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## Overview

**Jason Smith represents individuals and corporate clients in a wide variety of commercial, contract, business, tort, and civil litigation matters in state and federal courts, including matters before the Nevada Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He takes pride in establishing trust and rapport through a detailed approach to outlining and understanding clients' needs and expectations, resulting in secure, long-lasting relationships.**

Jason approaches each matter with a collaborative, strategic approach to achieve desired results. His expansive portfolio of client work includes handling matters involving commercial contracts, landlord / tenant disputes (residential and commercial), personal guarantees, corporate governance disputes, partnership and limited liability entity disputes, shareholder derivative actions, tort, real estate, professional malpractice and liability, defamation, business disparagement, mechanic's liens, employment discrimination, premises liability, and medical malpractice.

Additionally, Jason has assisted out-of-state firms as local counsel in numerous matters, including intellectual property litigation, shareholder derivative cases, and class action matters in state and federal courts.

Jason was notably a member and captain of the University of Iowa Hawkeye basketball team that won the 2001 Big Ten Tournament Championship. He was a three-time Academic All-Big Ten selection, and was selected as the team's representative on the university's Student-Athlete Advisory Board.

## Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, 2005 (J.D.)
- University of Iowa, 2001 (B.B.A.)

## Bar Admissions

- Nevada

## Court Admissions

- Nevada Supreme Court
- Nevada Court of Appeals
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico
- Delaware Court of Chancery

## Distinctions

- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV Preeminent
- *Super Lawyers*, Mountain States
  - Rising Star, 2010–2012
  - Super Lawyer, 2014–2024
- *Nevada Business Journal*, Legal Elite, Top 100 Attorneys in Southern Nevada
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation
- University of Iowa, Willard S. Boyd College of Law, Selection to Dean Search Committee, 2003–2004

## Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Nevada Bar Association
- Clark County Bar Association

## Related Experience

- Successfully defended commercial property owner in wrongful eviction and discrimination action.
- Successfully defended casino in sports wagering dispute.
- Successfully defended casino against advantage gambler in private right of access dispute.
- Successfully defended law firm in professional malpractice dispute involving millions of dollars of intellectual property work.
- Successfully prosecuted enforcement of multimillion-dollar casino gambling debt against a patron without a signed marker in a matter of first impression in Nevada.
- Negotiated resolution of multimillion dollar trade secrets and breach of contract dispute for commercial real estate owner.
- Successfully defended real estate owner in negligence dispute involving allegations of negligent hiring, training, and supervision.
- Negotiated resolution of employment discrimination dispute involving allegations of FLMA and sexual harassment.
- Successfully prosecuted partnership dispute with summary judgment ruling for corporate client.
- Obtained resolution for corporate entity clients in the hospitality industry regarding course of dealing in trade credits/barter transaction.
- Successfully obtained dismissal of business entity in alleged fraud dispute.
- Successfully defended real property owner in wrongful death case.
- Negotiated settlement for casino client in multimillion dollar construction negligence dispute.
- Obtained summary judgment ruling for client in limited liability governance dispute.