

# Snell & Wilmer

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## Kelly H. Dove

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## Main Bio

Kelly Dove's practice is focused on commercial litigation and appellate law, where she has been counsel to companies and individuals in hundreds of state and federal appeals and writ proceedings. She has argued before the Nevada Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Ninth Circuits.

Kelly has significant experience in financial services litigation, defending lenders in disputes involving a variety of common law claims, such as fraud, breach of contract, and wrongful foreclosure as well as claims based on consumer protection statutes, including the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA). Kelly's appellate experience also includes business torts, products liability, arbitration, and bankruptcy.

Kelly has an active pro bono practice, and had the privilege of serving as part of the legal team with Lambda Legal and O'Melveny & Myers, LLP, as counsel for the Plaintiff couples in Nevada's marriage equality case, *Sevcik v. Sandoval*. That case resulted in the Ninth Circuit's declaring marriage bans unconstitutional and ordering the entry of a permanent injunction to protect marriage equality in October 2014.

Kelly has authored an article and provided commentary for a variety of publications on the topics of appellate law, appellate rules of procedure, and Nevada's new Court of Appeals ranging from the Las Vegas Business Press to Business Voice, a publication of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to joining Snell & Wilmer, Kelly clerked for Judge Jay S. Bybee of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and Judge Philip M. Pro of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.

## Education

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law (J.D.)
  - Ranked first in class
  - 12 CALI Awards
  - Editor-in-Chief, Nevada Law Journal
  - James E. Rogers Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award
  - Society of Advocates
- Rice University (M.A., Philosophy, concentration in Ethics)
- Randolph-Macon Woman's College (B.A., Philosophy; B.A., English Literature, Minor in Mathematics, *cum laude*)

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Presidential Merit Scholarship

## Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association
- American Inns of Court, Howard D. McKibben Chapter (2015-present)
- Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics and Election Practices (2015-present)
- Nevada State Bar, Appellate Litigation Section (2013-present)
  - Pro Bono Committee (2013-present), Co-Chair (2015-present)
- Commission on Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure

## Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Traps for Appellate Out-of-Towners: Differences Among Neighboring State Appellate Practices (West Coast Edition)," Panelist, American Bar Association Judicial Division Council of Appellate Lawyers (March 30, 2023)
- "[Class Actions: Reputation Is Key](#)," Featured, Boyd Law Magazine (November 19, 2022)
- "[Nev. Lenders Must Brace For The Next Wave Of Foreclosures](#)," Co-Author, Law360 (October 6, 2020)
- "[Nevada Suspends Commercial and Residential Evictions and Foreclosures Due to COVID-19 Crisis](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (April 7, 2020)
- "Appeals," Group Chair and Presenter, The Howard D. McKibben American Inn of Court, Las Vegas, Nevada (May 14, 2019)
- CLE: "Pro Bono: Learn Legal Fundamental Principles Behind Different Pro Bono Projects in the Community," Presenter (April 8, 2016)
- "[Key Changes in the Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure](#)," Author, Nevada Lawyer Magazine (March 2016)
- "[Marriage Equality - Law of the Ninth Circuit and Law of the Land](#)," Author, Nevada Lawyer Magazine (July 2015)
- "[An Appealing Solution](#)," Quoted, Las Vegas Business Press (March 10, 2015)
- "[A New Court of Appeals: Good for Business](#)," Co-Author, Member to Member Feature, Business Voice, publication of the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce, P.32 (October 2014)

## Professional Recognition & Awards

- Top 100 Lawyers of the Year, Readers' Choice, MYVEGAS Magazine (2020)
- The Best Lawyers in America®
  - Appellate Practice (2024)
  - Commercial Litigation (2020-2024)
- 40 Under 40 Award, Vegas Inc. (2016)
- Distinguished Service Alumni Award, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law (2015)
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Appellate (2020-2023)
  - Rising Stars Edition, Civil Litigation: Defense (2014-2015), Appellate (2016-2017, 2019)

- Legal Elite - Top Southern Nevada Attorneys, Nevada Business Magazine (2016, 2019)
- Pro Bono Award, Snell & Wilmer (2014)
- Honor Roll, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (2014)
- 50 Hours Club, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (2014)
- 100 Hours Club, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (2011)
- #CAP100 (Children's Attorney's Project) Heroes, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (2018)

## **Community Involvement**

- Boyd School of Law, Alumni Association Board of Directors (2017- present)
  - Voting Member
  - Chair, Communications and Social Media Committee

## **Previous Professional Experience**

- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Judicial Clerk to Hon. Jay S. Bybee (2008-2009)
- United States District Court, District of Nevada, Judicial Clerk to Hon. Philip M. Pro (2007-2008)
- Snell & Wilmer, Summer Associate, Las Vegas, NV (2006)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Idaho
- Nevada
- Oregon
- Texas
- Washington

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of Idaho
- Supreme Court of Nevada
- Supreme Court of Oregon
- Supreme Court of Texas
- Supreme Court of Washington
- United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, District of Nevada