



*Senior Counsel*

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**Areas of Practice**

Gaming & Administrative Law

**Bar Admissions**

Nevada

New York

**Education**

LL.M., Cambridge University,  
Sidney Sussex College, 1984

J.D., California Western School  
of Law, 1980, summa cum  
laude

B.S., University of Nevada,  
Reno, 1974

**Professional Background**

Rick Trachok is Senior Counsel in the Gaming & Administrative Law Practice Group at McDonald Carano. Mr. Trachok has an extensive background in gaming law, particularly from the international perspective. Clients frequently turn to Mr. Trachok for his knowledge of the complexities of the licensing issues facing European companies, as well as his understanding of the unique aspects of European ownership structures, finances, and culture. Mr. Trachok's expertise in the highly regulated gaming industry is also sought after by clients involved in utility regulation. Mr. Trachok was a deputy district attorney with the Washoe County District Attorney's Office before going into private practice.

Mr. Trachok currently serves as Chairman of Compliance for the German gaming Group, Gauselmann AG, and has been responsible for obtaining gaming licenses for them in approximately 200 jurisdictions. He is also Chairman of the Global Compliance and Governance Committee for London-based IGT, obtaining gaming licenses in Nevada and other jurisdictions. In addition to his gaming work, Mr. Trachok also focuses on utility regulation. He worked as the lead outside regulatory counsel for NV Energy and handled all rate and resource planning cases for the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada from 2006 through 2013.

Mr. Trachok served 15 years as an adjunct professor at UNR, teaching construction law in the graduate construction management program (1988-2003). He was also an adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law from 2006 to 2013, teaching the Laws of International Trade. Mr. Trachok is currently an adjunct professor at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, teaching the Law of International Trade and Gaming Law.

**Representative Engagements**

- Currently serves as Chairman of Compliance and a member of the Supervisory Board of Directors of Germany-based Gauselmann AG, obtaining gaming licenses in approximately 200 jurisdictions.
- Currently serves as lead outside counsel for London-based International Game Technology PLC (IGT), obtaining gaming licenses in Nevada and other jurisdictions and representing IGT in all gaming matters before the Nevada Gaming Commission.
- Currently serves as Chairman of the Global Compliance and Governance Committee for IGT.
- Guides numerous clients in obtaining appropriate licensure in the area of internet gaming.
- Currently serves as the Nevada regulatory counsel for First Solar.

**Offices**

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- Served as lead outside regulatory counsel for NV Energy from 2006 through 2013 handling all rate cases and resource planning cases before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada.
- Assisted in obtaining regulatory approvals for the MidAmerican/Berkshire acquisition of NV Energy in December 2013.



### Publications

- Author, "Nevada Construction Law and Mechanic's Liens," 1995
- Author, "Nevada Civil Practice Manual, Chapter on Nevada Bond and Lien Law," State Bar of Nevada
- Co-Author, "Fifty State Public Construction Contracting, Chapter on Nevada Law," John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1995
- Author, "Fifty State Construction Lien and Bond Law, Chapter on Nevada Law," Aspen Publishers, 1995



### Awards and Recognitions

- Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent™ Rating
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® "Lawyer of the Year" – Administrative / Regulatory Law (2021)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® – Administrative / Regulatory Law, Energy Law, Gaming Law (2021)
- *Nevada Business Magazine* "Legal Elite" (one of Nevada's top International Gaming and Regulatory Law attorneys)



### Community Engagement

- Bar Associations: State Bar of Nevada; Washoe County Bar Association, New York Bar Association, District of Columbia Bar Association, American Bar Association, International Bar Association, and American Arbitration Association
- Currently a Lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law teaching Gaming Law, the Law of International Trade, and the Law of International Business Transactions
- Sage Ridge School, Member of Emeritus Board of Trustees
- Nevada State Bar Board of Governors, Ex Officio Member (2020-2021 term)
- Nevada Board of Bar Examiners, former Chair and current Board Member since 1991,
- Nevada Board of Regents, extensive years of service includes two terms as Chair of the Board, two terms as Vice-Chair of the Board, Chair of the Workforce, Research and Economic Development Committee, Chair of the Investment Committee and the Security Committee, Vice-Chair of the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee, and a Member of the Health Sciences System Committee, Cultural Diversity Committee, and the ad hoc UNLV President Search Committee (2011-2017) Adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law teaching the Laws of International Trade (2006-2013)
- Governor Brian Sandoval's Transition Team, Member, 2011
- Reno Chamber Orchestra, Board of Directors, 1999-2006
- Adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law, teaching the Laws of International Trade (2006-2013)
- The Nature Conservancy of Nevada, Board of Directors, 2003-2009
- Adjunct professor at UNR, teaching construction law in the graduate construction management program (1988-2003)
- Nevada Opera, Board of Directors, 1999-2001
- Tahoe Rim Trail, Honorary Director (1998-Present), Board of Directors (1993-1998)
- Nevada Chapter of the Associated General Contractors, Board of Directors, 1988-1990
- Reno Philharmonic, Board of Directors, 1984-1989

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