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Areas of Practice

Appellate
 Commercial & Complex
 Litigation
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 Trust, Estate & Fiduciary
 Litigation

Bar Admissions

California
 Nevada

Court Admissions

U.S. District Courts in Eastern,
 Northern, Southern and
 Central California
 U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth
 Circuit
 U.S. Supreme Court

Education

J.D., University of San Diego,
 School of Law
 M.B.A., University of North
 Carolina, Kenan-Flagler
 Business School
 University of Kent at
 Canterbury
 B.A., Political Science,
 University of California, Los
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Professional Background

Jeff Silvestri served as Managing Partner of McDonald Carano from 2016 to 2020 and is a current co-chair of the Appellate Practice Group. In 2020, The Best Lawyers in America® honored Jeff with the Las Vegas “Lawyer of the Year” award in Appellate Law.

Jeff concentrates his practice on commercial and complex litigation and administrative law, and he has tried numerous cases before the state and federal courts in Nevada and California. His complex commercial dispute experience includes cases involving contract disputes, business entity ownership and dissolution, regulatory actions, and other business related disputes. In addition to his trial court work, Jeff has briefed and argued numerous appellate cases before the Nevada Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In addition to handling all aspects of appeals, starting from post-judgment motion practice in the trial court through issuance of the appellate court mandate, Jeff also handles writ petitions, provides trial court support and analysis, assists other counsel in the appeal process, drafts amicus curiae briefs, and represents clients in proceedings before regulatory agencies, municipal and county governing entities, professional disciplinary boards and in the judicial review process that may follow.

In January 2016, Jeff was selected for the role of Managing Partner of McDonald Carano because of his business acumen and leadership capabilities, traits he frequently employs in his role as trusted advisor, strategist, and outside general counsel and business strategist for mid-market companies. Mr. Silvestri earned his MBA at University of North Carolina, Kenan-Flagler Business School. During his tenure as Managing Partner, the Firm grew and continued building upon its strong traditions and foundations. Jeff is strategic, thoughtful, and realized a vision of growth for the Firm focused on building and maintaining productive client relationships, understanding clients’ needs, enhancing the value of the Firm’s services through improved business operations, and attracting and retaining a diverse group of top-tier legal talent. With Jeff—a native Las Vegas—at the helm, the Firm capitalized on its strong history of relationships throughout Nevada. Those productive relationships, along with the Firm’s deep experience and familiarity with the state’s judicial and business environments, further solidified McDonald Carano’s position as the go-to law firm for clients—whatever their legal or business needs might involve.

Before joining McDonald Carano, Jeff served as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert E. Rose, Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court.

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Publications

- Contributing author and editor, *Nevada Appellate Practice Manual 1st Edition*



Awards and Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® “Lawyer of the Year” – Appellate Practice (2020)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® – Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation (2020)
- *Mountain States Super Lawyers Magazine* – Appellate, Business Litigation, Administrative Law (“Super Lawyer” 2010-2021, “Rising Star” 2008)
- *Nevada Business Magazine* – “Legal Elite” (2013, 2017)

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