



Sheri Thome

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Sheri Thome is the regional managing partner of the Las Vegas office and serves on the firm's Executive Committee. She focuses her practice in the areas of employment defense, professional liability defense, insurance coverage advice and insurance litigation. Sheri also handles sophisticated commercial cases, even prevailing in a case before the Ninth Circuit that affirmed the dismissal of a breach of contract/fraud case against a large financial services company.

Sheri spent the early years of her career as a commercial litigator in California, handling transportation, business and intellectual property matters for large corporations and financial institutions. She has litigated in both federal and state courts in Nevada and California, and has published opinions in Nevada, California and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sheri's ability to surface the critical issues in a case enables her to move quickly and capably, resulting in the disposition of many matters with early motion practice. Sheri's business acumen was honed through her previous work in commercial litigation at an international firm. Combining this experience with high self-expectations, she provides her clients with consistently exceptional, cost-effective service.

Coverage & Bad Faith

Sheri's practice includes providing insurance coverage advice on a variety of subjects, defending insurance carriers in extra-contractual litigation, and litigating rescission, contribution and declaratory relief actions. Sheri has handled a wide variety of coverage matters for domestic and London insurers, including matters concerning construction defects, property damage, financial crimes, employment torts, legal malpractice and professional malpractice.

Lawyers' Liability

Services

- Accountants
- Commercial Litigation
- Employment & Labor
- Hospitality
- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Lawyers' Liability
- National Trial Team
- Professional Liability & Services
- Real Estate Professionals

Sheri represents attorneys in both litigation and transaction-based malpractice matters in state and federal court, litigating a wide variety of issues. She has handled matters involving complex commercial transactions, medical malpractice, personal injury, products liability, real estate, fraud actions, family law and commercial litigation.

Employment

In employment matters, Sheri represents large and small companies before administrative agencies and in court. Her clients represent a cross-section of Nevada employers, including hospitals, casinos, hotels, construction companies, broadcasters, restaurants, nightclubs and public agencies. Sheri also provides counseling to employers on issues that arise in their daily operations.

Professional Liability

In the area of professional liability, Sheri regularly defends insurance agents/brokers, real estate agents/brokers, appraisers, directors and officers, and financial professionals against claims made by clients, shareholders and third parties.

Education

- University of Southern California Gould School of Law (J.D., 1995)
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas (M.A., 1998)
- Whittier College (B.A., 1990)

Bar Admissions

- Nevada

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Nevada

Professional Affiliations

- Clark County Bar Association
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2023-2026
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® *Women in Law*, 2025
- Top 100 Lawyers in Las Vegas, 2015

Representative Matters

Obtained dismissal before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in a commercial case in which the firm's client life insurance company was sued by its business partner on the loss of a real estate development deal for alleged failure to follow corporate formalities.

Prevailed on a legal malpractice claim obtaining dismissal for failure to state a claim, arguing that the plaintiff could not prove causation.

Prevailed on appeal in the Ninth Circuit in defense of product liability suit against a device manufacturer.

Obtained a defense verdict in a pregnancy discrimination arbitration.

Summary judgment on successor liability issue; upheld by Nevada Supreme Court in the leading opinion on the issue.

Summary judgment and attorney fee award in a multi-plaintiff case against two Nevada appraisers.

Summary judgment in a national-origin discrimination matter, upheld by the Ninth Circuit.

Summary judgment for a real estate broker in a negligent supervision matter; upheld by the Nevada Supreme Court.

Numerous favorable settlements with dispositive motions pending.

Publications

October 12, 2023

Law360 Features Thome Article on Nevada Law A.B. 398 and Proposed Regulation Relief

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June 27, 2023

Nevada Passes Law Prohibiting Insurers from Issuing “Burning Limits” Liability Insurance Policies

Client Wins

Thome and Mangano Prevail in Non-Payment Dispute

Sheri Thome (Partner-Las Vegas) and Shawn Mangano (Of Counsel-Las Vegas) represented a lawyer who was sued for malpractice for failing to prepare adequate damages disclosures before withdrawing from a commercial case for non-payment. Substitute counsel undertook representation and provided supplemental damage disclosures the day before the close of discovery. The disclosures were inadequate, and were made more than eight months after our client had withdrawn. The court eventually granted a motion in limine that included a finding that new counsel had willfully violated disclosure obligations, thereby justifying claim-terminating sanctions. Subsequently, the former client filed separate lawsuits against both firms. Our client moved for summary judgment on causation, arguing that substitute counsel – and not our client – was

responsible for any damages incurred by the plaintiff by virtue of the court ruling on the motion in limine. At oral argument, the Court granted summary judgment in our client's favor.

Thome and Stoberski Secure Unanimous Defense Verdict in Legal Malpractice Case

Sheri Thome (Partner-Las Vegas) and Michael Stoberski (Of Counsel-Las Vegas) secured a defense verdict in the Clark County District Court on behalf of a local attorney and law firm. The plaintiff, a client of the firm, brought a legal malpractice lawsuit alleging that the firm's failure to advise her in an area outside of its scope of practice resulted in her exposure to criminal charges and various damages. Following the two-week jury trial, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict after one hour of deliberation, quashing a demand at trial for \$2 million.