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Areas of Practice

Real Estate & Land Use
Business Entities & Transactions
Commercial & Complex Litigation
Construction Law & Litigation

Bar Admissions - Nevada, California

Education and Certifications

- J.D., University of California College of the Law, Tax Concentration, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings College of the Law), June 2014 (*Constitutional Law Quarterly*, Executive Internal Editor; Best Brief Award, Moot Court, 2012)
- B. A. in English, University of California, Irvine, 2009
- Graduate, Developing Leaders Institute, Commercial Real Estate Development Association Southern Nevada/CREDA Southern Nevada (formerly NAIOP) 2023

Chris Molina's practice focuses on real estate transactions, land use matters, and zoning issues, as well as related real estate litigation and construction litigation. He also serves as Co-Chair of McDonald Carano's AI Task Force.

Mr. Molina represents business clients in real estate acquisitions and dispositions, as well as commercial leases and general corporate transactions. He routinely advises clients in connection with land use entitlements and zoning issues for projects across Nevada. Mr. Molina also handles real estate litigation matters including quiet title actions, commercial lease disputes, and eminent domain and inverse condemnation cases.

Mr. Molina's expertise also includes negotiating major development agreements. For example, in 2024 he negotiated the development agreement on behalf of the City of Fernley for a high-profile project which took more than one year to finalize and approve. Known as Victory Logistics District, the project is a large-scale master-planned rail-served industrial development in the northern Nevada City of Fernley. The project began with a 4,300-acre land acquisition by a privately held investment firm headquartered in Southern California. With almost 2 million square feet of space completed, the next focus is on the master planning and infrastructure to bring tens of millions of additional square feet of distribution, manufacturing, and data center space in the coming years, as well as a residential component with ancillary services for the expected generation of 16,000 jobs. In addition to the vast size of the project, special complexities include the entire Victory site being located within a federally designated Opportunity Zone, which is intended to spur economic development and job creation in eligible communities. Numerous local, state, and federal agencies were also involved in the negotiations, including the City of Fernley, Lyon County, state and federal transportation

departments, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Federal Railroad Administration – as well as utility companies serving the property.

Professional Affiliations

- Member, American Planning Association
- Member, Commercial Real Estate Development Association Southern Nevada/CREDA Southern Nevada (formerly NAIOP)

Awards and Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America* – Commercial Litigation (2022-2027), Real Estate Law (2024-2027), Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) (2024-2027)
- *Mountain States Super Lawyers* – "Rising Stars" (2023-2026)
- *Vegas Inc* – "Top Lawyers" in Real Estate (2023, 2024)
- Emerging Star of Development award, Developing Leaders Institute, Class of 2023, Commercial Real Estate Development Association Southern Nevada/CREDA Southern Nevada (formerly NAIOP)

Presentations

- "Due Diligence 101: Do You Know What's Under the Ground?", NAIOP, Nov.18, 2022