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Evan J. Champa

Associate Attorney

Evan Champa is an associate admitted to practice in Nevada. After working at a boutique law firm as well as an AM Law 200 firm, Evan is happy to join Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson.

Find Good in Every Day!

Practice Areas

Business & Corporate, Business Formation & Corporate Transactions, Commercial Real Estate Law, Condemnation & Eminent Domain, Environmental Law, Mining Law, Natural Resources & Agriculture, Water Law

Evan was born in a southern California Naval hospital to his parents; a Naval officer and a fifth-generation Nevadan. While being raised abroad and in Wyoming, Evan returned to Nevada to pursue a degree in hydrogeology from the Mackay School of Mines - University of Nevada, Reno. Thereafter, Evan spent nearly half a decade working in the field as a consulting hydrogeologist and exploration geologist before attending Willamette Law School. There, he externed for the Oregon State Engineer and Attorney General's office before earning a certificate in Sustainable Environmental and Energy Resources.

Evan's practice focuses on water and mining law, where his unique background allows him to provide advice to clients which pairs the applicable law to highly technical scientific findings. He eagerly represents any client with dedicated passion, regardless of the complexities associated with the matter. His practice also includes residential and commercial real property transactions.

Evan has experience improving raw land to providing clients with guidance regarding daily operations.

In Evan's spare time, he enjoys raising his three boys alongside his wife. His family enjoys spending the summers camping, the winters skiing, and engaged in year-round sports - with Evan coaching lacrosse and soccer.



Education

Willamette University College of Law JD (2015) University of Nevada - Reno, Mackay School of Mines, BA Hydrogeology (2007)



Admissions

Nevada - All state courts



Affiliations

Washoe County Bar Association



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Briana N. Collings

Senior Associate

Briana N. Collings is a senior associate admitted to practice in both Nevada and California. After a clerkship with The Honorable Peter C. Lewis (Ret.) and working at a business boutique firm in Southern California, Brie now represents clients in both Nevada and California in litigation and transactional matters.

"Persistence is the twin sister of excellence. One is a matter of quality; the other, a matter of time." - Habeeb Akande

Practice Areas

Business Formation & Corporate Transactions, Commercial & Complex Civil Litigation, Commercial Real Estate Law

Career

Ms. Collings is a Northern Nevada native who, after spending a number of years in Southern California, is pleased to have returned to her roots. Brie's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation both at the federal and state levels as well as transactional business matters. Brie has significant experience with corporate governance matters, including drafting entity formation documents, shareholder agreements, buy-sell agreements, and annual meeting minutes. Brie also has experience in employment law, commercial real estate transactions, complex business transactions, and intellectual property disputes.

Brie graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with Bachelors of Arts degrees in Economics and Criminal Justice. After graduating, Brie moved to San Diego, California to obtain her Juris Doctorate from California Western School of Law, where she graduated magna cum laude and as a member of the school's Public Service Honors Society. There, Brie was a Diversity Fellow through the San Diego County Bar Association and she worked for Sempra Energy as well as San Diego Gas & Electric Company. She also externed for The Honorable Anthony J. Battaglia in the United States Federal District Court for the Southern District of California. During law school, Brie tutored constitutional law courses as well as intensive legal writing courses for first-year students.

Personal

In her personal time, Brie serves as a remote collegiate advisor to Delta GammaEpsilon Iota as Vice President of Delta Gamma-Eta Iota's House Corporation. She enjoys traveling, hiking, and baking.



Education

- California Western School of Law
- San Diego, CA
- J.D. magna cum laude, 2017
- Concentration in Business Law, with Honors; Academic Merit Scholarship Recipient
- University of Nevada, Reno
- Reno, NV
- B.A., Criminal Justice, 2014
- B.A., Economics, 2014



Admissions

- California, 2017
- Nevada, 2018
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, 2018
- U.S. District Court, District of Nevada 2020
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, 2020



Affiliations

- Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association
- Washoe County Bar Association
- American Bar Association



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Anthony Arger

Shareholder

Anthony's legal practice focuses primarily on civil and commercial law at the federal and state levels. He is currently a member of the Washoe County Bar Association and Western Trial Lawyers Association.

