

# Snell & Wilmer

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## **Richard C. Gordon**

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### **Main Bio**

Rick Gordon's practice is focused on complex commercial and civil litigation with significant experience in the areas of M&A and securities class actions, product liability/mass tort defense, insurance coverage, trademark and copyright infringement, municipal and employment law and commercial contract and business tort disputes. Rick has successfully prosecuted and defended these actions in both state and federal courts at the trial and appellate level, including the Nevada Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as before administrative agencies and arbitration panels.

In addition to his commercial litigation docket, Rick has devoted a significant amount of time to the representation of non-profit organizations and religious institutions throughout the country and has championed the rights of children as a pro bono attorney for the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada's child abuse and neglect program, being recognized as the Pro Bono Child Advocate of the Year in 2011.

Rick is currently a member of the firm's Ethics Committee and is the Ethics Chair for the Las Vegas office.

### **Education**

- University of Notre Dame Law School (J.D.)
  - American Jurisprudence Award in Advanced Property Law
  - Managing Editor, Journal of College and University Law
  - Dean's List
- Franciscan University of Steubenville (B.A., Philosophy and Theology, *summa cum laude*)
  - Valedictorian
  - Baconian Honor Society

### **Professional Memberships & Activities**

- American Bar Association

### **Representative Presentations & Publications**

- "Common Ethics Issues Faced by In-House Counsel," Presenter, Snell & Wilmer Last Chance CLE Program (November 10, 2022)
- "Dealing with Third Parties and the Ethics of Negotiation," Presenter, Snell & Wilmer Virtual CLE Series (June 30, 2022)

- "Common Ethics Issues Faced by In-House Counsel," Presenter, Snell & Wilmer Virtual CLE Series (June 30, 2022)
- "[Governor Sisolak Announces End of COVID-19 Eviction and Foreclosure Moratorium](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert, (July 1, 2020)
- "[HOA Superpriority Litigation Intensifies In Nevada](#)," Co-Author, Law360 (July 1, 2015)
- "The HOA Super-Priority Lien: What the Fight is All About?" Panelist, 2014 Annual Meeting of the State Bar of Nevada, Newport Beach, CA (July 11, 2014)
- "What's the Deal with Deal Litigation in Nevada?" CLE Presentation for the Association of Corporate Counsel (January 2012)
- "In House Ethics," CLE Presentation for the Association of Corporate Counsel (December 2008)
- "Ethics of Internal Investigations," CLE Presentation for the Association of Corporate Counsel (August 2007)

## Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation (2013-2024)
- Legal Elite - Top Southern Nevada Attorneys, Nevada Business Magazine (2012-2013, 2015-2017, 2021)
- 50 Hour Club, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (2012)
- Myrna Williams Children's Pro Bono Award as Child Advocate of the Year (2011)
- Lied Award for most pro bono service in Nevada (2011)

## Community Involvement

- Vatican Observatory Foundation
  - Board of Advisors (2022 - present)
- Legatus
  - Las Vegas Chapter President (2018-present)
- St. Thomas More Society of Nevada
  - President and Founding Director (2012-present)
- Nevada Virtual Academy, public charter school of the Nevada Department of Education
  - Board of Governors (2007-2018)

## Previous Professional Experience

- Jones Day, Associate (2001-2004)

## Bar Admissions

- Nevada
- Pennsylvania

## Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Nevada
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

- United States District Court, District of Nevada
- United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania