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**Areas of Practice**

Commercial & Complex Litigation;  
Gaming & Administrative Law;  
Energy, Environment & Natural Resources

**Bar Admissions**

Nevada

**Education**

J.D., Gonzaga University 1979,  
Law Review and Washington Law Editor

B.A., History, Gonzaga University,  
Magna Cum Laude - 1974

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**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

Mr. Giudici has been with McDonald Carano since 1988 after serving as a law clerk to the late Rodger D. Foley, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada from 1979-1981, and after serving as a Deputy Attorney General in the Gaming Division of the Nevada Attorney General's Office from 1981 until he joined the firm. Mr. Giudici focuses his practice on commercial litigation, appellate litigation and administrative matters. He also devotes significant personal time to the efforts to save Nevada's desert wetlands, especially Stillwater and Carson Lake. Mr. Giudici has been involved in a wide array of significant high-profile cases throughout his legal career.

**AREAS OF EXPERIENCE**

***Commercial & Complex Litigation***

Mr. Giudici assisted in the litigation/arbitration from November 1991 through April 1996 of the William P. Lear Royalty Right to the Lear Star 600/Challenger Aircraft, which resulted in substantial royalty rights. Mr. Giudici participated in a landmark case involving anti-bid shopping on public works projects in Nevada, which resulted in a substantial recovery for the concrete subcontractor client.

As a law clerk to Judge Foley, Mr. Giudici participated in the first case to go to trial concerning cancers allegedly caused by exposure to nuclear radiation at the Nevada test site. He also assisted in the Prescott decision, which struck down the workman's compensation contract between the federal government and the State of Nevada, thereby allowing Test Site workers to pursue their claims.

As a Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Giudici represented the State of Nevada in both the Wayne Newton v. NBC and the Paul Laxalt v. McClatchy libel suits.

***Appellate Practice Group***

Mr. Giudici was part of the appellate team representing a major company in its appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court of a jury verdict in a breast implant case. He also was part of the appellate team that struck down a business tax initiative petition as unconstitutional. More recently, he assisted as special counsel to the Nevada Tax Commission at both the district court level and before the Nevada Supreme Court after that agency was charged with violating the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

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### **Gaming & Administrative Law**

As a Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Giudici represented the Nevada Gaming authorities in a multitude of high profile administrative and litigation matters. He served as a lead attorney in the state investigation into organized crime skimming at the Stardust Casino in Las Vegas, which culminated in the seizure of the Stardust in December of 1983 and placing it under state court supervision and ultimate sale. That case, *Trans-Sterling v. Bible*, was the first time Nevada gaming officials placed a casino under court supervision and forced a sale while keeping the casino open.

More recently, Mr. Giudici assisted in securing a landmark decision from the Nevada State Water Engineer authorizing transfer of water rights to the Lahontan Valley Wetlands at full existing duty rates. He is also working with various state and federal agencies to complete the transfer of Carson Lake & Pasture to the State of Nevada.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

State Regulation of Indian Treaty Fishing Rights, 13 Gonz. L. Rev. 140.



#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

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#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Founding member of the Lahontan Valley Wetlands Coalition

Past five-term President and current member of Nevada Waterfowl Association

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