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## About

After graduating from law school, Michael clerked for the Honorable Connie Steinheimer before joining the Thorndal Armstrong law firm in the Reno office. On January 1, 2000, he joined Robison, Sharp, Sullivan and Brust and became a shareholder in 2003. His law practice is broad and focuses on business litigation, family law matters, including child custody, insurance defense, as well as personal injury and real property. Michael's clients include the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, commercial real estate developers, construction companies, Costco Wholesale, Enterprise Rental Cars, medical groups, doctors, attorneys, and business professionals throughout the State of Nevada and California. He has been licensed in Nevada and California since 1993 and practices regularly in both states in Federal Court, State Court and administrative agencies. He also provides expert witness services for legal malpractice claims in Nevada. Recently, Michael obtained a published opinion in favor of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners. See *Buckwalter v. Nevada BD of Med. Examiners*, Case No. 11-15742 (2012). Michael has frequently served as a speaker for the Nevada State Bar on Arbitration, Short Trial Program and Discovery issues.

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### Areas of Practice

Civil Litigation  
Insurance Coverage  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Wrongful Death  
Professional Malpractice  
General Practice  
Federal and State Court; California and Nevada  
Real Property  
Insurance Defense  
Personal Injury  
Family Law – Custody Disputes  
Expert Witness – Legal Malpractice  
Mediator for the Nevada Foreclosure Mediation Program

### Education

University of California at Los Angeles  
University of Nevada – B.A. 1988  
Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland  
University of San Francisco – J.D. 1992

### Admitted to Bar

1992, California  
1993, Nevada, U.S. District Court, District of Nevada  
1996, U.S. District Court, Fourth Northern District of California  
1993, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit  
1997, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California  
1998, U.S. District Court, Central District of California



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### Memberships & Achievements

Defense Research Institute

Association of Defense Counsel of Northern Nevada (Current President, 2000)

Arbitrator and Mediator in Nevada and California

Pro-tem Settlement Conference Judge for Superior Court of El Dorado County, California  
(1998–Present)

Moot Court Honors – Best Oral Argument, 1991, USF School of Law

Nevada Foreclosure Mediation Program Mediator

Counsel for Nevada State Medical Board Published 9th Circuit Decision, Buckwalter v.

Nevada Board of Medical Examiners, Case No. 11-15742

Expert Witness for Legal Malpractice Claims American Inns of Court

### Bar Association

Washoe County Bar Association

State Bar of Nevada

State Bar of California