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Areas of Practice

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources; Tax Law; Commercial & Complex Litigation

Bar Admissions

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J.D., University of Toledo College of Law, 1975

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Thom Sheets is Of Counsel in the Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Law Group with McDonald Carano. He has more than 40 years of experience in the energy industry, focusing on utilities and administrative and regulatory matters.

He previously served as General Counsel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC, and he also held the position of Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Southwest Gas Corporation for 24 years. Mr. Sheets was a Senior Attorney with Texas Eastern Corporation, an interstate natural gas pipeline, and Staff Counsel at the Public Service Commission of Nevada. Early in his career, he held Senior Attorney positions with Sierra Pacific Resources and Toledo Edison Company, both combination electric and gas utilities.

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

Energy, Environmental & Natural Resource Law

As General Counsel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Mr. Sheets provided legal advice, analysis, legislative testimony and support, and was acutely involved in agency policy development. The position also afforded significant exposure to all facets of renewable energy development.

Mr. Sheets served as a Senior Officer and General Counsel of one of the largest local distribution gas utilities in the United States. He and his team were responsible for the corporation's legal and regulatory representation, contracts, insurance, and workers compensation.

Tax Law

Mr. Sheets served as Chairman of the Nevada Tax Commission for six years and gained a detailed familiarity with Nevada's system of taxation, and the tax issues and policies affecting local governmental entities.

Commercial & Complex Litigation

Mr. Sheets has more than 40 years of commercial litigation experience, as trial counsel and through managing complex commercial litigation activities.

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Alternative Dispute Resolution

Mr. Sheets served as a neutral of the American Arbitration Association for more than 40 years. Cases included complex construction contract disputes, energy disputes and general corporate issues. Cases have included complex construction contract disputes, energy disputes and general corporate disputes.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

President of the Nevada Tax Payers Association

Member of State Bar of Nevada's Southern Nevada Disciplinary Panel

Former Member, American Arbitration Association/International Centre for Dispute Resolution (AAA/ICDR), North American

Former Chairman of the Nevada Ethics Commission

Former Member of the Energy Advisory Committee

Former Member, Energy Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

Former Member, Nevada State Bar Professionalism Committee

Former President, Clark County Bar Association

Former Chair, Clark County Law Foundation

Former Member, American Arbitration Association Energy Advisory Committee

Former Member, Nevada State Bar Judicial Ethics and Elections Committee

Former Co-Chair, Nevada State Bar Administrative Law Committee

Former Chair, Nevada Tax Commission

Former Member, Nevada Public Radio Board of Directors

Former Member, UNLV Statewide Law School Advisory Panel

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