"The difference between good and great is always the little things. It's the details that make the difference."

Practice Areas

[Commercial & Complex Civil Litigation](#)

Anthony Arger is a Reno native that is pleased to be practicing the legal profession in his hometown after a range of business experience in New York City and in the Northern California wine country. His practice focuses primarily on corporate and commercial law at the federal and state levels, with an acute appreciation for complex business litigation, commercial real estate law, estate & trust litigation. He also has experience with land use, administrative agencies, water rights, environmental law, and other precious natural resources. He is currently a member of the Western Trial Lawyers Association, and on the Board of Directors for the Washoe County Bar Association.

Career

Mr. Arger graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Bates College in 2006, where he also played football. Immediately after completing his undergraduate studies, he worked in finance at Morgan Stanley and Dexia Credit Local in New York City. After nearly three years in Manhattan, he moved to Napa Valley and served as the Director of Sales & Marketing at Arger-Martucci Vineyards. While working at his family's winery, Mr. Arger simultaneously attended graduate school, earning dual Juris Doctorate (JD) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) degrees from the University of San Francisco in 2014. He graduated with honors in his JD concentration on corporate and commercial law, and graduated first in his MBA class. Prior to joining Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson, Mr. Arger served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Justice James W. Hardesty of the Nevada Supreme Court.

Mr. Arger has been featured in Nevada Business Magazine as one of Northern Nevada's Best Up and Coming for 2016, 2017, and 2020 and Northern Nevada's Top Attorneys for 2021. Mr. Arger's community involvement includes volunteer legal consultation in several land use and environmental causes.

Personal

In his personal life, Mr. Arger enjoys spending time with his family and participating in outdoor activities that include skiing, trail running, mountain biking, backpacking, and surfing.



Education

University of San Francisco School of Law
• J.D., 2014
• MBA, 2014
Bates College
• B.A., 2006



Admissions

• U.S. District Court — Nevada, 2015
• Nevada, 2015
• California, 2015



Affiliations

• Washoe County Bar Association
• Western Trial Lawyers Association



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Richard D. Williamson

Shareholder

Richard Williamson is a shareholder admitted to the state bars of Nevada and California as well as the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He has represented clients in numerous jury trials, bench trials, arbitration hearings, mediations, and administrative proceedings. His practice primarily focuses on Commercial Real Estate Law and Commercial and Complex Civil Litigation.

"The best preparation for tomorrow is to work hard today."

Practice Areas

Commercial & Complex Civil Litigation, Commercial Real Estate Law, Condemnation & Eminent Domain

Career

Mr. Williamson grew up in Reno and is a graduate of Bishop Manogue Catholic High School. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of San Diego in 2002, where he earned a B.A. in History. He received his Juris Doctorate from American University's Washington College of Law in 2005, where he was Managing Editor of the Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law and a member of the Moot Court Honor Society. Upon completing his studies on the East Coast, Mr. Williamson was eager to return home where he began his career as a law clerk to the Honorable Brent Adams of the Second Judicial District Court for the State of Nevada.

Mr. Williamson has received a Distinguished Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating by his peers, recognizing his professional excellence in both legal ability and ethical standards. Martindale-Hubbell's Peer Review Ratings are not sold. He was selected as a Super Lawyers Rising Star for 2012 through 2019. Mr. Williamson has also been featured in Nevada Business Magazine as one of Northern Nevada's Top Attorneys for 2011 through 2018, 2020 and 2021 as chosen by his peers and has earned an Avvo 10.0 superb rating.

Personal

Mr. Williamson is currently a member of the Washoe County Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He also contributes a great deal of his time to volunteer activities. His professional commitments include serving on the State Bar of Nevada's Northern Nevada Disciplinary Board, and holding various leadership positions within the American Bar Association. A father of two, Mr. Williamson serves his community as a volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America and frequently participates in the Washoe County Law Library's "Lawyer in the Library" program. Mr. Williamson has previously served as a member of the Western Trial Lawyers Association, Nevada Trial Lawyers Association and the American Inns of Court.



