

*Director of Client Relations***BEN KIECKHEFER****bkieckhefer@mcdonaldcarano.com****PHONE 775.788.2000 FAX 775.788.2020****PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

Ben serves as Director of Client Relations at McDonald Carano and is responsible for the strategic development and execution of firmwide client relations initiatives.

Additionally, Senator Ben Kieckhefer serves as Assistant Minority Leader at the Nevada Legislature. His legislative accomplishments include the creation of Nevada's first need-based scholarship program for community college students, the development of alternate routes to licensure for Nevada teachers, the creation of a statutory sunset committee to review state government operations, and legislation cracking down on child sex offenders.

Prior to joining McDonald Carano, Ben served the State of Nevada as communications director for Governor Jim Gibbons and public information officer for the Department of Health and Human Services. He is also a former journalist, having worked for the Reno Gazette-Journal and the Associated Press covering government and politics.

Among Ben's numerous honors, he was recognized as a 2011 winner of Reno-Tahoe Young Professionals Network's Twenty Under 40 awards, he was selected as a Fellow in the 2013 class of the Aspen Institute's Rodel Fellowship in Public Leadership, and he was recognized by the Builders Association of Northern Nevada as the 2015 Outstanding Public Official.

Despite Ben's enthusiasm over public policy, his family remains his first priority. Ben and his wife April have two sets of boy-girl twins: Aspen, Austin, Lucy, and Lincoln. In what little free time he can find, Ben likes to fish, ski, hunt, and cheer tirelessly for the Chicago Cubs.

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