

Kirby R. Wells

Kirby Wells has been a multi-talented member of the Nevada legal community since he started in 1972. His first job after graduating law school was as a law clerk with Beckley, Delanoy, Jemison and Reid. Senator Harry Reid, then Lieutenant Governor Reid, and Mr. Wells have remained good friends to this day.

Mr. Wells later joined a subsequent firm that eventually merged with former Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman's law firm. Mr. Wells participated in the firm's civil litigation including contested divorces. This included representing various casino owners, such as Allen Glick, and others involved in hotels represented by Mr. Goodman's firm before the Nevada Gaming Commission. Mr. Wells was present for a few of the actual events that inspired the movie Casino. Mr. Wells actively defended various hotel executives in connection with their licensing problems and successfully represented the Tropicana Hotel in its litigation with the Gaming Control Board over the licensing of its entertainment director. The trial of this case generated considerable publicity as it took place in Carson City and was a test case by the Nevada authorities to challenge the so-called Frank Sinatra exception in the licensing statutes. After forming his own law firm in the late 1980's, Mr. Wells has not represented any casino "personalities" other than in connection with divorce litigation.

The focus of Mr. Wells' practice for 40 years has been civil litigation with emphasis on contested divorces and insurance defense. Mr. Wells is one of the few Nevada attorneys who handle cases in both areas. With such considerable experience, Mr. Wells believes when you are good at something and have experienced nearly every conceivable twist and turn in these court cases, you have less stress and more success.

Mr. Wells has been an AV rated attorney with Martindale Hubbell for 25 years and prides himself on service to his clients based upon honesty and integrity.

ADMITTED

- > Nevada

EDUCATION

- > Bachelor of Science, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 1970
- > Juris Doctor, University of Colorado School of Law, 1972

MEMBER

- > State Bar of Nevada
- > Clark County Bar Association



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