Education

Washington College of Law J.D., 2005
• Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law, Managing Editor
• Moot Court Honor Society
University of San Diego B.A., 2002



Admissions

• Nevada, 2006
• California, 2007
• U.S. District Court - Nevada, 2006



Affiliations

• Washoe County Bar Association
• American Bar Association



Jarrad Miller

Shareholder

Jarrad Miller is a shareholder admitted to the state bars of Nevada and California as well as the United States District Court for the District of Nevada and the Eastern District of California.

“The most valuable of all talents is that of never using two words when one will do.” - Thomas Jefferson

Practice Areas

Business & Corporate, Commercial & Complex Civil Litigation, Environmental Law, Mining Law, Natural Resources & Agriculture, Real Estate Law & Litigation, Water Law

As a graduate of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Jarrad has successfully represented clients in jury trials, bench trials, arbitrations, administrative hearings, appellate practice and mediations. In his transactional practice, Jarrad has represented the owners of commercial properties, ranches, Tahoe estates, mining operations and a large-scale casino/resort in multi-million dollar conveyances. An experienced litigator for more than two decades, Mr. Miller is now focused on complex transactional law in the areas of real estate, business and natural resources. He prides himself on his ability to get matters resolved.

Career

Mr. Miller was raised in the Reno/Sparks area where he graduated from Edward C. Reed High School. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Nevada, Reno (“UNR”) in 1995. He earned his Juris Doctor Cum Laude from Michigan State University College of Law, where he attended on an academic Merit Scholarship Award. Mr. Miller was the top Real Property student receiving a Book Award in that subject, and graduated with honors in 1999. From 1994-1996, he was a licensed Nevada Real Estate Sales Agent and has continued that interest in real estate law.

Mr. Miller has received an AV Preeminent Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating by his peers ranking him at the highest level of professional excellence in both legal ability and ethical standards. This distinction is awarded to less than five percent of all United States lawyers. Martindale-Hubbell’s Peer Review Ratings are not sold. An attorney awarded the “AV” rating has earned that distinction based on the anonymous opinions of attorneys and judges who have witnessed the ethics and legal abilities of the rated lawyer. He was selected as a Super Lawyers Rising Star, one of the state’s outstanding young lawyers. No more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state are named to the list. His listing was published in the July 2009 issue of Mountain States Super Lawyers and on SuperLawyers.com. Mr. Miller has been featured in Nevada Business Magazine as one of Northern Nevada’s Top Attorneys for 2011 and 2015 as chosen by his peers and has earned an AVVO 10.0 superb rating.

Personal

Born and raised in Nevada, Mr. Miller enjoys outdoor pursuits that include skiing, cycling, golfing and camping with his family and friends. Mr. Miller met his wife while both were attending UNR and all three of their children have studied at UNR.



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Education

Michigan State University
College of Law J.D., 1999 Cum
Laude (Honors) Honor Roll, 6 of
6 terms Academic Merit
Scholarship Award Recipient
University of Nevada, Reno
B.A., 1995



Admissions

- U.S. District Court - Nevada,
2005
- U.S. District Court - E. D. CA,
2003
- California, 2000
- Nevada, 1999



Affiliations

- Washoe County Bar
Association
- Western Trial Lawyers
Association (past president)



Kirk Johnson

Shareholder

Kirk Johnson is a shareholder admitted to the state bars of Nevada, Arizona and Colorado as well as the United States District Court for the District of Nevada and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

“People who practice excellence are enthusiastic about what they do.”

Practice Areas

Appellate Litigation, Business & Corporate, Commercial & Complex Civil Litigation, Commercial Real Estate Law, Condemnation & Eminent Domain, Environmental Law, Natural Resources & Agriculture, Real Estate Law & Litigation

Mr. Johnson serves business clients. From forming business entities, to preparing contracts and agreements, to negotiating and documenting large (multi-million dollar) commercial real estate deals, to structuring business sales and dissolutions, Kirk prides himself on finding innovative answers for his clients' complex issues. He was inspired to pursue a legal career by his grandfather, a Harvard-educated Iowa attorney and close personal friend to Chief Justice Warren E. Berger, the 15th Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Career

