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### Areas of Practice

Commercial & Complex Litigation; Construction Law; Employment & Labor Law; Real Estate & Land Use

### Bar Admissions

Nevada  
California

### Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals,  
Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court of California  
for the Central, Eastern, Northern  
and Southern Districts

### Education

J.D., University of California,  
Hastings College of the Law,  
2003

Senior Production Editor,  
Hastings Law Journal, 2002-2003

B.A., cum laude, University of  
California, Berkeley,  
English Literature, 1999

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### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Jessica Woelfel focuses her practice on a broad range of commercial litigation matters, including business torts, contract litigation, employment litigation, franchise law and real estate litigation. Ms. Woelfel has substantial experience in all phases of litigation, including investigation, drafting of pleadings, discovery, motion practice, settlement negotiations, and trial. She is licensed in all state and federal courts in Nevada and California, and she regularly litigates issues in both states. Ms. Woelfel also regularly provides general advice and counsel to business and employment law clients. Prior to joining McDonald Carano Wilson, Ms. Woelfel was an attorney at the San Francisco office of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, where she focused on civil litigation and business-related matters.

### AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

#### *Commercial & Complex Litigation*

Ms. Woelfel has diverse expertise in handling complex business disputes and the claims typically arising from them, including, but not limited to, breach of contract, interference with contract, fraud, negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, unfair trade practices, discrimination, and harassment. Some of her most recent representations include: AmeriGas, in a class action alleging negligence and multiple cases alleging negligence and strict liability; MV Transportation v. STATA et al., a case alleging breach of contract; D.R. Horton, Inc., in multiple cases alleging mortgage fraud; and Lakeside Mortgage Company, in multiple cases alleging fraud and breach of fiduciary duty.

#### *Employment & Labor Law*

Ms. Woelfel advises employers on day-to-day employment issues, including employee hiring, firing, management, and retention. She regularly collaborates with management personnel to handle difficult personnel issues, conduct investigations, evaluate demotion and termination decisions, and ensure compliance with state and federal law. Ms. Woelfel also advises and defends employers in cases involving the EEOC, NLRB, state civil rights agencies, and various other claims brought to state and federal court. Ms. Woelfel has experience defending clients in labor negotiations and arbitrations as well.

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### ***Business Entities & Transactions***

Ms. Woelfel acts as general counsel for many of her clients, and in that capacity she has negotiated multi-million-dollar contracts with many Fortune 500 companies for products and services. Ms. Woelfel also provides daily advice and counsel for her clients on various issues.

### ***Real Estate Disputes***

Ms. Woelfel represents commercial landlords and tenants in commercial lease disputes and the claims typically arising from those disputes, including breach of contract, summary eviction, unlawful detainer, and constructive eviction issues.

## **REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS**

Ms. Woelfel has handled litigation for clients such as Ormat Nevada, Inc.; AmeriGas Propane, L.P.; D.R. Horton, Inc.; MV Transportation; and Kafoury Armstrong and Company. She also provides general advice and counsel for both employment and business-related issues to clients such as Ormat Nevada, Inc.; IO Integration, Inc.; KAIA F.I.T. Corporation; and Intrawest Property Management.



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