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| representative cases   * Legislative engagement for Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers on 2019 passage of Assembly Bill 221 to expand gaming technology sector work force development. * Representation in 2019 of Wynn Las Vegas, LLC for Nevada Gaming Commission licensing of Marilyn Spiegel as the President for Las Vegas properties. * Engagement in 2019 by international payment processor firm in connection with multi-jurisdictional gaming regulatory compliance and licensing for associated equipment technology development for use in the casino point of sale operations. * Nevada special corporate and gaming counsel to underwriters in the initial public offering by social gaming technology company in 2019. * 2018 engagement as counsel for Tronox, LLC in sale of Electrolytic Division to EMD Acquisition LLC. * 2018 representation of MHM Solutions, Inc. in successful cancellation of contract award for temporary medical services by Nevada State Purchasing Division based on violation of state procurement laws. * Nevada special gaming counsel on 2018 working capital loan by international investment bank to holding company of publicly traded multi-jurisdictional gaming resort hotel company. * 2017 officer and director licensing and public share redemption transaction approval by Nevada Gaming Commission for Tracinda Corporation as controlling shareholder the Estate of Kirk Kirkorian and largest private holder of equity stock in MGM Resorts International. * 2017 approval for Calpine Energy Solutions, LLC of merger with ECP ControlCo, LLP and related license transfer. * Separate engagements during 2017 for a multi-property resort hotel firm, a gaming technology company, and a skill-based mobile games platform operator on multi-jurisdictional gaming regulatory matters relating to various social gaming and sports wagering platforms. * 2016 preliminary finding of suitability for Station Casino's Project Redfield Reno. * 2016 negotiation for City of Boulder City of Post-2017 Hoover Power electric service contract and related agreements with United States Bureau of Reclamation and Western Power Administration. * 2015 passage for the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers of Senate Bill 9 and related adoption of Nevada Gaming Commission regulations authorizing development and play in Nevada of electronic skill-based games. * 2014 licensing and approvals for acquisition by Global Cash Access Holdings, Inc. of Multimedia Games Holding Company, Inc. * 2013 adoption for International Game Technology and Bally Technologies, Inc. of Nevada Gaming Commission Regulations authorizing multi-state progressive prizes for linked slot machines. * 2012 and 2011 licensing and approvals for acquisition by private equity consortium of Aliante Casino & Hotel from Stations Casino, LLC. * 2011 approval of utility environmental protection act permits for Armagosa Valley Solar I, LLC to construct 500 megawatt solar generation plant. * 2011 and 2010 approvals for credit facilities and notes offerings by International Game Technology. * 2011 and 2009 legislative engagements for the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers on Assembly Bill 294 and Senate Bill 83 providing for the regulation of gaming device independent contractors. * 2010 approval of award and contract by Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County for First Transit. * 2009 approval of award and contract by Nevada Public Employees Retirement System for Diversified Dental Services, Inc. * 2007, 2003 and 1999 legislative engagements for AT&T, Inc. and SBC Communications, Inc. on Assembly Bill 518, Assembly Bill 526, Senate Bill 400 and Senate Bill 440 adopting the state video services franchise act and proving plan and program for telecommunications market regulatory reform. * 2007 approvals of merger of First Republic Bank with Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust. * 2006 approval of demutualization of Employers’ Insurance Group. * *International Game Technology, et al. v. Second Judicial District Court, et al.,* 122 Nev. 132, 127 P.3d 1088 (2006). * *Attorney General v. NOS Communications,* 120 Nev. 65, 84 P.3d 1052 (2004). * 2003 licenses and approvals for formation of Schwab Bank, N.A. * 2003 approval for SBC Communications, Inc. to offer long-distance service under Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act. * *Sengel v. International Game Technology,* 116 Nev. 565, 2 P.3d 258 (2000). * 1999 initial registration and licensing of Sierra Design Group as manufacturer and distributor of gaming equipment. * 1999 approval for SBC Communications, Inc. to acquire Ameritech Corporation. * 1998 and 1997 initial registration and licensing of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. and acquisition of ITT Sheraton Corporation and Caesars World, Inc. * 1997 legislative engagement for First Republic Bank on Assembly Bill 360 providing for banking and thrift company regulatory reform. * 1996 approval for SBC Communications, Inc. to acquire Pacific Telesis Corporation. * 1996 approvals of acquisition of First Interstate Bank by Wells Fargo, N.A. * 1995 initial registration and licensing of WMS Industries Inc. as manufacturer and distributor of gaming equipment. * *Kraft v. Jacka*, 872 F.2d 862 (9th Cir. 1989). * *Hotel Employees v. State Gaming Control Bd.,* 103 Nev. 588, 747 P.2d 878 (1987). |
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| awards and honors   * *Chambers USA,* Leading Lawyers for Business, 2005-2021 * *Best Lawyers in America*®*,* Administrative/Regulatory Law, Energy Law, Gaming Law, 2005-2021 * *Mountain States Super Lawyers*®*,* Gaming, 2007-2021 * *Best Lawyers in America*®*,* Lawyer of the Year, Gaming Law, 2015, 2019 * "Legal Elite," *Nevada Business Magazine*, 2017 * AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated (the highest rating available), by Martindale-Hubbell |
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