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Stewart C. Fitts is a partner with the Firm and an AV Preeminent rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell. He has primarily practiced in the areas of business and commercial litigation, banking litigation, products/premises liability defense, and appeals.

Mr. Fitts received a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the Eccles School of Business at the University of Utah and a Master of Business Administration from the Marriott School of Business at Brigham Young University. He received a Master of Sports Management from Ohio State University, where he worked in the university's athletic department and served on the Ohio State University Athletic Council, which provided oversight and policy for one of the largest athletic departments in the nation. He also worked for a United States Senator in Salt Lake City, Utah, and in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Fitts obtained his Juris Doctor degree from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, where he served as an editor on the Law Journal. Following law school, Mr. Fitts worked as the law clerk for United States Magistrate Judge Robert J. Johnston (Ret.) in the United States District Court, District of Nevada. He has served as President of the Nevada Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He has also served as a court-appointed arbitrator in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada. Prior to joining Hutchison & Steffen, he was a partner at an AV-Preeminent rated law firm in Las Vegas.

Mr. Fitts enjoys spending time with his family, including his wife, six adult children, their spouses, and grandchildren.

Representative Engagements

Mr. Fitts has represented individuals, small businesses, national and international corporations, regional and national banks, and a national collegiate athletic association. He has successfully obtained trial awards, defense verdicts, arbitration awards, summary judgments, dismissals, and favorable settlements on behalf of these clients. Examples include:

- Represented a national collegiate athletic association in obtaining partial summary judgment contributing to case resolution in *Tarkanian v. NCAA*, Case No. 92-A-314006, Dept. 10, Clark County District Court, State of Nevada.
- Represented a national bank in obtaining a substantial trial verdict award in Wells Fargo Bank v. Singer, BK-5-98-28876-RCJ, Adversary Action No. 99-2039, United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Nevada.
- Represented a resort hotel in obtaining a defense trial verdict in *Pasquinelli v. Excalibur*, Case No. 97-A-375030, Dept. 4, Clark County District Court, State of Nevada.
- Represented a national bank in obtaining summary judgment on substantial claims under the uniform commercial code in *Korrey v. Wells Fargo Bank*, Case No. A-09-599080, Dept. 3, Clark County District Court, State of Nevada.
- Represented a national bank in obtaining a defense judgment in multi-million-dollar action in CMKM Diamonds, Inc. v. Wells Fargo Bank, et al., Case No. A538649, Dept. 29, Clark County District Court, State of Nevada.

STEWART C. FITTS (CONTINUED)

- Represented a national bank in obtaining dismissal of a claim under the *Bank Secrecy Act in Johnson v. Wells Fargo Bank*, Case No. A-12-655393, Clark County District Court, State Nevada.
- Represented a corporate client in obtaining dismissal of claims in *Pat Clark Sports, Inc. v. Obsidian Enterprises, Inc.*, Case No. 2:06-CV-00180-PMP-LRL, United States District Court, District of Nevada.

Admissions

Nevada

Education

J.D., Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law M.B.A., Brigham Young University, Marriott School of Business M.A., Sports Management, Ohio State University B.S., Finance, University of Utah, Eccles School of Business

Courts

Nevada State Courts
United States District Court, District of Nevada
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
United States Supreme Court

Professional Recognitions and Activities

AV Preeminent Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

President, Federal Bar Association – Nevada Chapter (2002-2003)

