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PRACTICES

Environmental
Energy Consumers, Developers, and Public Utilities
Government
Environmental Transactions
State Government Affairs
Stadiums, Arenas, and Sports
State and Local Tax

INDUSTRIES

Energy and Resources

EDUCATION

William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada Las Vegas, J.D., 2013

Nevada State College, B.A., 2009
Cum Laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

Nevada

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada

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Matt counsels energy, corporate, and gaming clients on regulatory, litigation, and legislative matters.

Matt applies extensive state and local policy experience to help clients navigate the complex permitting, regulatory compliance matters, and litigation, their projects may face. With expertise in Nevada's public records and open meeting laws, as well as the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act, Matt guides clients through legal and regulatory obstacles encountered when operating across jurisdictions in Nevada. Matt draws from more than ten years of experience in government service to counsel clients on a range of issues, including legislative affairs, ballot initiatives, workforce and infrastructure development, gaming issues, land use and zoning matters, and energy and infrastructure policy. He also assists clients in developing and implementing effective strategic planning initiatives.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Matt worked at a prominent civil litigation defense firm in Nevada. His government experience includes serving as Legislative Director and Senior Policy Analyst for Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval and working as a staffer in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Matt also served as a law clerk to Justice Ron Parraguirre at the Nevada Supreme Court.

EXPERIENCE

Matt provides practical representation to clients operating in Nevada on a range of matters including:

- Legislative affairs, strategic planning, and public policy and ballot initiatives
- Commercial litigation, including professional negligence and products liability defense
- Energy and administrative law and regulation
- Nevada Public Records Act (NRS Chapter 239)
- Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS Chapter 241)
- Nevada Administrative Procedure Act (NRS Chapter 233B)
- Local land use and zoning

CLIENT RESULTS

- Led the team that designed, prepared, and completed Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan “Transformative Mobility”
- Challenged and overturned State of Nevada Department of Taxation's denial of tax exemption status for a non-profit medical education association on judicial review.
- Successfully obtained state and local licensure and regulatory approvals for clients across a variety of industry sectors, including a professional sports entity, NRS 704B provider of new electric resources, and intrastate transportation service provider.
- Successfully drafted and advocated for passage and approval of state legislation to expand energy-savings performance contracting.
- Successfully drafted and advocated for passage and approval of state legislation to extend local government agency authorization to submit bill draft requests to Nevada Legislature.
- Lead attorney for drafting first-in-the-nation legislation authorizing licensure and regulation of earned wage access services (SB 290, Nev., 2023)

PUBLICATIONS

"Don't Miss Nevada's Workshop on New Regs for Healthcare Professional Licensing Boards," *Health Law Update*, October 3, 2025

"Nevada Legislature Enhances Notice-and-Comment Requirements Under the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act," *Nevada Legislative Update*, July 29, 2025

"The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in Nevada: A Compelling Opportunity for Comprehensive Strategic Planning," *Nevada Lawyer Magazine*, April 2022

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Planning for Dynamic, Resilient and Adaptive Communities," *American Planning Association, Nevada Chapter, 2026 Annual Conference*, October 23, 2026

"Economic Development That Delivers: Tools Available to Counties to Negotiate with Industry," *Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) 2026 Annual Conference*, September 22, 2026

"Regional Legislative and Administrative Policy Developments," *20th Annual Energy in the Southwest Conference, Law Seminars International* , August 24, 2023

RECOGNITION

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Government Relations

Practice, 2027

- State Bar of Nevada, Section Pro Bono Challenge, Administrative Law - Top Volunteer Award, 2025
- 2nd Judicial District Court, Lawyer in the Library Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award, 2021, 2023, and 2024
- UNLV Boyd School of Law, Young Alumni of the Year Award, 2017

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Legislative Appointee – Nevada Public Records Task Force, 2025-present
- Nevada State University Presidential Search Committee, 2025-present
- Nevada State Bar CLE Committee Member, 2023-2026
- UNLV Boyd School of Law
    - Alumni Board of Directors, President, 2023-2024; Vice President, 2022-2023; Member, 2018-2024
    - Frank A. Schreck Gaming Law Moot Court Competition, Competition Judge, 2021, 2022
    - Policy and Legislation Society, Advisory Board Member, 2019-present
- Jobs for Nevada's Graduates, Board of Directors, 2016-present
- Nevada State University President's Board of Councilors – 2022-present
- Clark County Bar Association Client Counseling Competition, Competition Judge, 2019-2022
- Reno Young Professionals Network, Member, 2016-present