



## Christopher D. Phipps

Of Counsel

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Christopher Phipps actively defends products liability, transportation, premises and general liability matters as well as D&O and professional licensing claims. He began his more than 30-year career at a Las Vegas firm where he served as lead associate attorney on a mass tort case, and later worked as insurance defense counsel for numerous carriers defending automobile, premises, professional lines and construction defect claims. In 2000, Chris relocated to Reno where he practiced as plaintiff's counsel in the areas of auto, premises, wrongful death, medical malpractice and workers' compensation claims. From 2008 to 2017, before joining Wilson Elser, Chris worked at a firm specializing in civil litigation with a strong focus on the representation of business and insurance clients. Although he is now in our Las Vegas office, Chris continues to handle matters in northern Nevada as well as Las Vegas.

### **Product Defect**

Chris actively defends designers, manufacturers and distributors in product defect matters. Recent matters include alleged design and manufacturing defects in a thermoplastic paint applicator machine, which allegedly caused severe and disfiguring facial burns, and alleged design and manufacturing defects in a manual standing wheelchair. Chris also has experience with alleged defects in ladders, stools, surgical devices and durable medical equipment.

### **Transportation**

For nearly his entire career Chris had litigated automobile and commercial trucking matters, and more recently has defended transit and ride-sharing services. These have included the full spectrum from minor traffic accidents to multi-vehicle highway collisions with multiple serious injuries and fatalities.

### **Premises & General Liability**

Chris actively defends premises liability matters, a large number of which are hospitality,

### **Services**

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Directors & Officers Liability
- Employment & Labor
- Professional Liability & Services
- Transportation

resort and casino properties, as well as third-party custodial contractors.

## **Education**

- University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law (J.D., 1989)
  - American Jurisprudence Award in Contracts; semifinalist, Roger J Traynor Moot Court Competition; Moot Court Honors Board
- University of Utah (B.S., 1986)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Nevada

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of the United States
- Supreme Court of Nevada
- U.S. Military Court of Appeals
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. District Court, District of Nevada

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Nevada State Bar, Lawyer Advertising Advisory Committee, 2021–2023
- Washoe County Bar Association
- Clark County Bar Association
- National Guardianship Association

## **Awards & Honors**

- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, State of Nevada
- National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, Intermediate
- Certified Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician
- Professional Association of Diving Instructors, Master Instructor
- National Certified Guardian