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Areas of Practice

Appellate
Commercial & Complex Litigation
Employment & Labor Law

Bar Admissions

Nevada, California

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- B.A., *magna cum laude*, Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Reno

Chelsea Latino is an attorney in the Commercial & Complex Litigation, Appellate, and Employment & Labor Law Practice groups. Chelsea serves as Vice-Chair of the Employment & Labor Law Practice Group. She represents clients from a variety of industries such as healthcare, gaming and hospitality, mining, construction, real estate development, and manufacturing, and regularly serves as local counsel for out-of-state firms in Nevada's state and federal courts.

Chelsea is a skilled legal writer and advocate, with a comprehensive understanding of procedural issues and rules, and long-range strategic sensibilities. Her commercial litigation experience covers a variety of issues in state and federal court, including contractual disputes, commercial torts, insurance coverage, products liability, shareholder litigation, and complex business disputes. She regularly handles employment-related litigation involving discrimination, wage and hour, and wrongful termination claims, in addition to advising clients on employment decisions, policies and procedures, and employee handbooks. Chelsea further focuses her practice on appellate law, representing clients in appeals before Nevada's appellate courts and the Ninth Circuit, as well as administrative and trial-court level appeals in bankruptcy and land-use and planning matters. Chelsea also dedicates her practice to serving the community through frequent pro bono work.

Prior to joining McDonald Carano, Chelsea clerked for the Honorable Justice Mark Gibbons of the Nevada Supreme Court. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, and her J.D. from UNLV's Boyd School of Law, where she was a judicial extern to the Honorable Judge Andrew Gordon of the U.S. District Court, District of Nevada, managing editor of the *Nevada Law Journal*, and president of the appellate moot court competition team. Chelsea also received numerous honors for her work during law school, including CALI Awards for the highest grade in pretrial litigation and each of her legal research and writing courses; Dean's Award for her contributions to the law school; SCRIBES Award from the Society for Legal Writers for her outstanding legal writing; and Pro Bono High Honors Award for her completion of over 100 hours of pro bono work.

Publications and Presentations

- Presenter, “Employment Law Priorities for In-House Counsel,” Association of Corporate Counsel, October 18, 2023
- Author, Writ Petitions Chapter, *Nevada Appellate Practice Manual*, 2021 edition
- Author, “The Virtual Raise It or Waive It: Preserving an Accurate Appellate Record of Remote Trial Court Proceedings,” *Nevada Lawyer*, June 2021

Awards and Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America* – Appellate Practice (2024)
- *Nevada Business Magazine* – “Legal Elite/Top Rank Attorneys” and “Legal Elite/Best Up & Coming Attorneys” (2019-2023)
- *Mountain States Super Lawyers Magazine* – “Rising Star” (2021-2023) (Chelsea is one of only six “Rising Star” attorneys recognized in Employment Litigation Defense in the entire five-state Mountain States region and is one of three on the list from Nevada.)
- Nevada Women’s Fund, Women of Achievement Honoree (2022)

Professional and Community Affiliations

- Member, Board of Directors, Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows (2022-current)
- Member, Executive Board, Nevada Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (Treasurer, 2019–current)
- Member, Executive Committee, Appellate Litigation Section of the State Bar of Nevada (Secretary 2018–2020, Member At Large 2020–2021)
- Member, Society for Human Resource Management (2022-current)

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