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Professional Experience:

Founder: The Wright Law Group, P.C., Las Vegas, Nevada (January 2013 - Present)

Construction, Commercial and Real Estate Litigation: AV Rated in commercial litigation and criminal defense. Heavy emphasis on representing general and speciality contractors before the Nevada State Contractors Board in disciplinary and licensing matters. Representing a variety of business entities in all stages of contract litigation with focus on construction contracts and disputes. Substantial experience in quiet title litigation against banking institutions in NRS 116 'super priority' litigation. Clients include contractors, Common Interest Communities, real estate investors, professionals and privileged license holders. Criminal practice focuses strictly on white collar - contracting related issues.

Handled 100 + civil and criminal appeals before state and federal courts over career. Nevada CAAP Arbitrator, 2001- current (appointed to and overseen hundreds of arbitrations) and Short Trial Pro Tempore Judge 2007- current (presided over dozens of jury and bench trials in state district court, presently inactive). Completed Civil Mediation Training, National Judicial College (2021).

Founding Partner: Wright & Weiner, Ltd., Las Vegas, Nevada (January 2004 - December 2012)

Practicing, managing partner in five - attorney firm with practice areas in commercial litigation and criminal defense. Emphasis in construction contract litigation. Criminal practice covered every type of offense other than capital murder.

Senior Litigation Associate: Dempsey, Roberts & Smith, Ltd., Las Vegas. (1997- 2003)

General litigation and criminal defense:. Civil matters primarily involve commercial contract disputes as well as select wrongful death and 1983 claims. Supervision and training of several associate attorneys.

Owner: John H. Wright & Associates, Honolulu. (1994-1997)

Concentration in felony / career criminal defense with extensive appellate practice. Court appointed for all felony classes. Additional practice area in government procurement (construction) litigation.

Associate Attorney: Law Office of Stephen K. Yamada, Honolulu. (1993-1995)

Associate in Plaintiff's personal injury, claimant's worker's compensation and criminal defense firm.

Associate Attorney: Kidani-Crudele, Honolulu (1993)

Associate in corporate and products liability and corporate defense firm.

Judicial Clerkship: Judge Simeon R. Acoba, Jr., First Circuit Court, State of Hawaii. (1991-1992)

Law clerk to trial judge with assignment to the Complex Litigation calendar and later to the Criminal Motions Division in the state's largest judicial district, located in Honolulu.

Licensure:

All State and Federal Courts of Nevada (1996)
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (1994)
All State and Federal Courts of Hawaii (1991) (Inactive)

Education:

Doctor of Jurisprudence. West Virginia University, College of Law. May 12, 1991.
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. University of Hawaii at Manoa. August 14, 1988.

Representative Appellate Matters:

Lucky Lucy D, LLC v. LGS Casino LLC, 139 Nev. Adv. Op. 26 (2023) — Represented appellee; decided whether Covid-19 pandemic public health closure of Casino operations breached contractual "ordinary course of business" covenants in sales contract.

Fausto v. Sanchez-Flores, 137 Nev. 82 (2021) — Represented appellee; established guidelines applying equitable tolling doctrines to personal injury civil statutes of limitations.

In re Application of Finley, 135 Nev. 464 (2019) — Represented appellant; clarified multi-jurisdictional conviction tracking windows for sealing criminal records under NRS 179.245.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. v. Radecki, 134 Nev. 619 (2018) — Represented appellee; established that non-collusive HOA foreclosure sales are exempt from the UFTA.

K&P Homes v. Christiana Trust, 133 Nev. 359 (2017) — Represented appellant; established retroactive application of prior HOA super-priority lien foreclosure judicial decisions.

Clancy v. State, 129 Nev. 840 (2013) — Represented appellant; established an objective "reasonable person" standard for constructive knowledge under hit-and-run statutes.

City of Boulder City v. Boulder Excavating, Inc., 124 Nev. 749 (2008) — Represented appellee; established discretionary-act immunity scope under municipal public works bidding law in Nevada.

State v. Gabalis, 83 Hawaii 40 (1996) — Represented appellant; established evidentiary standards regarding juror misconduct from introduction of extraneous information during deliberations.

State v. Hoey, 77 Hawaii 17 (1994) — Amicus Curiae by special leave of court. Petitioned independently to successfully exclude non-delaying motions from Rule 48 speedy trial calculations.