



*Partner*

## MATT ADDISON

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### Areas of Practice

Commercial & Complex  
Litigation; Construction Law  
& Litigation

### Bar Admissions

Nevada  
California

### Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals,  
Ninth Circuit

### Education

J.D., Santa Clara University, 1991  
B.A., UCLA, International  
Relations, 1988

### Offices

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### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

A lifelong Reno resident, Matt Addison joined McDonald Carano in 1989. Since that time the firm has expanded, diversified, and the landscape of Nevada has become more technology-centric. Mr. Addison, now the Managing Partner of the firm's Reno Office, is helping to guide the firm into this future with a strategic vision aimed at distinguishing the firm as a bold innovator in the legal industry.

Known for his ability to solve complicated issues, Mr. Addison's practice has continued to expand as well. Over the last decade he has handled a broad range of litigation matters, ranging from traditional personal injury and property damage cases, to mechanic's lien and payment actions for contractors, to general business disputes.

### AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

#### *Complex Commercial & Construction Litigation*

Mr. Addison has extensive experience managing all aspects of substantial liability matters, including motion practice, discovery, arbitration, and bench and jury trials in city, state, and federal courts, and appeals before the Nevada Supreme Court. He routinely serves as local counsel for attorneys from national and regional firms, with substantial personal involvement in and responsibility for the planning and implementation of litigation strategies.

In his current practice, Mr. Addison is well known for handling sophisticated commercial litigation matters, primarily in business courts, such as shareholder derivative actions, allegations of personal liability for business defaults, and real property disputes involving significant telecommunications companies. He also defends major products liability actions, with significant damage claims, for a propane gas distributor, tractor-trailer manufacturer, and a forklift manufacturer. Finally, Mr. Addison regularly negotiates complex construction agreements, defends major defect claims and prosecutes substantial payment claims by contractors.

#### *Dispute Resolution Services*

Over the course of his extended service as a pro tem trial judge in the Reno Municipal Court, Mr. Addison has heard and decided over fifty criminal trials, primarily involving DUI and domestic violence offenses. As a court-appointed and private arbitrator, he has issued binding decisions in numerous fee dispute, breach of contract, personal injury and construction matters. As a private mediator and settlement conference pro tem judge, Mr. Addison has successfully negotiated resolutions of complex business disputes and breach of construction contract matters.

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## REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

Amerigas Propane, L.P.  
CenturyLink Communications  
Reno/Sparks Association of Realtors  
Savage & Son, Inc.  
Sierra Builders of Nevada



## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

*The Best Lawyers in America*® – Commercial Litigation and Litigation - Construction  
*Nevada Business Magazine*, “Legal Elite” – Commercial & Complex Litigation,  
Construction Law and Litigation  
Lawyer Representative, United States District Court  
President, Washoe County Bar Association  
Member, American Inns of Court, Bruce R. Thompson Chapter  
President, Association of Defense Counsel of Northern Nevada  
Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated  
Fellow, American Bar Foundation



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Member, International Association of Defense Counsel  
Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriffs' Association  
Graduate, Truckee Meadows Citizens' Police Academy  
Court Appointed Pro Tem Judge  
Court Appointed Arbitrator and Mediator

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