



# **Surety**

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#### **Overview**

Field Law has an extensive client base in the surety industry and a substantial practice in surety law. We aim to keep our clients well informed by providing regular updates on changes, development and practices within the industry.

In addition to being involved in some of the most high profile and leading cases in surety law, our team of lawyers has gained in-depth experience instructing in the field, conducting seminars and writing articles on surety issues.

Field Law assists surety clients in several areas of the surety industry including:

- Preparing and revising standard forms of indemnity agreements and other bonding documents
- Obtaining additional or alternate security from principals and indemnitors
- Assisting in investigations of potential or actual defaults on bonded contracts
- Negotiating and preparing security and other arrangements for financing to complete bonded projects
- Assisting in arrangements for completion of bonded contracts, including preparation of contract take-over and completion contracts
- Securing and recovering contract funds and other security held by the surety from project owners and third parties
- Settling, arbitrating or litigating disputed claims and disputes with third parties over priority to contract funds
- Recovering from indemnitors under indemnity agreements or other security
- Recovery of misappropriated funds in subrogated claims under fidelity bonds
- Providing opinions on coverage and defending claims on fidelity and miscellaneous bonds as well as construction bonds

Field Law is an Affiliate Member of the Surety Association of Canada.

# **Experience**

Park Avenue Flooring Inc v EllisDon Construction Services Inc, 2019 ABQB 73

Cranbrook (City) v. Gabriel Construction (Alberta) Ltd., 2014 BCSC 2280

#### **Industries**

Construction Real Estate

#### Services

Construction
Construction Bonds
Construction Liens
Delay Claim Litigation
Deficiency Claim Litigation





## **People**

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## **News + Views + Events**

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Uncertain Surety: Expiration of a Limitation Against a Principal is not a Defence to a Bond Claim

### **Notable Work**

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Some examples of Field Law's notable work in this area include:

- Defending a surety from a Performance Bond claim where it was alleged the penal sum of the bond should not apply
- Acting for a surety in a Performance Bond claim requiring a replacement general contractor to complete a multi-million dollar road construction project
- Acting for a surety in responding to Labour and Material Payment Bond claims with respect to major airport construction
- Assisting a surety with respect to recovery of contract funds from an obligee as a result of having to pay claims under a Labour and Material Payment Bond

