



## MICHELLE D. ALARIE

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Michelle Alarie is a member of Armstrong Teasdale's Litigation practice group providing counsel in complex commercial and general litigation matters to individuals and businesses of all sizes. Michelle's practice encompasses litigation in federal court and all levels of state court. She most often prosecutes and defends cases involving bad faith insurance and coverage litigation, employment and labor matters including wrongful discharge and violations of state and federal antidiscrimination laws, construction and lien rights, contract disputes, business tort claims, breach of fiduciary duties, banking and real property issues. Michelle's practice also encompasses federal criminal defense work.

In addition to her litigation practice, Michelle counsels clients in alternative dispute resolution, including mediation and arbitration. Michelle couples her creativity and extensive knowledge of the law and civil procedure to achieve positive results for each of her clients.

Michelle is a member of the firm's Associate Committee.

### EDUCATION

- William S. Boyd School of Law - University of Nevada, Las Vegas (J.D., *cum laude*, 2010)
  - Nevada Law Journal (2008-2010); Society of Advocates, Moot Court Team (2007-2010)
- University of Hawaii, Manoa (B.A., *with distinction*, 2005)
  - Political Science

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Nevada
- Clark County Bar Association
- Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys

### ACCOLADES

- *Mountain States Super Lawyers*® Rising Stars (2016-present)
- *Nevada Business Magazine's* "Legal Elite" (2016-present)

### SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Employment and Labor

Insurance Coverage Litigation  
Litigation

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Life, Health, Disability and  
ERISA Litigation

### ADMISSIONS

Nevada

U.S. District Court, District of  
Nevada

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth  
Circuit

## **BACKGROUND**

Prior to joining the firm, Michelle gained significant civil litigation experience as the judicial law clerk for the Honorable Rob Bare of the Eighth Judicial District Court for Clark County, Nevada. Before that, Michelle served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Bruce A. Markell (Ret.) in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada.

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Representation in Various Insurance Coverage Issues**

Represented homeowners associations, developers and real estate property managers on various insurance coverage issues, including D&O policies, property damage, construction disputes, and commercial liability.

### **Summary Judgment for Client in Wrongful Death Case**

Won summary judgment for a government entity in a wrongful death case. At issue was whether the government entity was liable for the death of child crossing in a crosswalk where the lights were not working. The Eighth Judicial District Court ruled that the statute of repose and immunity statute precluded liability against the government entity.

## **THOUGHT LEADERSHIP**

January 16, 2018

### **Nevada Civil Practice Manual, Sixth Edition (Editor)**

January 5, 2017

### **Attorneys Write Series on Life Insurance Clauses for DRI Newsletter**

DRI Newsletter

December 1, 2016

### **Nevada's Treatment of the Suicide Exclusion Clause in Straight Life Insurance Policies**

DRI Life, Health and Disability Newsletter

December 1, 2015

### **Nevada Civil Practice Manual, Fifth Edition (Editor)**

September 1, 2015

### **Practical Considerations When Enforcing Judgments**

Litigation, ABA Section of Litigation

November 1, 2014

### **Avoiding the Pitfalls of Summary Judgment Practice**

ABA Section of Litigation