

The Importance of Experienced Appellate Counsel

Appellate Litigation is a distinct practice area requiring a sophisticated understanding of appellate procedure, advanced legal analysis, and persuasive written and oral advocacy. Appellate litigators, frequently working on matters that have already been tried, must work closely with trial counsel to properly outline and preserve legal issues for appeal.

Once a matter is before an appellate court, counsel must have the experience and skills to present logically developed and legally supported arguments to the court.

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Experience

The attorneys of Hutchison & Steffen's Appellate Litigation practice have extensive experience in appellate law. They have participated as counsel in cases before the United States Supreme Court, Federal Appellate Courts, and the Nevada Supreme Court. Two of the Firm's attorneys have combined experience of more than 28 years of service with the Nevada Supreme Court – one served on the Nevada Supreme Court for 15 years, retiring as Chief Justice, and another was both a staff attorney and a long-time supervising staff attorney at the court. The Firm's lawyers have worked as law clerks for both federal courts of appeals and the Nevada Supreme Court, where the Firm's experience is unparalleled in Nevada. The Firm's appellate litigators are licensed before the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, U.S. District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and state appellate courts in Nevada, Utah, Arizona, California, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Texas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

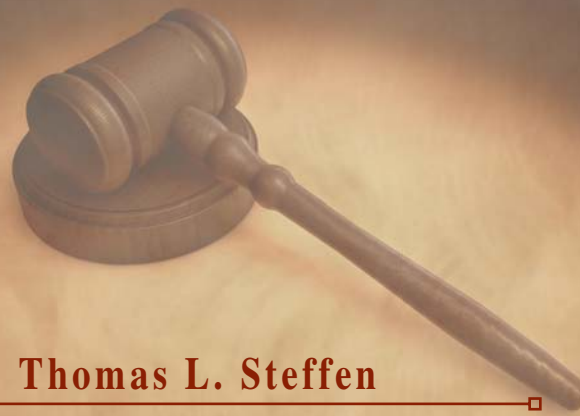


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Since his retirement as Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court in 1997, Thomas L. Steffen has been a vital member of the Firm serving as Of Counsel. He attended law school at George Washington University, graduating with honors, and earned an LL.M degree in the judicial process from the University of Virginia. Thomas engaged in a successful and varied civil trial practice in the state and federal courts before his appointment to the Nevada Supreme Court in 1982.

Michael K. Wall

PARTNER

A partner of the Firm, Michael K. Wall practices primarily in the areas of appellate law and business and commercial litigation. He received his B.A. degree in English with a minor in German from the University of Utah in 1981, magna cum laude, and his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Utah College of Law in 1984 (top 15% of his class). After law school, Michael was employed by the Nevada Supreme Court as a staff attorney for 13 years and while there was elevated to the position of Supervising Staff Attorney. Michael is admitted to practice in both state and federal courts in Nevada and Utah.

Mark A. Hutchison

PARTNER

Mark A. Hutchison is the senior shareholder of the Firm. A native Las Vegas, he graduated Phi Kappa Phi from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (high distinction) and received his J.D., magna cum laude, from Brigham Young University. Mark practices primarily in the areas of business and commercial litigation, construction litigation, medical malpractice, appellate advocacy, real estate law, and employment law. Mark is admitted to practice and has litigated cases in both state and federal courts of Nevada and California, federal courts of Arizona and Wyoming, the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

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James H. Randall is a partner of the Firm, practicing primarily in the areas of insurance defense, products liability, healthcare professionals advocacy, appellate law, personal injury law, and medical malpractice. He received his B.S. degree in Finance from Arizona State University in 1989 and his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 1992. After law school, James served as a judicial law clerk for Justice Thomas L. Steffen, Nevada Supreme Court, 1992-93. Thereafter, he joined a large Nevada law firm and practiced in that firm's Litigation Department. He is admitted to practice in both the state and federal courts of Nevada.