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Areas of Practice

Commercial & Complex Litigation

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Law

Appellate

Employment & Labor Law

Bar Admissions

Nevada

New York

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Nevada

U.S. District Court, Southern And Eastern Districts of New York

Education

J.D., New York Law School, cum laude, June 2012

B.A., Whitman College, cum laude, History with Honors, May 2006

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Professional Background

Sarah Ferguson is an attorney in the litigation department where she focuses on complex commercial litigation, natural resources law, and employment and labor law. Ms. Ferguson has represented clients in a variety of industries, including aerospace, mining, energy, financial services, and pharmaceutical companies in state and federal courts. She has extensive experience handling all phases of litigation from court appearances to managing large case teams, drafting dispositive motions, and conducting depositions.

Ms. Ferguson is committed to serving the Reno community and has an active pro bono practice, including direct services and community outreach.

Ms. Ferguson is a Reno native, and before returning to Nevada she practiced in New York City, focusing on white collar defense and commercial litigation. She also served as a law clerk for the Hon. Howard D. McKibben of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.

Business Litigation

- Representation of mining industry leader in a breach of warranty case involving steel pipes for transporting paste fill, resulting in favorable settlement.
- Defense of Nevada energy firm in a breach of contract appeal before U.S. Civilian Board of Contract Appeals resulting in a favorable settlement.
- Represent contractor in Tribal Court resulting in favorable decision from Tribal Court Judge.
- Representation of mining company in action related to breach of contract for claim royalty payments, culminating in a favorable settlement.
- Representation of financial guaranty insurer in prosecuting breach of contract and fraudulent inducement case involving mortgage-backed securities.
- Defense of law firm and attorney against malpractice and breach of fiduciary duty claims stemming from a multi-year litigation over a call option, culminating in settlement.
- Defense of aircraft manufacturer in breach of contract and trade secrets action, culminating in settlement.

Employment

- Defense of Nevada employer in discrimination action before Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.
- Assisting employers and management with resolving employment matters pre-litigation, including enforcement of non-competes, terminations, and hiring practices.

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White Collar

- Representation of multiple employees of large financial institution in internal investigation into OSHA complaint and related whistleblower allegations.
- Representation of multiple employees of large financial institution under investigation by DOJ related to foreign exchange practices.

Pro Bono

- Represent incarcerated individual in habeas proceedings before the Ninth Circuit.
- Representation of children in dependency proceedings in family court.
- Representation of over 90 former tenants in suit against landlord for property damage caused by a fire.



Professional Associations and Community Engagement

- Washoe Legal Services – Board Member
- Lilley Museum, UNR – Board Member
- Reno Contemporaries – Founding Member
- Reno Human Rights Commission – Former Commissioner



Awards and Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers of America*® 2021 – Commercial Litigation

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