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Areas of Practice

Gaming & Administrative Law

Bar Admissions

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Court Admissions

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J.D., Gonzaga University
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International Affairs and
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Professional Background

A.G. Burnett is a partner in the Gaming & Administrative Law Group with McDonald Carano. Due to his extensive experience working in and with regulatory agencies in Nevada and throughout the world, he is uniquely positioned to advise regulatory agencies, federal agencies and others in meeting and crafting regulatory standards, as well as representing gaming industry clients, including those in the rapidly developing areas of sports betting and Esports, in navigating regulatory requirements in Nevada and beyond. Mr. Burnett also assists companies with their compliance programs and compliance obligations, and has served as an expert witness in a contested gaming-related tax matter.

Mr. Burnett most recently served as the Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Control Board (NGCB) from 2012 through 2017 and as a member of the Governor's Gaming Policy Committee. During his service as Chairman of the NGCB, Mr. Burnett was the State's primary representative before the Nevada Legislature on matters pertaining to the gaming industry and was also responsible for negotiation and oversight of compacts with sovereign tribal organizations having gaming operations in the State of Nevada. Prior to serving as NGCB Chairman and as a Member of the NGCB, Mr. Burnett was employed by the NGCB as Deputy Chief of the NGCB's Corporate Securities Division where he oversaw regulatory and investigative activities concerning publicly-traded companies and lenders involved in the gaming industry. During his service with the NGCB, he worked extensively with the regulators of other gaming jurisdictions on matters of shared interest relating to the gaming industry and its growth throughout the world.

Prior to his employment with the NGCB, Mr. Burnett served as Senior Deputy Nevada Attorney General representing the NGCB, the Nevada Gaming Commission, and the Nevada Commission on Sports. During that time, he handled litigation matters on behalf of Nevada's regulatory authorities including disciplinary actions, tax disputes, and disputed licensing matters.

From 2012 to 2015, he served as a Trustee and the Treasurer for the International Association of Gaming Regulators. He also serves as a member of the William S. Boyd School of Law Gaming Law Advisory Board.

Mr. Burnett has provided testimony and has spoken extensively on matters relating to gaming regulation, cooperation among gaming authorities, regulatory compliance, and current developments in the gaming industry throughout the United States and various international venues. As McDonald Carano's most recent addition to its Gaming & Administrative Law Group, Mr. Burnett will complement the firm's long-established gaming practice group, and continue his exemplary service to businesses, people, and governmental jurisdictions involved in the rapidly expanding gaming industry.

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Awards and Recognition

- The Best Lawyers in America© 2021 – Gaming Law
- The Best Lawyers in America© 2020 “Lawyer of the Year”– Gaming Law
- International Masters of Gaming Law (IMGL) – “ Outstanding Achievement Award for the Americas (2018)”

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