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### Areas of Practice

Appellate

Commercial & Complex  
Litigation

### Bar Admissions

Nevada

### Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of  
Nevada

### Education

LL.M., Global Antitrust Law  
and Economics, George  
Mason University, Antonin  
Scalia Law School

J.D., University of Richmond  
School of Law, *magna cum  
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B.A., American Military  
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### Professional Background

John Fortin is a member of the Commercial & Complex Litigation Practice and the Appellate Practice. He focuses his expertise on business litigation at the trial and appellate levels. Mr. Fortin's experience includes breach of contract, estoppel, fiduciary duties, tortious interference with contracts, intellectual property, deceptive trade practices, misappropriation of trade secrets, mining law, defamation, voter initiative litigation, negligence actions, and U.S. and Nevada constitutional questions.

Mr. Fortin's trial level experience includes drafting motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, motions to compel, and motions for protective orders. Mr. Fortin's extensive discovery experience covers preparing NRCP 30(b)(6) depositions, expert depositions, propounding and responding to discovery requests, and document review. His appellate experience includes drafting opening, answering, and reply briefs in matters of extraordinary relief such as writs of prohibition and writs of mandamus as well as post-appellate relief on direct appeals.

Mr. Fortin has argued before the Nevada Supreme Court as part of the pro bono appellate program and obtained a complete reversal and remand for his client, *In re 3587 Desatoya Drive*, Case No. 80194 (Oct. 15, 2021). He also was on the briefs in a matter that obtained a complete affirmance for his client and a written opinion issued by the Nevada Supreme Court, *Helton v. Nevada Voters First PAC, et al.*, 138 Nev., Adv. Op. 45 (Jun. 28, 2022).

During law school, Mr. Fortin served as the Manuscript Editor for the *Richmond Law Review* and was a member of the school's moot court team and earned The Order of Barristers honor. The University of Richmond also awarded him the Public Interest Law Association Pro Bono Award, the school's most prestigious honor for community and pro bono service. Mr. Fortin additionally obtained both trial and appellate experience as an Extern for the Honorable Judge Henry Hudson of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and as an Intern for the Honorable Associate Justice Monica Márquez of the Colorado Supreme Court. After graduating from law school, Mr. Fortin served as a full-time Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Chief Justice James Hardesty of the Nevada Supreme Court.

Prior to law school, Mr. Fortin served for a decade on active duty as a cryptologist and intelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy. During his service he collaborated across the 17 agencies that comprise the intelligence community while he specifically worked for the NSA. His deployments include tours in Afghanistan and South America. Following these deployments, he served as a National Cryptologic Schools adjunct faculty member for the NSA. Upon matriculation to law school, Mr. Fortin transitioned to the Naval Reserves where he continues to serve today.

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### Awards and Recognition

- Pro Bono Volunteer of the Month, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, November 2022
- Public Interest Law Association Pro Bono Award, University of Richmond School of Law



### Publications

- Feature Article Interview, "Nevada lawyer seeks to upend state's forfeiture laws," *Reuters Daily Docket*, Jan. 20, 2023
- Author, "Algorithms and Conscious Parallelism: Why Current Antitrust Doctrine is Prepared for the Twenty-First Century Challenges Posed by Dynamic Pricing," 23 TUL. J. TECH & INTELL. PROP. 1 (2021)
- Author, "Why Calls for Shifting to Brandeisian Economic Theory are Flawed: An Evaluation of the United States and European Union's Approach to Vertical Mergers," 54 U. RICH. L. REV. 1 (2021)
- Author, "Richmond Law Students Assists Veterans in Need," FEDERAL CIRCUIT BAR ASSOCIATION BENCH & BAR: PRO BONO DIGEST (Mar. 2019)
- "Transparency or Loopholes? Target Locations, FISA Warrants, and Reasonable Belief," 16 DARTMOUTH L. J. 1, 6 (2018)



### Pro Bono & Community Service

- Access to Justice Commission, Nevada Young Lawyers Association's member
- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada 300 hours club 2022
- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada 300 hours club 2021

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