

# biography

**Kari L. Stephens** is Of Counsel at JEFFREY BURR and the managing attorney of the firm's Las Vegas Office. Kari has been practicing probate and trust law in Las Vegas for nearly 20 years, and has previously practiced law in both Oregon and Washington.

Kari is a native Oregonian. She completed her undergraduate studies at Oregon State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (Magna Cum Laude). Kari went on to study law at Willamette University College of Law, in Salem, Oregon, earning her Juris Doctor (Cum Laude), having graduated fifth in her class. She then began her legal practice in Portland at one of Oregon's oldest and most respected firms, Samuels Yoelin Kantor, where she represented clients in all aspects of trusts and estates. Upon relocating to Las Vegas, Kari joined the Wells Fargo Bank Trust & Investments Center, where she managed the local Trust & Estate Settlement Services Department, overseeing the settlement of Trusts over which the Bank had been designated as Trustee. She later joined Goldsmith & Guymon, P.C., as an associate attorney, practicing in the areas of probate and trust administration, estate and tax planning and small business representation. In 2005, Kari joined the trust and estate litigation law firm of Solomon Dwiggins & Freer, Ltd., where she routinely represented fiduciaries, beneficiaries and heirs involving contested matters. Kari was named a partner at Solomon Dwiggins & Freer, Ltd. in 2008.

Kari is actively involved in volunteering her time in the legal community. She was elected as a Member of the State Bar of Nevada Board of Governors in 2014, and is serving her third term as a Governor from 2019 to 2022. Kari also has the distinction of being elected as the 2013 President of the Clark County Bar Association having served on the Association's Executive Board since 2006. From 2003 to 2010, she acted as a Trustee for the State Bar of Nevada's Client Security Fund, during which period she investigated defalcation claims against attorneys on behalf of the State Bar. Kari is a steadfast member of the Probate and Trust Law Section of the State Bar and the Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys.

Kari's practice at JEFFREY BURR focuses on trust administration, probate and estate planning. She is admitted to practice law in Nevada, Oregon and Washington, and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada and the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon.



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## **Bar Admissions:**

Nevada  
Oregon  
Washington  
U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit  
U.S. District Court District of Nevada  
U.S. District Court District of Oregon

## **Education:**

Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon  
B.A. Business Administration  
Magna Cum Laude  
1992

Willamette University College of Law, Salem, Oregon, 1997  
J.D.

Honors: Cum Laude  
Dean's Honors List  
Law Review: Willamette Law Review, Production Editor

## **Honors and Awards:**

Vegas Inc. Women to Watch, 2013

