



*Partner*

## Matt Addison

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### Areas of Practice

Commercial & Complex  
Litigation

Construction Law & Litigation

### Bar Admissions

California

Nevada

### Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth  
Circuit

### Education

J.D., Santa Clara University,  
1991

B.A., UCLA, International  
Relations, 1988

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### Professional Background

A lifelong Reno resident, Matt Addison joined McDonald Carano in 1989 as a law clerk, became an Associate in 1991 and a Partner in 1998, and has been serving as Managing Partner of the Reno office since 2018. During his entire professional career at McDonald Carano, the firm has expanded and diversified along with the economic landscape of Nevada. Mr. Addison is helping to guide the firm into the ever-evolving future with a strategic vision aimed at distinguishing McDonald Carano as a bold innovator in the legal industry.

### Construction Law & Litigation

Mr. Addison also serves as Chair of the firm's Construction Law & Litigation Practice Group. He negotiates complex construction agreements, defends major defect claims and prosecutes payment claims by contractors. Mr. Addison understands the challenges faced by owners, designers, contractors, subcontractors, construction managers, and specialty consultants. Whether planning projects, counseling on claims resolution or actively litigating a construction claim, he works toward achieving each individual client's business objectives.

Mr. Addison devotes a substantial amount of his construction law practice to advising on project oversight, pre-litigation counseling on troubled projects, procurement, and bidding disputes. He provides realistic assessments of entitlement, damages, litigation costs, litigation risks and uncertainties, and measures these costs against the value of prompt dispute resolution. Mr. Addison has decades of experience drafting, revising, negotiating and litigating building contracts from the perspective of owners, general contractors and subcontractors. He is presently handling all the contracts for the largest mixed-use residential and commercial master planned community development in the City of Reno and serves as Nevada counsel for an owner in an international arbitration involving a \$300 million construction project, with nearly \$100 million in back charge and construction defect claims.

Mr. Addison also serves as the Administrative Law Judge for the Nevada State Contractors Board, which regularly requires him to review and interpret construction contracts of all types in the administration of his hearing dockets.

### Complex & Commercial Litigation

Mr. Addison has extensive experience managing all aspects of substantial liability matters, including motion practice, discovery, arbitration, and bench and jury trials in city, state, and federal courts, and appeals before the Nevada Supreme Court. He routinely serves as local counsel for attorneys from national and regional firms, with substantial personal involvement in and responsibility for the planning and

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implementation of litigation strategies.

Mr. Addison is well known for handling sophisticated commercial litigation matters, primarily in business courts, such as shareholder derivative actions, allegations of personal liability for business defaults, and real property disputes involving telecommunications companies. He also defends major products liability actions, with significant damage claims, for a propane gas distributor, tractor-trailer manufacturer, and a forklift manufacturer.

### Dispute Resolution Services

Over the course of his extended service as a pro tem trial judge in the Reno Municipal Court, Mr. Addison has heard and decided over fifty criminal trials. As a court-appointed and private arbitrator, he has issued binding decisions in fee dispute, breach of contract, personal injury, and construction matters. As a private mediator and settlement conference pro tem judge, Mr. Addison has also successfully negotiated resolutions to complex business disputes and breach of construction contract matters.

### Representative Engagements

- AmeriGas Propane, L.P.
- CenturyLink Communications
- Reno/Sparks Association of Realtors
- Savage & Son, Inc.
- Sierra Builders of Nevada



### Awards and Recognition

- *Northern Nevada Business Weekly*, Best In Business awards – “Influential Leader” (2022)
- *The Best Lawyers in America* – Commercial Litigation (2008-2023), Construction Litigation (2011-2023), Construction Law (2020-2023), Arbitration (2023)
- *The Best Lawyers in America* “Lawyer of the Year” – Construction Litigation (2016)
- *Nevada Business Magazine* “Legal Elite” (2011, 2012, 2015-2018, 2020); Construction Lawyer of the Year, Northern Nevada (2017)
- *Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent* Peer Review Rated (since 2007)



### Professional Affiliations

- Board of Directors and Chief Deputy, Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff’s Association
- Nevada Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Member, International Association of Defense Counsel
- Member, Association of Defense Counsel of Northern Nevada, President (1998)
- Member, Washoe County Bar Association, President (2001-2002), Board Member, Volunteer Lawyers (1998-2001)
- Judge Pro Tem, Reno Municipal Court (2004-present)
- Administrative Law Judge, Nevada State Contractors’ Board (2019-present)
- Settlement Judge Pro Tem, El Dorado County Superior Court, ADR/Case Management Department (2007-present)
- Graduate, Truckee Meadows Citizens’ Police Academy (2009)
- Graduate, FBI Citizens’ Academy (2018)
- U.S. District Court, District of Nevada, Lawyer Representative (2003-2005) and Northern Division Chair (2005)
- American Inns of Court, Bruce R. Thompson Chapter, Barrister (1998-2001), Pupil (1991-1993, 1996-1998)

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