



Karyna Armstrong, Associate

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Area of Practice

Commercial & Complex Litigation

Bar Admissions

Nevada

Education

- J.D., William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2021
- MPA, University of Miami, Coral Gables, 2018
- B.S., Boise State University, Boise, 2016

Karyna Armstrong is a litigation attorney in McDonald Carano’s Las Vegas office. She assists in the representation of clients in judge and jury trials in state and federal courts, as well as appeals before the Nevada Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Karyna serves as a Vice Chair of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee at McDonald Carano.

Karyna’s broad range of experience at McDonald Carano includes complex commercial disputes involving breach of contract, business torts, unfair competition, fiduciary duty, partnership disputes, and litigation regarding commercial transactions and contract interpretation. Karyna’s experience includes serving as an Extern to the Honorable James C. Mahan of the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, a law clerk in the Las Vegas office of an international law firm, a law clerk in a cannabis law-focused law firm in Las Vegas, and a summer associate at McDonald Carano.

Born and raised in Nevada, Karyna is committed to public service and giving back to the community. Karyna contributes her legal expertise to provide pro bono services through the Children’s Attorneys Project of the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. She also is a member of the Board of Directors of Family 2 Family Connection, a nonprofit organization that empowers and supports families to provide a safe and nurturing environment for their children through parent education and community networking.

While attending law school, Karyna served in leadership roles in numerous organizations, including Black Law Students Association Treasurer and Liaison for the Las Vegas National Bar Association, Sports and Entertainment Law Association Secretary, Student Bar Association Executive Secretary and Events Committee member, and Policy and Legislation Society committee member. She also earned a CALI Award (highest grade in class) for Lawyering Process (legal writing), was recognized as the Summer Outstanding Student (Guardianship) in the Community Service Program, and received a State Bar of Nevada Professional Development Fellowship. Karyna was a finalist in the “Making the Law Writing Competition” where she advocated for student athletes to be allowed to be paid for their name, image, and likeness in college athletics – which is now a Nevada law.

While in college, Karyna was a collegiate athlete on the Women's Track and Field team and competed in the hammer throw. Karyna's professional background also includes serving as a Substitute Teacher for the Clark County School District in Las Vegas and a Director of Operations Intern for the University of Miami Athletic Department in Coral Gables, Florida.

Karyna's dedication to community service includes volunteer work for a broad range of organizations, including a Juvenile Detention Center in Boise, the Children's Miracle Network, Girls on the Run, and Boise State Mentoring Program.

Awards and Recognition

- *Mountain States Super Lawyers* – “Rising Stars” (2024)
- *Profiles in Diversity Journal* – “Diverse Lawyers Making a Difference,” one of only 11 lawyers to receive the award across the U.S. (2023)
- *Nevada Business Magazine* – “Legal Elite/Top Rank Attorneys” (2023)

Publications and Presentations

- Moderator, “Women in Law” panel discussion (with retired Judge Nancy Alif, Justice Patricia Lee, and Judge Cristina Silva) hosted by the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association, March 26, 2024
- Panel Presenter, “Breaking Barriers: Insights from Leading Women Attorneys,” organized by the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada and ACLU/Nevada, July 27, 2023
- Panel Presenter, “How to Succeed as a Summer Associate/Law Clerk at a Firm,” organized by the Career Development office of the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, April 11, 2023
- Panel Presenter, “Conversations with Black Women in the Law,” organized by the Black Law Students Association and the Organization of Women Law Students at the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, March 30, 2023
- Author, “Students Speak, Lawmakers Listen,” *UNLV Law*, the magazine of the William S. Boyd School of Law, pp. 26-27, 2021

Professional Affiliations & Community Engagement

- Recording Secretary, 2023-2025 Executive Board, Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association
- Chair, Marketing and Content Coordination Committee, Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association
- Board member, Family 2 Family Connection
- Volunteer, Lawyer in the Library program, Washoe County Law Library
- Member, Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys

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