

Alexandra Beth McLeod

TRIAL ATTORNEY, ARBITRATOR, & SHORT TRIAL JUDGE

Tenacious, AV-rated lawyer with jury trial experience in Nevada:

- Admitted: State Bar of Nevada, 2002; U.S. District Court, Nevada District, 2003
- Zealous advocacy in more than 15 cases taken to jury verdict or judgment in courts of general jurisdiction
- Exceptional deposition & cross-examination skills with both lay & expert/medical witnesses
- Well-crafted law & motion, & compelling oral argument, both at pre-trial & appellate level
- Practiced in successful use of ADR with approx. 500 arbitrations, settlement conferences, & mediations
- Appointed arbitrator & short trial judge in court-annexed programs
- Experienced trainer & mentor of junior associate attorneys (appointed by the Nevada Supreme Court as a Transition into Practice (TIP) mentor)
- Successful oral argument before Nevada Supreme Court in *Orozco v Thornton Concrete Pumping* to affirm summary judgment (recording available at www.nevadajudiciary.us website)
- Published Nevada Supreme Court opinion, *Gardner v. Henderson Water Park, LLC, et al.*, 133 Nev. Adv. Op. 54 (2017) affirming summary judgment for clients
- Amicus argument before Nevada Court of Appeals in *Schueler v. Ad Art*, 136 Nev. Ad. Op. 52 (2020)
- Member of Board of Directors of Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys (SNAWA), President 2023-25
- 2019-2023 Bar Chair of the Civil Bench-Bar Committee
- Former Member of Board of Directors of Las Vegas Defense Lawyers
- Former Member of Nevada Justice Association

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Of Counsel, WILSON ELSER MOSKOWITZ EDELMAN & DICKER LLP*** **Nov 2022—Present**
Preeminent defense litigation firm in the United States (ranked 105th in the AmLaw 200 and 57th in the National Law Journal's NLJ 500). Return to private practice representing insured and self-insured individuals and companies at all levels of litigation including law & motion, discovery/depositions, mediation, arbitration, settlement, and trial preparation.
- Trial Attorney, NETTLES | MORRIS*** **Aug 2021—Aug 2022**
Plaintiffs' attorney and advocate handling severe spinal, brain injury, and catastrophic personal injury matters. Three jury trials before Judges L. Bell and E. Johnson (2).
- Trial Attorney, AIG STAFF COUNSEL (fka GRANT & ASSOCIATES)*** **Sept 2017—Aug 2021**
Staff counsel specializing in civil defense litigation for AIG insured companies and their employees. Experience included three jury trials before Judges Sturman, Wiese, and Bare.
- Senior Associate Attorney, THORNDAL ARMSTRONG, PC*** **Feb 2014—Sept 2017**
Nevada law firm specializing in civil defense litigation. Maintained fast-paced civil trial practice with emphasis in premises liability and automobile/transportation negligence cases, including catastrophic injury and/or fatality accidents.
- Supervising Attorney, BRADY, VORWERCK, RYDER & CASPINO*** **Oct 2008—Jan 2014**
Defense litigation law firm comprised of 35+ lawyers in seven offices. Responsible for managing Las Vegas casualty unit, supervising associate attorneys and staff, as well as handling and trying cases.
- Associate Attorney Positions:***
- LEWIS & ASSOCIATES, LLC** **Mar 2007—Sept 2008**
- SEEGMILLER & ASSOCIATES** **Aug 2006—Feb 2007**
- LEWIS & SHREVE, LLP** **Jan 2003—Aug 2006**

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate	<i>University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 2002</i>
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science <i>Cum Laude</i>, with Minor in Spanish Language	<i>American University, 1999</i>
Diplomate <i>Cum Laude</i>	<i>Choate Rosemary Hall, 1996</i>

OTHER

Adjunct Professor | University of Phoenix, Las Vegas Campus | 2008-2013
Instructor for Business Law, Negotiations, & Ethics classes

Conversational in Oral & Written Spanish Language
Term abroad in La Coruña, Galicia, Spain

Lived abroad in Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia

Publications:

“Catch-22: An Inquiry into the Competency of Mentally Disordered Offenders to Waive Their Right to Recommitment Hearings,” MCGEORGE LAW REVIEW, available at 32 M.L.R. 593

“I Have to Sign *What*, Just to Work Out?! The Enforceability of Fitness Club Waivers,” NEVADA LAWYER, August 2018

“Networking Like a Boss,” NEVADA LAWYER, August 2022

“Missing Pieces: How Women Lawyers Complete Your Trial Team,” CLM MAGAZINE, March 2023 (co-author)

Seminars Taught:

Trial Lawyer Bootcamp: Mechanics of Trial & Jury Selection – Aug 2022, Nevada Justice Association

Women in the Law: Trial Skills (moderator) – Oct 2022, Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys

Women in the Law: Network like a Boss – Nov 2022, Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys

Women Attorneys Valued & Empowered (WAVE) CLE program: Navigating Male-Dominated Fields (panel moderator) – Mar 2023

Discovery with Commissioners Truman & Ganz (moderator) – Dec 2023, Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys

Combating Plaintiffs’ Reptilian Tactics in Commercial Vehicle, Premises Liability, Products Liability, and Med Mal Cases – March 2024, Strafford CLE

“Pipeline to Leadership” presentation at Boyd School of Law – planned Apr 2024, Nevada State Bar