Mr. Johnson received his Juris Doctorate Degree from Arizona State University College of Law and a Bachelor of Business Administration, with distinction, from Iowa State University. He began his legal career in Nevada in 1991, maintaining a diverse legal practice focusing primarily on commercial, corporate and real estate law. Within the broad range of Mr. Johnson's real estate practice is the representation of numerous commercial entities, including the owners of large regional and smaller local commercial centers. He has assisted these clients in successfully dealing with every aspect of their landlord/tenant relationship, from negotiating and preparing leases to recovering lost rent and damages. Mr. Johnson has authored papers and lectured on commercial summary evictions and unlawful detainers in Nevada. He has even been retained as an expert witness on landlord/tenant issues. His extensive experience in representing the owners of commercial centers has made Mr. Johnson one of Reno's top commercial landlord attorneys.

Mr. Johnson has substantial experience in all facets of civil litigation. In two cases, the judgement nearly covered all of the clients' attorneys' fees (\$1.3 million and \$356,000, respectively). Mr. Johnson has enjoyed particular success in the appellate arena, authoring several successful appeals and writs in high profile and complex cases to the Nevada Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (see Squaw Valley Dev. Co. v. Goldberg, 375 F.3d 936 (9th Cir. 2004), rehearing denied 395 F.3d 1062 (9th Cir. 2005); Wardleigh v. Second Judicial District Court, 891



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P.2d 1180 (Nev. 1995); *Sierra Nevada Stagelines, Inc. v. Rossi*, 892 P.2d 592 (Nev. 1995); *McKeeman v. General American Life Ins. Co.*, 899 P.2d 1124 (Nev. 1995); and *Semenza v. Caughlin Crafted Homes*, 901 P.2d 684 (Nev. 1995).) Mr. Johnson has received a Distinguished Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating by his peers, recognizing his professional excellence in both legal ability and ethical standards. Martindale-Hubbell's Peer Review Ratings are not sold. Mr. Johnson has been featured in Nevada Business Magazine as one of Northern Nevada's Top Attorneys for 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015 as chosen by his peers and has earned an AVVO 8.9 rating.

Personal

In his personal time, Mr. Johnson gives back to his community. With a strong belief in community responsibility, Mr. Johnson has served on the Executive Council of the Nevada State Bar's Young Lawyers Section, which provides financial support to local charities. He has also served as a Director for the Reno Active 20/30 Club, a non-profit organization focused on assisting underprivileged children, and has been an active member of his church in various capacities.



Education

Arizona State University J.D.,
1991 Pedrick Scholar Graduate
Tuition Scholarship Recipient
Iowa State University B.B.A.,
1988 Distinction Golden Key
National Honor Society



Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Cir, 2000
- Colorado-all state courts, 1993
- Arizona-all state courts, 1992
- U.S. District Court - Nevada, 1991
- Nevada-all state courts, 1991



Affiliations

- Washoe County Bar Association
- Western Trial Lawyers Association



G. David Robertson

Senior Shareholder

Mr. Robertson is the founding member of Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson and served for many years as the firm's Managing Shareholder. Mr. Robertson is equally comfortable in the courtroom, the boardroom, and at the legislature - regularly serving as lead transactional and litigation counsel for the firm. This unique and broad range of experience allows Mr. Robertson to provide RJMW's clients with comprehensive, strategic, innovative and cost-effective counsel, and he often works as a key adviser to boards of directors and general counsel.

"Excellence honors God and inspires people."

Practice Areas

Arbitration & Mediation, Aviation Law, Business & Corporate, Commercial & Complex Civil Litigation, Condemnation & Eminent Domain, Environmental Law, Mining Law, Natural Resources & Agriculture, Real Estate Law & Litigation, Trust, Estate & Probate Litigation, Water Law

Mr. Robertson is equally comfortable in the courtroom, the boardroom, and at the legislature. This unique and broad range of experience allows Mr. Robertson to provide RJMW's clients with comprehensive, strategic, innovative and cost-effective counsel, and he often works as a key adviser to boards of directors and general counsel. His practice focuses primarily on complex commercial litigation, mining, water law, real estate, aviation, mergers and



acquisitions, trust litigation and commercial transactions. His clients include national and international companies, established technology entrepreneurs, emerging growth companies, commercial development and natural resources companies, and he serves a broad range of industries, including mining, telecommunications, construction, trust administration, real estate, innovation/technology, manufacturing, development, governmental entities and professional services.

