



EXPERIENCE

John Wendland is a partner at Weil & Drage and has extensive experience representing design professionals (architects, engineers, and consultants), construction companies (developers, general contractors and subcontractors), financial institutions (creditors and debtors), and real estate and real estate related firms (brokers, agents, and title companies). John focuses his practice on complex civil litigation matters, including contract disputes, professional negligence, professional board (architecture, engineering, and contractor) complaints, personal injury, real estate disputes, foreclosures/short sale/loan modification negotiations, intellectual property disputes, and all business related civil litigation. John represents both plaintiff and defendant parties in actions throughout Nevada, Arizona, and other jurisdictions in the Pacific, such as Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. John's litigation experience includes multi-million dollar claims including contract/fee disputes, and alleged defects in resort/casino buildings, residential properties (custom and tract), schools, office buildings/parks, governmental structures, highways, gas-stations, and even silos.

Given John's prior training in business management (domestic and international) and understanding of his clients' "bottom line," he brings an aggressive approach in prosecuting or defending claims with the goal of quick resolution, thereby minimizing the fees and costs incurred by his clients.

EDUCATION

University of Hawaii at Manoa
Bachelor of Business/Arts, 1994
International Business and Marketing

Drake University Law School
Juris Doctor *with Honors*, 1998
Jessup International Moot Court Team
Runner-Up Best Memorial Mid-West Region, 1998
CALLI Excellence for the Future Award
Corpus Juris Secundum Award
Who's Who Among American Law Students

DISTINCTIONS

Super Lawyers, Mountain States, 2018, 2019, 2020
Legal Elite, Nevada Business Magazine, 2018

MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

State Bar of Nevada
State Bar of Arizona
United States District Court, District of Nevada
United States District Court, District of Arizona
United States Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

American Bar Association
Clark County (Nevada) Bar Association
Southern Arizona Chapter American Institute of Architects
Tucson Chapter Structural Engineers Association
Maricopa County (Arizona) Bar Association
Languages: Japanese

PUBLISHED DECISIONS

Rolf Jensen Associates, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial District Court, 282 P.3d 743, 128 Nev. Advance Opinion 42 (Nevada 2012): Represented ADA consultant in a petition for a writ of mandamus to the Nevada Supreme Court resulting in the Supreme Court holding that owner's state claims for indemnity and contribution for ADA and FHA violations were barred under the doctrine of Federal obstacle preemption.

Berry v. State, 363 P.3d 1148, 131 Nev. Advance Opinion 96 (Nevada 2015): Appeal of an order dismissing Mr. Berry's post-conviction petition for a writ of habeas corpus based on actual innocence for a murder he never committed. The Supreme Court reversed and remanded the dismissal which resulted in the State of Nevada, through its Conviction Integrity Unit, agreeing to release Mr. Berry from prison after serving 22 years (the first time this occurred in the State of Nevada). Mr. Berry's release became national and international news.

AUTHOR AND PRESENTER

Navigating Ethical Dilemmas: Choose Our Own Adventure (May, 2018, AIA NV/NSBAIDRD/NCARB)

The Legal Side of Design – Mock Trial
(September, 2015, American Institute of Architects,
Las Vegas Chapter)

*Issues for Nevada Design Professionals / Law of
Engineering Malpractice*
(2009, ASCE, AIA, Half Moon Seminars)

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