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NEVADA CIVIL LAW UPDATE

2024 Nevada District Court
Judges Conference

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A FEW STATISTICS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Appellate Courts Cases Disposed					
Supreme Court Cases Disposed					
By Opinions *	68	78	90	111	50
By Order	1,730	1,559	1,253	1,122	1,098
Other	0	0	3	1	1
(COA) Petition for Review Denied	54	103	105	82	60
Court of Appeals Cases Disposed					
By Opinions *	13	4	4	6	5
By Order	1,266	1,077	906	649	504
Other	22	3	5	8	8
Total Cases Disposed	3,153	2,824	2,366	1,979	1,816

Source: The Nevada Judiciary 2023 Annual Report

Totals, including civil, criminal and family law

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DISCRETIONARY DECISIONS

- Abuse of discretion will be found if:
 - Fail to make detailed findings
 - Fail to address all elements/factors in legal tests
 - Fail to explain reasoning

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JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES

- PJR filing deadline– *Jorin*
- Claims processing requirement v. jurisdictional requirement– *Kassebaum*
- Standard of review – *Killebrew*
- Waiver of arguments- *Highroller*

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ARBITRATION

- Wrongful death – *El Jen*
- Non-signatory compelling non-signatory – *RUAG Ammotec*

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CIVIL PROCEDURE

- Forum Non Conveniens - *Pepper*
- Time for service – *Sabater*
- Default judgment - *Blige*
- Relief from judgment – *Willard*

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REAL PROPERTY

- HELOC - *Wishengrad*
- Series LLCs – *Fed. Housing*
- Presumptive discharge of lien
 - *LV Debt Collect*
 - *Posner*

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REAL PROPERTY, cont'd

- Title insurance – *Deutsche Bank*
- Equitable lien – *Holland*
- Recreational Use Statute - *Abbott*

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TORTS

- Medical malpractice –
 - *Taylor*
 - *Valley Health*
- Statute of limitations for professional negligence and wrongful death –
 - *Engelson*
 - *Igtiben*

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ANTI-SLAPP

- Communications, not claims - *Panik*
- Public figure – *Wynn*
- Governmental entity – *Clark County*

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CONTRACT

- COVID – related disputes
 - Non-performance – *Lucky Lucy*
 - Insurance coverage – *Starr*
- Non-compete – *Tough Turtle*

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FEE AWARDS

- Offers of judgment - *Aguilar*
- Fees as sanctions – *Lamont's*

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QUESTIONS?

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