



## Mark J. Connot

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Mark has a broad-based litigation practice in the federal and state courts focusing on complex commercial litigation and business disputes.

His experience includes shareholder derivative actions, partnership and shareholder disputes and business torts, commercial transactions, complex real estate issues, banking and lender issues, and labor and employment. He has a lengthy background dealing with all manner of technological issues and has a keen interest in the evolving drone industry. As a practicing lawyer with an M.B.A. degree, Mark approaches clients' matters from both a legal and business perspective and offers practical and efficient solutions.

Throughout his years of legal experience, Mark has been involved with hundreds of arbitrations and mediations across a broad spectrum of legal matters. He has served as lead counsel in more than 75 jury and court trials in state and federal courts and has also appeared before numerous administrative tribunals. In addition to his private practice, Mark served as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Oglala Sioux Nation. He has represented various individuals and entities in Tribal Court matters ranging from partnership dissolution, employment and corporate matters, as well as personal injury claims. Mark is also well-versed in defending deceptive trade practices act claims, and has represented national companies in such matters involving claims for penalties in excess of \$1 billion.

Mark has served as president of the South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association as well as a member of the Board of Governors of the South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association. In addition, Mark served as chair of the South Dakota State Bar Negligence and Tort Law Committee.

Within the firm, Mark serves as the Litigation Department administrative partner in the Las Vegas office. He is a member of the firm's Executive Committee and a former Managing Partner of the Las Vegas office.

### **Before Fox Rothschild**

Mark has presented various CLE seminars on insurance bad faith, punitive damages and Daubert issues and is a frequent guest lecturer at law school classes and undergraduate business law classes. He is active in the community and has served on various nonprofit boards, including United Way.

Mark has been quoted concerning real estate and litigation issues in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Las Vegas Review Journal*, *Las Vegas Sun* and in numerous other newspapers and online news sources, as well as appearing on Fox Business Network, Face to Face with Jon Ralston and "In Business" on Las Vegas One.



In addition to his legal practice, Mark is very involved in the community, and focuses his efforts on programs to assist children. He serves on the Board of Directors for Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada, whose mission is “To inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy.” Mark is also very involved with the Children’s Attorney Project (CAP), a program of the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. CAP provides attorneys at no charge to children who have been victims of abuse and/or neglect. Mark has contributed more than 1000 hours of his time to pro bono matters and in 2014 was recognized by Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada for the most pro bono hours by an attorney.

### **Honors & Awards**

- Named among the Top 100 attorneys in Nevada in the Legal Elite edition by *Nevada Business Magazine* (2016)
- Named to “Top Lawyers: The Best of the Best in Southern Nevada” by *Vegas Inc.* (2013-2015)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV rated
- Named to “Super Lawyers” (2013)
- Named as a “Mountain State Super Lawyer” by *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2015-2018)
- Named in “Super Lawyers Business Edition” in the area of Litigation (2013)
- Named to “Top Lawyers” by *Desert Companion* (2013 and 2014)
- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada Award for Most Pro Bono Hours (2014)

### **Practice Areas**

- Litigation
- IP Litigation
- Patents
- Labor & Employment
- Appellate Practice
- Aviation
- Directors' & Officers' Liability & Corporate Governance
- E-Discovery
- Eminent Domain/Condemnation
- Insurance
- Fiduciary Litigation
- Drone Law
- Cannabis Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Title Insurance
- Securities Industry

### **Bar Admissions**

- Nevada
- South Dakota

### **Education**



- University of South Dakota (J.D. and M.B.A., *with honors*)
- South Dakota State University (B.S.)
  - Economics

### **Memberships**

- Vice-President, Nevada AUVSI Chapter
- President, South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association, 2004-2005

### **Board of Directors**

- South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association (President, 2004 and former member, board of governors)
- South Dakota State Bar Negligence and Tort Law Committee (Former chairperson)
- Board Chairman, Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada