Jane Susskind, Associate

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Areas of Practice
Appellate
Commercial & Complex Litigation

Bar Admissions
Nevada, California

Education
- J.D., *cum laude*, University of San Diego School of Law, 2018
- B.A., *cum laude*, Provost Honors, Political Science, minor in Religious Studies, University of California, San Diego, 2011
- Certification, Generative AI for the Legal Profession, Berkeley Law Executive Education, 2026

Jane Susskind is a member of the Commercial & Complex Litigation Practice and Appellate Practice. She is Co-Chair of McDonald Carano's AI Task Force. She represents clients in a broad range of industries, including financial services, technology, gaming, insurance, healthcare, and government services.

Jane's litigation experience includes developing litigation strategies, briefing, managing discovery, and taking and defending depositions. She is a highly skilled legal writer and has won many dispositive motions based on briefing alone. She has also successfully argued a variety of motions, including dispositive ones, before state and federal courts.

As a member of numerous trial teams, Jane has gained experience in all aspects of trial preparation. She has second chaired trials in Nevada state court, federal court, and private arbitration proceedings, conducting direct and cross examinations in each. Jane's extensive appellate experience makes her an invaluable resource at trial because she provides unique and strategic guidance in anticipation of appeal.

Jane's appellate experience is rooted in her experience as a judicial law clerk for Nevada Supreme Court Justices Ron Parraguirre, Elissa Cadish, and Mark Gibbons. In her two-plus years as a law clerk, she worked on cases in a variety of legal areas while gaining institutional knowledge about appellate practice and procedure. This enables her to draft briefs and present arguments tailored to the justices and their law clerks. She leverages this knowledge and experience to successfully represent clients before Nevada's appellate courts and the Ninth Circuit.

Jane also dedicates her practice to serving the community through frequent pro bono work, including representing a prisoner in a jury trial through the District of Nevada's Federal Pro Bono

Program. She also significantly assisted in a civil forfeiture matter through the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada's Pro Bono Appellate Program that included full briefing on two writ petitions for which she supported and attended oral argument before an en banc Nevada Supreme Court.

Jane earned her J.D. cum laude from the University of San Diego School of Law. She published the comment "Decrypting Democracy: Incentivizing Blockchain Voting Technology for an Improved Election System" in the San Diego Law Review and later served on its editorial board as a comment editor. While in law school, she was also a national team member of the Appellate Moot Court, a judicial extern to U.S. District Judge Gonzalo P. Curiel and U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen S. Crawford, and a legal intern at the Advancement Project in Washington, D.C.

Before law school, Jane was a senior policy consultant and media director for a non-partisan political consulting firm in California. There, she managed campaigns, including California Senate and State Assembly races. She also helped draft and pass legislation reforming San Diego elections and led award-winning public affairs campaigns.

Awards and Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America* – "Ones to Watch" in Appellate and Commercial Litigation (2023-2027)
- *Nevada Business Magazine* – "Top Rank Attorneys" (2023-2026) and "Best Up & Coming Attorneys" (2022-2026)
- *Mountain States Super Lawyers* – "Rising Stars" (2023-2026)
- Nevada Women's Fund – Salute to Women of Achievement Honoree (2025)

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Washoe County Bar Association
- Member, Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association
- McDonald Carano Representative, Meritas Emerging Leaders Program
- Member, Bruce R. Thompson American Inns of Court
- Member, Clark County Bar Association

Community Engagement

- Pro Bono, Lawyer in the Library Program, Washoe County Law Library
- Pro Bono, U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, Federal Pro Bono Program

Publications

- Author, "Discoverability of AI Data: Lessons from the OpenAI Litigation," *Communique'*, Clark County Bar Association, September 2026
- Author, "AI-Generated Deficiencies in Filings: Sanctions and How to Avoid Them," *Communique'*, Clark County Bar Association, June/July 2025
- Author, "Navigating Multi-Party Appeals," *The Writ*, Washoe County Bar Association, May/June 2023

- Author, "Understanding the Grounds of Relief from Final Judgment in Nevada," McDonald Carano Legal Update, September 14, 2022
- Researcher, "A Wynn for the Nevada Gaming Commission," *The Writ*, Washoe County Bar Association, September/October 2022
- Author, "Judgments" Chapter 29 of the *Nevada Civil Practice Manual*, 2021 updates
- Author, "Decrypting Democracy: Incentivizing Blockchain Voting Technology for an Improved Election System," 54 SAN DIEGO L. REV. 785 (2017)

Presentations

- Presenter, "What Every Construction Professional Needs to Know about Legal Implications of Using AI," Associated General Contractors Nevada Chapter, November 4, 2026
- Presenter, "AI 2.0 – A Deeper Dive in AI for Brokers," Sierra Nevada REALTORS, September 29, 2026
- Presenter, "Your AI Chats Can be Used Against You - What Every Realtor Needs to Know," Sierra Nevada REALTORS, July 7, 2026
- Presenter, "Business and Commercial Litigation Update for In-House Counsel," Association of Corporate Counsel, April 15, 2026, April 17, 2025, May 22, 2024
- Presenter, "Five Things to Know when Contemplating a Writ Petition," CLE, Clark County Bar Association, January 29, 2025
- "Sexual Harassment Awareness and Prevention," Associated General Contractors Nevada Chapter, February 9, 2023 and October 14, 2021