



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

Offices

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Professional Background

A lifelong Reno resident, Matt Addison joined McDonald Carano in 1989. Since that time the firm has expanded, diversified, and the landscape of Nevada has become more technology-centric. Mr. Addison, the Managing Partner of the firm's Reno Office, is helping to guide the firm into this future with a strategic vision aimed at distinguishing the firm as a bold innovator in the legal industry. Mr. Addison also serves as Chair of the Construction Law & Litigation Practice Group.

Known for his ability to solve complicated issues, Mr. Addison's practice has continued to expand as well. Over the last decade, he has handled a broad range of litigation matters, ranging from traditional personal injury and property damage cases, to mechanic's liens and payment actions for contractors, to general business disputes.

Complex Commercial & Construction 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 implementation of litigation strategies.

In his current practice, 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 significant 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. Finally, Mr. Addison regularly negotiates complex construction agreements, defends major defect claims and prosecutes substantial payment claims by contractors.

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 numerous 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.

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Representative Engagements

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



Awards and Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® – Commercial Litigation and Construction Litigation (2016-2021)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® “Lawyer of the Year” – Construction Litigation (2016)
- *Nevada Business Magazine* “Legal Elite” (2011, 2012, 2015-2018, 2020)
- Lawyer Representative, United States District Court
- President, Washoe County Bar Association
- Member, American Inns of Court, Bruce R. Thompson Chapter
- President, Association of Defense Counsel of Northern Nevada
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation



Community Engagement

- Member, International Association of Defense Counsel
- Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriffs’ Association
- Graduate, Truckee Meadows Citizens’ Police Academy
- Court Appointed Pro Tem Judge
- Court Appointed Arbitrator and Mediator

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