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Areas of Practice

Gaming & Administrative Law

Bar Admissions

Nevada

Education

J.D., UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, 2003

B.S., University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1986

Professional Background

Dennis Gutwald is a Partner in McDonald Carano's Gaming & Administrative Law Group. He has more than 20 years of experience helping investment companies, banks and other financial institutions, and high-net-worth individuals navigate the multi-jurisdictional gaming law requirements for acquiring equity interest in, or lending to, premier national gaming companies. In his practice, Dennis counsels clients pursuing liquor, land use, and cannabis regulatory approvals both locally and at the state level in Nevada. He has assisted numerous clients in obtaining the requisite gaming and liquor regulatory approvals required for acquisition or ground-up development of many major casino resort hotels and other liquor, gaming, and cannabis businesses.

Dennis spent seven years as a Nevada Gaming Control Board Investigative Agent before becoming a gaming attorney. He provides his clients with unique insight into the inner workings of gaming regulatory agencies and particularly what they look for in a gaming application and how they conduct investigations. He is valued for his seemingly innate ability to skillfully guide clients from start to finish through the application and investigation process, all while establishing trust and rapport with regulators.

Dennis's wealth of experience includes preserving grandfathered liquor and gaming land use entitlements and licenses. His extensive knowledge in this area has allowed many properties throughout the state to preserve grandfathered rights, despite closures lasting many years.

Dennis received his Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in 1986 and earned his J.D. from the University of Nevada, William S. Boyd School of Law, in 2003. He is an active board member of Keep Memory Alive, a nonprofit organization created to increase awareness and raise funds for the research, diagnosis, and treatment of brain disorders in close affiliation with the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health.

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Awards and Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® – Gaming Law (2021)
- *Vegas Inc.* – “Top Lawyers” in Gaming Law (2020)
- *Nevada Business Magazine* – “Legal Elite” (2017)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating
- 50 Hours Club, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada's Pro Bono Project (2010)