



## Charles F. Schexnaldre

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Charles Schexnaldre is of counsel in Baker Donelson's Baton Rouge office and a member of the Disaster Recovery and Government Services Team.

Mr. Schexnaldre has nearly two decades of experience working for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). His in-depth knowledge of FEMA's grant programs positions him as a trusted counselor to clients seeking disaster preparedness and recovery assistance.

Mr. Schexnaldre has more than 19 years of litigation experience, with a focus on arbitrations. He has arbitrated more than 100 cases before the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals (CBCA). Clients rely on Mr. Schexnaldre's distinctive industry knowledge and experience to help them navigate the complicated regulations relating to federal disaster and mitigation management.

### Professional Honors & Activities

- FEMA Office of Chief Counsel Legal Excellence Award (2016, 2019, 2023)
- FEMA Office of Chief Counsel Teamwork and Collaboration Award (2017, 2018)
- Department of Homeland Security Office of Chief Counsel Legal Excellence Award (2013)

### Publications

- "Category B Emergency Protective Measures vs. Routine Operations/Increased Operating Costs" (March 2026)
- "Landslides and Slope Failures: Navigating FEMA Eligibility in the Wake of Hurricane Helene," republished in *Law360* (October 2024)
- "FEMA Funding Decisions to Get New Scrutiny in Post-Chevron Era," *Bloomberg Law* (August 2024)
- "Supreme Court Overturns *Chevron* Deference: What's Next for FEMA?" (July 2024)
- "Impending Supreme Court Ruling on *Chevron* Deference: Impact on FEMA Dispute Resolution" (June 2024)

### Speaking Engagements

- "Navigating FEMA Eligibility for Landslides & Slope Stabilization," North Carolina Emergency Management Association's 2025 Fall Conference (October 2025)
- "A Recap of the 2024 FEMA Appeal and Arbitration Decisions," Texas Division of Emergency Management Conference (May 2025)
- Panelist – "Procurement and Grant Fraud Symposium," Department of Homeland Security (April 2024)
- "Introduction to Public Assistance Arbitrations before the Civilian Board of Contract Appeals," Federal Emergency Management Agency (December 2022, November 2023)
- Co-presenter – "Duplication of Benefits in FEMA Public Assistance Grants," Federal Emergency Management Agency (July 2020)
- "Public Assistance Right of Arbitration under the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018," Federal Emergency Management Agency (November 2019)
- Co-presenter – "Grants Management Overview," Federal Emergency Management Agency (April 2018)



## Webinars

- Landslides & Slope Stabilization: Navigating FEMA Eligibility (December 2024)



## Education

- Southern University Law Center, J.D., 2004, cum laude
- Louisiana State University, B.S., 2001



## Admissions

- Louisiana, 2004