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Jamie Hanson is a former Chief Counsel for the Arizona Registrar of Contractors and a former judicial clerk for the Arizona Court of Appeals. He is also a Certified Administrative Law Specialist, one of just two Arizona lawyers who met the stringent requirements for certification when the State Bar of Arizona introduced that area of specialty in 2021.

Before entering the legal profession, he taught Latin at Veritas Preparatory Academy in Phoenix.

Jamie Hanson began his legal career in 2011, serving a one-year appointment as a judicial clerk to Judge Peter B. Swann of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

He joined our firm in 2012 and gained extensive experience in construction litigation and in representing contractors and subcontractors in licensing and complaint matters before the Arizona Registrar of Contractors (ROC). In 2015 he left our firm to accept a position at the ROC as its Chief Counsel and returned in 2017.

Jamie frequently serves as a consulting resource for other construction attorneys in ROC licensing and disciplinary matters.

### PRACTICE AREAS

Construction Law  
Contractor Licensing  
Administrative Law  
Construction Insurance  
Business Law

### LEGAL CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Administrative Law Specialist, Arizona Board of Legal Specialization, State Bar of Arizona, 2021

### PUBLIC SERVICE

Chief Counsel, Arizona Registrar of Contractors, 2015-2017

### HONORS & AWARDS

The *Best Lawyers in America*®, "Ones to Watch" (Construction Law, Construction Litigation), 2024, 2025  
Super Lawyers: Rising Stars (Construction Litigation), 2020-2022  
"Top Lawyer" (Construction), *Phoenix Magazine*, 2022, 2023, 2025

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Arizona: Executive Council Member, Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section;  
Member, Construction Law Section

Maricopa County Bar Association: Board Member, Construction Law Section

Scottsdale Bar Association

#### **INDUSTRY MEMBERSHIPS**

American Subcontractors Association of Arizona  
Mechanical Trade Contractors Association of Arizona  
Ceramic Tile & Stone Association of Arizona  
Arizona Landscape Contractors Association  
Southwest Business Credit Services

#### **CLERKSHIP**

Judicial Clerk, Honorable Peter B. Swann, Arizona Court of Appeals, 2011-2012

#### **BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

Arizona, 2012  
U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, 2012

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

"Registrar of Contractors Proceedings" (chapter co-author), Arizona Construction Law Practice Manual, 3rd Ed. 2016, State Bar of Arizona

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

"Read the Contract: A Lawyer's First Step in Every Construction Dispute," State Bar of Arizona, Construction Law CLE, Ethics Panel on Settlement Negotiations and Mediations, March 2018  
"How to Use a No-Pay Complaint to Increase the Likelihood of Payment," Southwest Business Credit Services, February 2018  
"Handling an ROC Complaint: A Guide for Licensed Contractors in Arizona," Desert Pool & Spa Show for the Independent Pool & Spa Service Association, February 2018  
"How the ROC Is Rolling: Important Changes at the Arizona Registrar of Contractors," State Bar of Arizona, Construction Law Section, February 2017  
"The Administrative Process at the Registrar of Contractors," CLE on Arizona Construction Law Practice Manual, October 2016  
"Changes at the Registrar of Contractors," State Bar of Arizona, Construction Law Section, April 2015

#### **EDUCATION**

J.D., cum laude, Arizona State University, 2011: Arizona State Law Journal; Pedrick Scholar  
M.A., English Literature, Arizona State University, 2011  
B.A., Thomas Aquinas College, 2002

#### **BIRTHPLACE**

Phoenix, Arizona