Team Lead, Habitat for Humanity Women Build

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition (and since 2020) of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* (Construction Law)
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2023) of *Benchmark Litigation* as a Litigation Star
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2022) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory* (Construction Law)
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexpert Special Edition: Infrastructure*
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2022) of *Lexology Index* (Asset Recovery) (formerly known as*Who's Who Legal: Canada)*

Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 1992

- LLB, Osgoode Hall Law School, 1990
- BA in Political Science, University of Toronto, 1987

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