



## Andrew Punzo

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Andrew's practice focuses on surety and construction law. He advises and represents sureties, owners, contractors, and other industry participants across Canada in bonding and construction dispute, as well as on contractual and risk management matters.

His surety experience includes defaults and claims of any size or complexity. He is a go-to advisor for all bonding issues and works with virtually all sureties doing business in Canada. A large part of Andrew's surety practice also includes navigating insolvency issues and pursuing rights of recovery.

Andrew is frequently engaged by new sureties entering the Canadian market and international sureties with Canadian exposure.

He also maintains a broad construction law practice, advising public and private owners, contractors, and subcontractors on project disputes and risk allocation. His work includes complex disputes as well as contract drafting and negotiation across all stages of the project lifecycle.

## Insights & Events

- Author, "Independent obligations endure: CCAA releases don't extinguish surety indemnity claims", BLG Article, May 2026
- Author, "Performance bonds remain effective despite stay ordered in CCAA proceedings", BLG Article, October 2025

- Author, "Proving entitlement: No automatic right to payment in the face of deficiency claims", BLG Article, September 2024
- Author, "4 important construction industry trends to watch", BLG Article, October 2023
- Speaker, "Canadian Surety Legal Update," Surety Association of Canada, February 8, 2022
- Co-author, "[Payment Certificates – The Final Say?](#)," *On-Site Magazine*, June 30, 2021.

## Beyond our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Upper Canada
- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Ontario Bar Association
- Member, Toronto Lawyers Association
- Member, Building Industry and Land Development Association
- Member, Canadian Italian Advocates Organization
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Surety Association of Canada

## Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2024) of *Best Lawyers in Canada*® (Construction Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2025) of *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Construction Law).
- Recognized in the 2026 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as a Litigation Star.
- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2024) of *Lexpert*® *Special Edition: Infrastructure*.
- Recognized in the 2026 edition of *Lexpert Special Edition: Technology*
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2024) of *Benchmark Litigation* as a Future Star.
- Recognized in the 2025 edition (and since 2023) of *Benchmark Litigation Canada's "40 & Under Hot List"*.

## Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2013
- JD, University of Toronto, 2012
- BA (Hons.), York University, 2009

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