

MICHAEL R. KEALY

Shareholder

BIOGRAPHY

Michael Kealy represents clients that include large, national companies, local businesses, employers, political subdivisions and individuals in protecting their real and personal property rights, contractual matters and business interests. Some examples of Mr. Kealy's experience include the following:

- Lead counsel in the landmark case of Clean Water Coalition v. The M Resort, LLC which defined the state constitution's limits upon the state legislature's sweeping of funds from political subdivisions, in which Mr. Kealy successfully protected 62 million dollars of his client's funds.
- Counsel for a large mining company in litigation to protect its water rights in the Humboldt River Basin.
- Lead trial counsel in state court on behalf of large rural property owners in successfully protecting easement rights, including an award of attorney fees and an order of contempt against the opposing parties resulting in their confinement in jail.
- Co-trial counsel for a commercial parking and security company owner against other owners over control of the company, obtaining a successful judgment in favor of the client in addition to an award of attorney fees in excess of \$500,000 and sanctions against the opponents in excess of \$20,000.
- Trial counsel for a British investment fund in pursuing a former employee who embezzled over \$50 million Euro and absconded to Nevada, obtaining a temporary restraining order and permanent injunction that ultimately resolved the case, and a companion case in Great Britain.
- Representing numerous owners of real property and rural ranches properties in disputes over ownership, easements, water rights, royalties, leases and contracts.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Academic

Creighton University School of Law, J.D., 1983

University of Nebraska-Omaha, B.S.B.A., 1980



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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation, Trials & Appeals
Business & Commercial Litigation
Environmental & Natural Resources
Appeals & Litigation
Real Estate Litigation
Employee Contracts

LICENSED/ADMITTED

Nevada

Nebraska

U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

U.S. Dist. Court, Dist. of Nevada

U.S. Dist. Court, Dist. of Nebraska

U.S. Tax Court

U.S. Supreme Court

Professional

AV® Preeminent™ rating in *Martindale-Hubbell*

The Best Lawyers In America 2008 - 2021

Named *Best Lawyers in America* 2015 "Lawyer of the Year" for Reno Litigation - Real Estate

Recognized in *Chambers USA*, Litigation

Nevada Business magazine's *Legal Elite* 2012

ASSOCIATIONS

Professional

American Bar Foundation, Fellow

American Bar Association, Member (1984 - Present)

The Bruce R. Thompson American Inn of Court, President (2013 - 2014)

Association of Defense Counsel of Northern Nevada, Past President

Economic Development of Western Nevada (EDAWN - Board of Trustees Member)

PRESENTATIONS

"Nevada Appellate Pleading and Practice Issues," American Inns of Court (2010)

"Economical E-Discovery," American Inns of Court (2010)

"Jury Selection, Peering Into Your Peers," American Inns of Court (2008)

"Your First Trial, Make it a Short One," American Inns of Court (2007)

PUBLICATIONS

"Does the Management of Your LLC Owe a Duty to Act in the Interests of the LLC and the Members?" Nevada Business Magazine (October 2017)

"Legislating in the Wake of the Clean Water Coalition Case," *Nevada Lawyer Magazine* (February 20, 2013)

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Clean Water Coalition v. The M Resort, LLC, et al., 127 Nev.____, 255 P.3d 247, 127 Nev. Adv. Op. 24 (May 26, 2011)