



## Senior Counsel

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### Areas of Practice

Gaming & Administrative Law;  
Energy, Environment &  
Natural Resources;  
Construction Law & Litigation;  
Government Affairs & Advocacy

### Bar Admissions

Nevada  
New York

### Education

LL.M., Cambridge University,  
Sidney Sussex College, 1984

J.D., California Western School  
of Law, 1980, summa cum laude

B.S., University of Nevada,  
Reno, 1974

### Offices

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## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Rick Trachok is Senior Counsel with McDonald Carano, focusing his practice on regulatory and gaming law, as well as utility regulation and commercial law. Mr. Trachok has an extensive background in gaming law, particularly from the international perspective. Clients frequently turn to Mr. Trachok for his knowledge of the complexities of the licensing issues facing European companies, as well as his understanding of the unique aspects of European ownership structures, finances and culture.

Mr. Trachok currently serves as Chairman of Compliance for the German gaming Group, Gauselmann AG and has been responsible for obtaining gaming licenses for them in approximately 200 jurisdictions. He is also Chairman of the Global Compliance and Governance Committee for London-based IGT, obtaining gaming licenses in Nevada and other jurisdictions. In addition to his gaming work, Mr. Trachok also focuses on utility regulation. He worked as the lead outside regulatory counsel for NV Energy and handled all rate and resource planning cases for the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada from 2006 through 2013.

Mr. Trachok served 15 years as an adjunct professor at UNR, teaching construction law in the graduate construction management program (1988-2003). He was also an adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law from 2006 to 2013, teaching the Laws of International Trade. Mr. Trachok is currently an adjunct professor at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, teaching the Law of International Trade and Gaming Law.

## REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Guides clients in obtaining appropriate licensure in the area of Internet gaming. Currently represents International Game Technology PLC (IGT)—the largest supplier of lottery machines and services in the world—in all gaming matters before the Nevada Gaming Commission.
- Serves as the Nevada regulatory counsel for First Solar.
- Served as lead outside regulatory counsel for NV Energy from 2006 through 2013 handling rate cases and resource planning cases before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada.
- Assisted in obtaining regulatory approvals for the MidAmerican/Berkshire acquisition of NV Energy in December 2013.
- Assisted Ormat Inc. and Far West Capital in the 1980's with regulatory issues and project financing for a number of geothermal power projects.

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### **Publications**

Author, *"Nevada Construction Law and Mechanic's Liens,"* 1995

Author, *"Nevada Civil Practice Manual, Chapter on Nevada Bond and Lien Law,"*  
State Bar of Nevada

Co-Author, *"Fifty State Public Construction Contracting, Chapter on Nevada Law,"*  
John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1995

Author, *"Fifty State Construction Lien and Bond Law, Chapter on Nevada Law,"*  
Aspen Publishers, 1995



### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent™ Rating

*The Best Lawyers in America*®- Gaming Law

*Nevada Business Magazine* - Legal Elite, one of Nevada's top International Gaming and  
Regulatory Law attorneys, 2008



### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Bar Associations: State Bar of Nevada; Washoe County Bar Association;  
New York Bar Association; District of Columbia Bar Association;  
American Bar Association; and International Bar Association

Reno Philharmonic, Board of Directors, 1984-1989

Nevada Chapter of the Associated General Contractors, Board of Directors, 1988-1990

Nevada Opera, Board of Directors, 1999-2001

Reno Chamber Orchestra, Board of Directors, 1999-2006

The Nature Conservancy of Nevada, Board of Directors, 2003-2009

Gauselmann AG, Supervisory Board of Directors, 1998-present

Sage Ridge School, Member of Emeritus Board of Trustees

American Arbitration Association

Tahoe Rim Trail, Honorary Director (1998-Present); Board of Directors, 1993-1998,  
1993-present

Bar Examiners for the State of Nevada, Board Member since 1991

Governor Brian Sandoval's Transition Team, Member, 2011

Workforce Research and Economic Development Committee, Former Chair,  
2011-present

Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Cultural Diversity Committee,  
Former Member

Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents, Chairman 2015,  
Vice Chairman 2013-2015

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