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Nicholas Adams handles all aspects of litigation, from pre-litigation issues through appeals. He concentrates his practice on legal malpractice defense, employment defense, commercial litigation, complex litigation, and appellate advocacy. Nicholas represents directors and officers in derivative actions and corporate malfeasance matters. By quickly surfacing the critical issues in a case, he moves decisively and effectively, often securing favorable dispositions through early motion practice. Nicholas has achieved certification in Wilson Elser's rigorous Mock Trial Invitational, through which our most successful trial lawyers impart their knowledge to those destined to join their ranks.

Before joining Wilson Elser, Nicholas practiced at a large national firm, where he represented businesses in construction defect, product defect, and general liability matters. He also practiced at a small local firm, representing individuals and established businesses in bad faith, coverage, and general liability claims.

Education

- William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV (J.D., 2018)
 - CALI Award for Family Justice Clinic
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas (B.A. History, *cum laude*, 2015)

Bar Admissions

- Nevada

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Nevada

Services

- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Employment & Labor
- Lawyers' Liability
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Nevada

Clerkships

- Extern for the Honorable, Mark Bailus, Eighth Judicial District Court of Nevada
- Extern for the United States Attorney's Office, District of Nevada

Client Wins

Stoberski & Adams Secure Judgment as a Matter of Law After Plaintiff's Case-in-Chief

Michael Stoberski (Of Counsel-Las Vegas, NV) and Nicholas Adams (Associate-Las Vegas, NV), after the plaintiff rested in a bench trial in the District Court for Clark County, Nevada, were granted their NRCP 52(c) motion for judgment as a matter of law, and the court entered judgment for Wilson Elser's attorney clients on the plaintiff's sole legal malpractice claim. The court found that the plaintiff failed to prove essential elements of legal malpractice, including the standard of care, breach, and proximate cause. During the plaintiff's case-in-chief, Mike and Nicholas introduced evidence showing that the challenged strategy rested on legal research, client communications, and the need to secure affirmative relief in light of the opposing party's filings in the underlying action. The court agreed that these issues were nuanced and not suitable for resolution without expert testimony, and it found that the plaintiff offered no competent evidence that a different pleading approach would have produced a better outcome or that the defense's conduct foreclosed any post-judgment remedies.

Stoberski & Adams Prove Client Had No Obligation to Collect Debt from Past Tenants

Michael Stoberski (Of Counsel-Las Vegas, NV) and Nicholas Adams (Associate-Las Vegas, NV) prevailed on a motion for summary judgment in District Court for Clark County, Nevada, against all claims brought against Wilson Elser's clients over management of an apartment complex. Joseph Laird (Partner-White Plains, NY) collaborated in the defense of the case. The plaintiff alleged breach of contract and breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing and sought declaratory relief concerning the rights and obligations under the property management agreement. Competing motions for summary judgment were filed arguing different interpretations of the property management agreement. Mike and Nicholas demonstrated, under the property management agreement, that our clients had no obligation to collect debt from past tenants and damages were precluded based on the breaches alleged. Before the scheduled oral argument, the district court issued its order agreeing entirely with the interpretation put forth by our clients. As a result, summary judgment was granted as to all claims and the hearing was vacated bringing this case to a successful resolution.