



Managing Partner

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Areas of Practice

Construction Law & Litigation

Commercial & Complex Litigation

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Law

Bar Admissions

Nevada

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Nevada

U.S. Supreme Court

Education

J.D., University of the Pacific
McGeorge School of Law,
1988

B.A., Philosophy, University of
California, Los Angeles, 1985

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Professional Background

George F. Ogilvie III is the Managing Partner of McDonald Carano. His litigation practice involves representing clients in complex construction and commercial disputes. He is recognized by the prestigious and rigorously researched Chambers USA and other publications for his courtroom skills. In the Chambers USA ranking of leading lawyers in Nevada Construction Litigation, client references highlight that George is “an extremely good lawyer.” “He has a very good reputation in construction law cases, where he handles the larger matters.” “A very experienced attorney with a very good reputation among both lawyers and judges.”

His clients, including publicly traded multinational corporations, national and regional construction companies, and mid-size to large local businesses, have benefited from his experience as he has successfully first-chaired dozens of jury trials, bench trials, and private arbitrations, and numerous prevailing oral arguments before the Nevada Supreme Court. Most recently, the Nevada Supreme Court affirmed a \$20 million dollar judgment in favor of his client. George regularly appears before the state and federal bench, as well as before various municipal boards and governmental agencies in Southern Nevada.

A native Las Vegas and fifth-generation Nevadan, George has been deeply involved in the Las Vegas community, including having served from 2007 to 2016 on the Colorado River Commission, which is charged with acquiring, managing, and protecting Nevada’s water and hydroelectric power resources from the Colorado River. George was appointed as Chairman of the Commission by Governor Gibbons in 2009, and Governor Sandoval reappointed him to that role in June 2013. He continued to serve as Chairman until 2016.

A member of the firm’s Executive Committee since 1994, the partners of the firm elected him Managing Partner in 2019. He continues his rigorous law practice, and is a member of the firm’s Construction Law Group and Litigation Practice Group.

Construction Law

George’s construction work primarily involves public works projects and large private commercial projects, including contractor-owner disputes, general contractor-subcontractor disputes, and construction defects. He also acts on behalf of clients with regard to licensing, bonding, and lien issues. George was lead counsel for the general contractor in the \$1.1 billion litigation involving the construction of Project CityCenter, and he was also lead counsel for the general contractor in the litigation involving the \$500 million Planet Hollywood Towers project. He additionally acted as lead counsel for the general contractor in the litigation involving the River Mountains Water Treatment Facility and the litigation involving the Raw Water Pumping System Expansion at Lake Mead (the “Second Straw”).

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Awards and Recognition

- *Chambers USA Guide – Band 1, Construction Litigation (2017-2021)*
- *Martindale-Hubbell AV® Peer Review Rated*
- *The Best Lawyers in America® – Commercial Litigation (2016-2022)*
- *The Best Lawyers in America® – Construction Law (2008-2022)*
- *The Best Lawyers in America® – Construction Litigation (2011-2022)*
- *The Best Lawyers in America® “Lawyer of the Year” – Las Vegas, Construction Law (2020)*
- *The Best Lawyers in America® “Lawyer of the Year” – Las Vegas, Construction Litigation (2019)*
- *Super Lawyers Magazine “Mountain States Super Lawyer” – Business Litigation and Construction Litigation (2007-2021)*
- *Nevada Business Magazine “Legal Elite” (2008, 2011, 2014, 2016, 2019)*



Community Engagement

- Trustee, Nevada Museum of Art
- Member, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce’s Government Affairs Committee
- Past Chair, Colorado River Commission
- Past Member, Las Vegas Founders Foundation
- Past Chair, Callaway Golf Las Vegas Intercollegiate Tournament, hosted by UNLV
- Past Coach, Nevada’s Olympic Development Program

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