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Best Lawyers® 2023 "Lawyer of the Year" in Construction Law, Kent Lang has a strong reputation in Arizona construction for his practical solutions as an advocate for contractors, subcontractors and suppliers and a skilled mediator in construction and general business disputes.

One of the Phoenix area's most respected construction attorneys, Kent Lang is an active member of multiple construction trade associations and is a multi-year *Best Lawyers* and Super Lawyers honoree. Kent's recent results for his contractor clients include the following:

- Negotiated a settlement in excess of \$1 million on behalf of a subcontractor in a dispute with the general contractor on a high-profile solar project.
- Negotiated claims against an Arizona county on behalf of an unpaid paving subcontractor. We
  were able to recover all of the principal, 12% interest and the majority of the client's attorneys'
  fees.
- Recovered \$175,000 from a general contractor, on behalf of a subcontractor, on a pay-if-paid clause by winning a motion for partial summary judgment on the eve of trial.
- Recovered more than \$800,000 for a multi-state construction supplier in a lawsuit against the general contractor on multiple projects.
- Successfully defended a mineral appraisal firm against a \$3.5 million claim alleging fraud and negligent misrepresentation. We reached a zero-dollar settlement with the plaintiffs.
- Successfully represented a concrete supplier in a breach of contract lawsuit against a general contractor, recovering our client's \$60,000 claim and winning a \$40,000 award for attorney's fees.
- Won a dismissal of a bank's deficiency claim against our client, and the bank was ordered to pay our clients' attorney's fees.
- In a lawsuit for breach of contract, won a full judgment and partial recovery for a carpentry contractor against an out-of-state owner and general contractor on an Arizona hotel project.
- By persuading the court to invalidate a supplier's preliminary 20-day notices served on our client, obtained a dismissal of the supplier's \$170,000 bond claim.
- Successfully represented a homebuilder in ROC complaints, lawsuits and arbitrations brought by seven homeowners in the same development. Most of the complaints and legal actions were dismissed, and our client ended up paying just \$800.

#### PRACTICE AREAS

Construction Litigation
Contractor Licensing
Commercial Litigation
Administrative Law
Construction Mediation
Construction Insurance
Business Law

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

AV-Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell®

The Best Lawyers in America® "Lawyer of the Year" (Scottsdale): Construction Law, 2023; Construction Litigation, 2019

The Best Lawyers in America, Construction Law, Construction Litigation, Commercial Litigation, 2018-present Super Lawyers, 2014-present

"Top Lawyer" (Construction), Phoenix Magazine, 2023

"Az Business Leaders," AzBusiness Magazine, 2021 (Construction Law)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of Arizona: Construction Law Section, Bankruptcy Section

Scottsdale Bar Association

## **BUSINESS AND CONSTRUCTION TRADE MEMBERSHIPS**

Arizona Registrar of Contractors Industry Advisory Council

Arizona Builders Alliance

Home Builders Association of Central Arizona

Independent Electrical Contractors Association of Arizona

American Subcontractors Association of Arizona

Air Conditioning Contractors of America - Arizona Chapter

Arizona Concrete Contractors Association

Arizona Masonry Contractors Association

Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce

#### **PUBLISHED ARTICLE**

"Ex Parte Communications with Former Employees of an Opposing Party," Chapter 6.5, Arizona Construction Law Practice Manual, 3rd Ed. 2016.

## **BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

Arizona

U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona

#### **EDUCATION**

J.D., Arizona State University, 1984

B.S., Arizona State University, 1980

## **BIRTHPLACE**

Rockwell City, Iowa