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Areas of Practice

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources; Business Entities & Transactions; Real Estate & Land Use Planning

Bar Admissions

Nevada

Education

J.D., The University of Arizona
James E. Rogers College of Law, 2004

B.A., The University of Arizona
Eller College of Business, 2001

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Curt Ledford's practice is focused on utility, administrative, corporate, cooperative, and regulatory law, as well as general matters affecting energy developments, generation facilities, renewable energy, and Nevada's utilities. Prior to joining McDonald Carano as a Partner in the Energy & Natural Resources Group, Curt served as General Counsel for Valley Electric Association, Inc. (VEA), a Nevada non-profit cooperative utility that provides electric service to members in six counties throughout rural Nevada and California.

During the past decade, Curt has emerged as one of Nevada's most dedicated energy and utility attorneys. Since joining McDonald Carano, Curt has assisted numerous clients in an assortment of various regulatory matters. Curt's legal work, together with that of other members of the firm's Energy & Natural Resources team, resulted in a significant rate reduction for numerous large energy users in a recent electric rate case before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN). The PUCN is a regulatory agency that ensures investor-owned utilities comply with laws enacted by the Nevada legislature. Curt was also integral in the 2016 "grandfathering" docket that resulted in many of Nevada's net metering customers receiving more economic electric service.

Curt recently worked to achieve positive benefits for a generation client in a natural gas rate case, has advised clients in integrated resource planning dockets, assisted clients in open access applications under NRS 704B, and participated in other related regulatory cases. Most recently, Curt has guided a geothermal operation through a regulatory process, which at one point became the top story on the evening news, to a resolution that was very favorable for the client.

From a federal regulatory perspective, Curt has extensive experience in the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Standards and the requirements of the Western Electric Coordinating Council (WECC).

Curt also assists the firm's clients with state and federal permitting and environmental approvals, and Curt has represented both buyers and sellers alike in transactions involving renewable energy facilities. As a former utility employee, Curt is also intimately familiar with the various rules, regulations, and contractual requirements of local utilities, and provides guidance to developer clients when navigating through the labyrinth of utility line extension and interconnection rules and requirements.

Curt is active in various professional organizations. One of Curt's favorite positions is his role as a Market Leadership Advisory Board Member for the U.S. Green Building Council. He was also a founding member of the Energy, Utilities and Communication Law Section of the State Bar of Nevada. Also, Curt is currently the chairman of the Clean Energy Project, an organization founded by former senator Harry Reid.

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A steadfast supporter of community and charitable efforts, Curt assisted VEA to form a charitable foundation, and is a longtime volunteer in many community-oriented donation drives and projects. On his way to the office, you will likely see Curt passing by the Las Vegas Strip in his electric car.

Curt received a J.D. from the University of Arizona in 2004, and a B.A. in Finance from the University of Arizona in 2001. He is admitted to practice law in Nevada.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Nevada Business Magazine, “Legal Elite” - Energy, Environment
& Natural Resources, Business Entities & Transactions, Real Estate & Land Use



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Market Advisory Board Member for the U.S. Green Building Council
Chairman, Clean Energy Project

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