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Areas of Practice

Appellate
Commercial & Complex
Litigation

Bar Admissions

Idaho
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Court Admissions

Ninth Circuit Court
of Appeals
United States Supreme Court

Education

J.D., University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law, magna cum laude and William S. Boyd Outstanding Graduate Award, 2005

B.A., International Studies and Theatre Arts, cum laude, Pepperdine University, 1999

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Professional Background

Amanda Yen is a partner in the firm and focuses her practice primarily in Commercial & Complex Litigation and Appellate Law. She is recognized for her relentless approach to high-stakes litigation, utilizing her expansive knowledge of procedural issues, rules and experience in every aspect of litigation to her clients' advantage in the courtroom. Ms. Yen's extensive litigation experience includes her involvement as second chair on one of Nevada's most complex construction and business litigation cases involving the largest privately funded construction project in the United States. Ms. Yen also regularly acts as local counsel for several national and international law firms in Nevada's state and federal courts, and has acted as local counsel for multidistrict litigation involving complex products liability issues.

Before joining McDonald Carano, Ms. Yen was a judicial law clerk for the United States District Court where she wrote briefs, attended trials and prepared orders on all types of civil and criminal matters. While a clerk, she also prepared bench memoranda for and attended hearings at the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Commercial & Complex Litigation

Ms. Yen has successfully represented clients in both federal and state courts. As a former federal law clerk, she is particularly skilled in handling procedural issues before the United States District Court. She regularly litigates a variety of matters including contract disputes, adversary proceedings in bankruptcy court, tortious interference, landlord/tenant issues, fraud and misrepresentation, quiet title actions, and matters involving injunctive relief. Ms. Yen has achieved considerable success in motion practice, particularly in summary judgment motions and in obtaining temporary restraining orders.

Appellate Practice

Ms. Yen has assisted in representing clients before various appellate courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Nevada Supreme Court. Ms. Yen authored the Motions Practice Chapter of the Nevada Appellate Practice Manual (2021 edition).

Representative Matters

- Fremont Emergency Services (Mandavia), et al. vs. UnitedHealth Group, Inc. et al.: \$62.65 million jury verdict awarded to client TeamHealth finding UnitedHealthcare liable for breach of contract, unjust enrichment and two forms of unfair insurance practices
- Paramount Marketing Consultants, Inc. v. M&K Enterprises: concerning a sub-lessee's rights under a sublease agreement affected by separate negotiations

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and agreements between the sub-lessor and the owner

- Youngblood Architecture, LTD. v. Youngblood Wucherer Sparer Architects, LLC membership purchase and dispute for a limited liability company
- AMI Opportunity Fund, LLC v. Amerivon Chloe Acquisition, LLC: concerning a dispute over the purchase of a participation interest in an investment
- Azteca Steel, Inc. v. Perini Building Company, et al.: brought in as appellate counsel and obtained a denial of the opposing sides writ petition, subsequent request for reconsideration and en banc reconsideration
- Russ Steel Co., Inc. v. Clark Construction Group, LLC (In Re CityCenter): representing the general contractor in a complex commercial construction litigation concerning, at the time, the largest privately financed development in the United States
- Digital Blue, Inc. v. Dyon, et al.: a case concerning trade secrets and unfair competition
- Catadon Systems, Inc. v. Planet Safe Systems, Inc.: prosecution and settlement



Awards and Recognition

- Special recognition for pro bono work, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada
- Martindale Hubbell AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® – Commercial Litigation (2021-2023)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® – Appellate Practice (2016-2023), including “Lawyer of the Year” in Las Vegas Appellate Practice (2018)
- *Super Lawyers Magazine* “Mountain States Rising Star” (2009, 2013-2015) and “Mountain States Super Lawyer” (2016-2022) – Business Litigation, Construction Litigation, Appellate
- *Nevada Business Magazine* “Legal Elite/ Top Rank Attorneys” (2013, 2014, 2020) and “Legal Elite/ Best Up & Coming Attorneys” (2013)
- *Las Vegas Business Press* – “Women Who Mean Business”



Professional Affiliations and Community Engagement

- Meritas
 - Member, Board of Directors (2020-2023)
 - Chair, Young Lawyer Advisory Board (2019-2020)
 - Chair-Elect, Young Lawyer Advisory Board (2018-2019)
 - Member, Young Lawyer Advisory Board (2015-2018)
- Member, Nevada Commission on Ethics
- Member, Sierra Club, Board of Directors, Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation

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