



Partner

P. GREGORY GIORDANO

ggiordano@mcdonaldcarano.com

DIRECT 702.257.4513 OFFICE 702.873.4100 FAX 702.873.9966

Areas of Practice

Gaming & Administrative Law;
Business Entities & Transactions;
Emerging Industries
& Organizations

Bar Admissions

Nevada

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court,
District of Nevada
U.S. Court of Appeals,
Ninth Circuit
Supreme Court of California
U.S. District Court,
Northern District of California

Education

J.D., Santa Clara University
School of Law, 1981

Notre Dame de Namur
University, Business
Administration/Accounting
and History, summa cum laude,
1978

Offices

LAS VEGAS

2300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 1200
Las Vegas, NV 89102
P: 702.873.4100 F: 702.873.9966

RENO

100 West Liberty Street, Tenth Floor
Reno, NV 89501
P: 775.788.2000 F: 775.788.2020

mcdonaldcarano.com

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Mr. Giordano served with the Nevada State Gaming Control Board from 1989 to 1993 as the chief of the corporate securities division. In that position, he oversaw licensing investigations, and the analysis and monitoring of publicly traded corporations associated with Nevada gaming licensees. These included mergers and acquisitions, public and private financings, and compliance activities of the business operations of publicly traded corporations and their subsidiaries. He has also supervised the investigations for approvals and the subsequent monitoring of all gaming activities conducted outside the state of Nevada by Nevada gaming licensees.

REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Served as acting general counsel and compliance officer for the SLS Las Vegas Hotel and Casino.
- Represented a buyer in obtaining the state and local gaming regulatory approvals required in connection with the \$32 million acquisition of a major hotel/casino and its related financing
- Represented a buyer in obtaining the state and local gaming regulatory approvals required in connection with the \$5 million acquisition of a 50% interest in a small hotel/casino.
- Represented a buyer in the negotiation and purchase of a small casino for \$8 million and in obtaining the state and local gaming regulatory approvals required in connection with it.
- Represented a hotel/casino borrower in obtaining the state gaming regulatory approvals required in connection with its new \$185 million loan to finance an expansion project.
- Represented a Nevada publicly traded gaming company for Nevada gaming purposes in connection with two separate financing transactions involving both public offerings and private placements of debt and equity securities with a combined value of over \$2 billion.
- Represented a consortium of noteholders for Nevada gaming purposes in connection with the default and workout of publicly registered notes issued by a Nevada gaming company.
- Represented an underwriter for Nevada gaming purposes in connection with its underwriting of over \$2.4 billion of financing provided to finance the leveraged buyout of a Nevada publicly traded gaming company.

(continued)

(continued)

- Represented a number of Nevada publicly traded gaming companies in obtaining state gaming regulatory approvals for delayed or continuous public offerings of securities
- Represented a number of institutional investors in obtaining waivers from the Nevada state gaming authorities of shareholder findings of suitability requirements in connection with their ownership of equity securities in Nevada publicly traded gaming companies.
- Represented a private equity company in connection with its foreclosure and acquisition of a major hotel/casino.
- Represented a private equity company in connection with the filing of applications required to obtain the state and local gaming and liquor regulatory approvals necessary to acquire a majority equity interest in a major hotel/casino.
- Represented a bank/underwriter for Nevada gaming purposes in connection with its underwriting of a \$750 million bond offering by a publicly traded Nevada gaming company.
- Represented a publicly traded Nevada gaming company for Nevada gaming purposes in connection with two joint venture agreements for the development of new hotel/casinos in the Las Vegas area.
- Represented a publicly traded seller for Nevada gaming purposes in the \$2.1 billion sale of its hotel/casinos to a privately held company.
- Represented a publicly traded Nevada gaming company buyer in obtaining the state and local gaming regulatory approvals required in connection with two separate strategic acquisitions of other publicly traded Nevada gaming companies with a combined value of \$14.3 billion

International Gaming

- Represented an Asia-based private equity company in acquiring a Las Vegas resort/casino.
- Represented a Swiss company and a United Kingdom company in connection with their obtaining Nevada gaming licenses and regulatory approvals to operate casino/resorts in Nevada.
- Represented a United Kingdom institutional investor in connection with obtaining a waiver of the usual Nevada gaming finding of suitability requirements as a large shareholder of a publicly traded Nevada gaming company.
- Represented a Canadian company in connection with its application for a finding of suitability as a large shareholder of a publicly traded Nevada gaming company.
- Represented an Australia-headquartered manufacturer and distributor of gaming devices concerning various Nevada gaming regulatory and compliance matters.
- Assisted in the representation of a Japanese manufacturer and distributor of gaming devices in connection with its Nevada gaming licensing and registration.

Offices

LAS VEGAS

2300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 1200
Las Vegas, NV 89102
P: 702.873.4100 F: 702.873.9966

RENO

100 West Liberty Street, Tenth Floor
Reno, NV 89501
P: 775.788.2000 F: 775.788.2020

mcdonaldcarano.com

(continued)

(continued)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Speaking Engagements

- IMGL Spring Conference Panel Presentation, “Sports Betting: Lessons the USA Can Learn from Europe” - March 28, 2019
- 26th Executive Development Program, “Government, Regulation & Compliance Roundtable Panel” – Nov. 16, 2016
- IMGL Autumn Conference Panel Presentation on AML in Europe, US and Asia in Dublin, Ireland – Oct. 25, 2016
- ABA 20th Annual Gaming Law Minefield Nat’l Institute Panel Presentation, “What is Gambling?” – Feb. 22, 2016



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The Best Lawyers in America® - Gaming Law

Super Lawyers - Gaming, Administrative Law

Chambers USA - Gaming & Licensing



PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Vice Chair, ABA Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division -
Gaming Law Committee

Offices

LAS VEGAS

2300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 1200

Las Vegas, NV 89102

P: 702.873.4100 F: 702.873.9966

RENO

100 West Liberty Street, Tenth Floor

Reno, NV 89501

P: 775.788.2000 F: 775.788.2020

mcdonaldcarano.com