

## Eleissa C. Lavelle, Esq.

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Eleissa C. Lavelle is a mediator and arbitrator on the panel of JAMS, *The Resolution Experts*. Ms. Lavelle was awarded an L.L.M. Degree in Dispute Resolution from the Straus Institute, Pepperdine University Law School, Malibu, California and obtained her Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Arts Degrees from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. She is an adjunct faculty member at the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Nevada, where she currently teaches Negotiation and has taught Real Estate Finance for several semesters. Ms. Lavelle has enjoyed a transactional, trial and appellate practice for more than thirty-five years in the areas of construction, real estate, commercial law and estate and business succession planning.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- **JAMS, *The Resolution Experts*** -- January 2012 through Present
  - - Panel Mediator and Arbitrator in complex and contentious construction, commercial, real estate and securities disputes
    - Member of the Global Construction and Engineering Group of JAMS panelists
    - Neutral Evaluations through FEMA for Hurricane Sandy victims
- **University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Boyd Law School** -- September 2012 through Present
  - Adjunct Professor of Law
    - Negotiation and Real Estate Finance to 2L and 3L law students
    - guest lecturer at Mediation Courses and Clinics
    - Supervised students' capstone writing projects
- **General Counsel, Clark County School District**, 2018 through 2020
- **Of Counsel, Fabian VanCott** – 2015 through 2018
- **Nevada Supreme Court Settlement Judge** – 1996 through 2007 and 2014 through Present
- **U.S. District Court, District of Nevada Inmate Mediation Program** – 2014 through Present
  - Panel mediator in federal civil rights litigation brought by inmates in Nevada prisons
- **Duane Morris, LLP** -- January 2010 through December 2011
  - Litigation and transactional practice in state and federal courts
- **Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald, LLP** -- January 2007 through December 2009
  - Opened and managed Las Vegas, Nevada office of a national construction firm
  - Litigation and transactional practice in state and federal courts
- **Lavelle & Associates, P.C.** -- January 1997 through December 2006
  - Owned and managed law firm of approximately ten staff
  - Litigation and transactional practice in state and federal courts
- **Crockett & Myers** -- 1991 through 1996
  - Litigation and transactional practice in state and federal courts

- **Hill, Cassas, DeLipkau & Erwin, a partner in Sherman & Howard** -- 1990 through 1991
  - Litigation and transactional practice in state and federal courts
- **Dickerson, Miles, Pico and Mitchell** -- 1980 through 1990 ○ Litigation and transactional practice in state and federal courts
- **State Bar of Nevada** -- 1978 through 1980 ○ Nevada's First State Bar Counsel
  - Opened Nevada's first office of Bar Counsel to prosecute Nevada attorneys for ethical violations
  - Developed and implemented administrative processes for management of attorney discipline matters
  - Conducted statewide disciplinary investigations, hearings and prosecutions
  - Represented the State Bar of Nevada in Federal District Court and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in disciplinary enforcement and State Bar Admissions cases
- **State of Nevada Office of the Attorney General** -- 1977 through 1978 - Deputy Attorney General, Nevada Department of Transportation
- **Law Clerk to The Honorable John F. Mendoza**, Clark County District Court -- 1976 through 1977

## EDUCATION

- **L.L.M., Dispute Resolution, 2012** -- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University Law School
- **J.D. 1976** -- University of Utah College of Law,
- **B.A. (English) 1973**, Magna Cum Laude, University of Utah

## HONORS, MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member of the State Bar of Nevada (admitted 1977)
- Member of the Utah State Bar (admitted 1976)
- Admitted to the U.S. District Court, Districts of Nevada and Utah and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- Recognized as a "Best Lawyer" in *Best Lawyers in America*
- Recognized as a "Super Lawyer" in *Mountain States Super Lawyers*
- Admitted as a Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- American Arbitration Association Panels of Arbitrators and Mediators (prior to joining JAMS)
- Nevada Supreme Court Settlement Judge
- Mediator, U.S. District Court, District of Nevada's Section 1983 Inmate Early Mediation Program
- Drafted and lobbied the enactment of mediation and arbitration process legislation for Common Interest Communities in Nevada
- State Bar of Nevada, Real Estate Section Subcommittee on Common Interest Communities
- State Bar of Nevada, Transition in Practice Mentor
- Member and Chairman of the Clark County School District Construction Bond Oversight Committee
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Nevada Law Foundation

- Howard D. McKibben Chapter, American Inns of Court
- Founding Member and Past President, Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys
- Construction Management Association of America (“CMAA”-Las Vegas Chapter), Board Member
- National Institute of Trial Advocacy, annually -- February 2013 through 2019 – Deposition Seminar Faculty, Las Vegas, NV
- Phi Beta, Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi Scholastic Honorary Societies

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Multiple Speaking Engagements on various aspects of mediation and arbitration for the State Bar of Nevada, Clark County Bar Association, Nevada Supreme Court Settlement Judges, Pima County (Arizona) Bar Association, Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys, Fidelity National Law Group, Association of Corporate Counsel and private law firms.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Articles for various JAMS publications