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Area of Practice

Gaming & Administrative Law

Bar Admissions

Nevada

Education

- J.D., Gonzaga University School of Law, 1996
- B.A., University of Nevada, International Affairs and Political Science, 1992

A.G. Burnett is a Partner in the Gaming & Administrative Law Group at McDonald Carano. For nearly 20 years he served as a gaming regulator before joining 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 represent gaming industry individuals, businesses, and investors, including those in the rapidly developing areas of sports betting and Esports, in navigating regulatory requirements in Nevada and across international borders. Mr. Burnett also assists companies with compliance programs and obligations.

Prior to joining McDonald Carano, Mr. Burnett 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 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 at NGCB, he worked extensively with 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. For six years, Mr. Burnett also served on the Executive Committee of the State Bar of Nevada's Gaming Law Section.

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. Mr. Burnett currently serves in an advisory and consulting role to the American Gaming Association, specifically regarding the legalization and regulation of gaming and sports betting throughout the U.S. In this role, he provides strategic guidance to the AGA and its stakeholders such as state and federal legislators and regulators.

Mr. Burnett currently serves as Nevada Gaming Counsel (and advises regarding other matters including gaming policy and lobbying assistance, gaming licensing in other jurisdictions, mergers and acquisitions, and employment matters) and/or serves as an independent member of the Regulatory and Compliance Committee of gaming companies based in Australia, Japan, Korea, Slovenia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Mr. Burnett served as Nevada Gaming Counsel to Hard Rock International in its December 13, 2021 agreement to acquire the operations of The Mirage Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas for \$1.075 billion.

Mr. Burnett is highly ranked in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Lawyer of the Year award in 2020 and 2023) and *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (only Band 1 ranked gaming lawyer in Nevada). Clients describe Mr. Burnett to *Chambers* researchers as "He's got unbelievable insight into the gaming regulatory world. He has a great network and understands how the regulators think." "A dynamic team player who strives for win/win solutions to complex problems." "He has a great network within the gaming regulatory community, and he uniquely understands how the regulators think about things." "He is incredibly knowledgeable and has expertise in gaming law." "He comes up with practical solutions for complicated problems." "A.G. is an excellent lawyer."

Awards and Recognition

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* – Band 1 in Gaming & Licensing Law/Nevada (only Band 1 ranked gaming law attorney in Nevada) and Band 2 in Gaming & Licensing Law/USA-Nationwide (2021-2023)
- *The Best Lawyers in America* – Gaming Law (2020-2023)
- *The Best Lawyers in America* – "Lawyer of the Year" in Gaming Law (2020, 2023)
- *The Best Lawyers in America* – Administrative and Regulatory Law (2022-2023)
- *Nevada Business Magazine* – "Legal Elite/Top Rank Attorneys" (2023)
- *Lawyer Monthly*, Legal Awards 2021, Gaming Law Lawyer of the Year USA (2021)
- International Masters of Gaming Law – "Outstanding Achievement Award for the Americas" (2018)

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Nevada Advisory Committee, U.S. Global Leadership Coalition
- Member, Board of Trustees, International Association of Gaming Advisors (current Chair of the Governance Committee and former member of the Regulator Relations Committee)
- Member, Gaming Law Advisory Board, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law

Community Engagement

- Member, Board of Directors, Northern Nevada HOPES
- Member, Nevada Governor Lombardo's Tourism, Gaming & Sports Working Committee

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