Combining his expertise in real estate and environmental law with a deep-seated passion for litigation, founding shareholder G. David Robertson has developed Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson into one of the preeminent specialty law firms in the Western United States. In 2017, Mr. Robertson successfully litigated on behalf of the plaintiffs in one of the largest Federal Court civil rights jury verdicts on record when a jury awarded in excess of \$107 Million to a mining owner and operator against the County of Sacramento, CA. That case settled in 2024 by Sacramento County paying \$78 Million to the mine's owner and operator. He is equally at home defending against claims for large damage awards, as evidenced by his victorious defense of the Squaw Valley Ski Corporation when both the State of California and the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board failed in their pursuit of a lawsuit against Squaw Valley for in excess of \$25 million in civil penalties.

Career

These two case samples are illustrative among the 100+ jury trials where Mr. Robertson has advocated on behalf of clients with an over 90% success rate. His extended track record of victories punctuate a legal career now spanning over four decades. At the age of 12 growing up in Davis, California, he first informed his parents that he wanted to be a litigator. After completing his education, where he graduated from law school both with scholastic and moot court honors and also as a published law review editor, Mr. Robertson was selected from among hundreds of other applicants to be law clerk for the Honorable Bruce R. Thompson, Senior United States Federal District Judge for the District of Nevada. While in the service of Judge Thompson from 1983 to 1985, he gained invaluable experience in property, constitutional law, civil rights and water-related issues that would later become the foundation of his practice. He is currently recognized as one of the top real estate and water law attorneys in the Western United States. His partnership at RJMW has strategically developed the firm by recruiting distinguished attorneys and associates with similar passions for real estate and environmental law combined with strong ties to the State of Nevada.

While many lawyers hope at some point in their career to join the "Million Dollar Club" by obtaining a jury verdict for their client(s) in excess of \$1,000,000.00, Mr. Robertson achieved that lofty goal *on his very first jury trial* in 1984, when the jury awarded his clients \$1.3 Million.

This early success soon extended to include several awards in excess of \$10 Million, then \$15 Million and another verdict worth over \$20 Million. His practice then expanded to class-action cases, where he obtained judgments of \$35 Million and later nearly \$70 Million. His courtroom career has most recently broken the \$100-Million-mark with his successful case against the County of Sacramento. His passion, experience and integrity have also earned him several elected terms as President and later as Board Chairman of the Western Trial Lawyers Association.

Mr. Robertson earned his Juris Doctorate with honors from the University of San Diego (1983) where he published a law review article regarding a controversial international water-related treaty. He is admitted to the State Bar of Nevada and State Bar of California, as well as the United States Supreme Court, U.S. District Courts for the District of Nevada, Northern District of California and Eastern District of California, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Personal

Mr. Robertson is proudly married to his wife of two decades and is a devoted father and grandfather. In addition, he and Kathy support multiple orphans and an orphanage in Mexico. They are also very active with several Christian churches and missions. Mr. Robertson regularly provides free legal assistance to members of those churches who are in need. Besides his active church service, Mr. Robertson also has a passion for aviation and is a licensed airplane and helicopter pilot. He has regularly offered to donate his time, aircraft and flight hours to charity organizations that provide free flights to patients who need medical services at distant locations. He also donates piloting time and his helicopter to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Air Squadron for their Search and Rescue missions.



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Education

Education University of San
Diego J.D., 1983 Honors Law
Review, Associate Editor
(Published Spring 1983)



Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court, 1988
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th
Cir, 1986
- U.S. District Court-E. D. CA,
1986
- U.S. District Court -Nevada,
1984
- Nevada-all state courts, 1984
- U.S. District Court-N.D. CA,
1983
- California-all state courts,
1983



Affiliations

- Washoe County Bar
Association
- Western Trial Lawyers
Association
- Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Nevada Justice Association
- American Association of
Justice
- Tahoe-Truckee Bar
Association
- Angel Flight West
- Aircraft Owners & Pilot
Association
- Experimental Aircraft
Association
- Helicopter Association
International