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Commercial Litigation, Appellate

EDUCATION:

- American Military University, B.A., Intelligence Studies, 2015
- University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law, J.D. *magna cum laude*, 2019
- George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law School, LL.M., Global Antitrust Law & Economics 2020

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Nevada
- Clark County Bar Association
- Federalist Society
- International Association of Privacy Professionals

BAR AND COURT ADMISSION:

- Nevada
- U.S. District Court, District of Nevada

PUBLICATIONS:

- *Algorithms and Conscious Parallelism: Why Current Antitrust Doctrine is Prepared for the Twenty-First Century Challenges posed by Dynamic Pricing*, Tulane Journal of Technology & Intellectual Property (2021)
- *Why Calls for Shifting to Brandeisian Economic Theory are Flawed: An Evaluation of the United States and European Union's Approach to Vertical Mergers*, University of Richmond Law Review (2021)
- *Richmond Law Students Assists Veterans in Need*, Federal Circuit Bar Association Bench & Bar: Pro Bono Digest (Mar. 2019)
- *Transparency or Loopholes? Target Locations, FISA Warrants, and Reasonable Belief*, Dartmouth Law Journal (2018)

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Mr. Fortin joined Pisanelli Bice in February of 2021. He practices in the area of complex commercial litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. Mr. Fortin leverages his experience to solve complex problems related to nascent technology issues our clients face in the Twenty-First century. He focuses on data privacy, cybersecurity, and the evolving problems posed by the internet of things.

Mr. Fortin enlisted in the United States Navy shortly after graduating from high school. For over a decade, he served as a Cryptologist and Information Warfare Specialist interfacing and collaborating across the intelligence community, while working specifically for the National Security Agency (NSA). His service included tours of duty aboard the USS SIMPSON (FFG-56), the USS IWO JIMA (LHD-7), and Navy Information Operations Command-Colorado.

In 2007 and 2009, Mr. Fortin deployed to South America and conducted intelligence support for counter-illicit trafficking operations. In 2012, he deployed as a member of the NSA's Cryptologic Support Team to Afghanistan where he provided operational, tactical, and strategic support SEAL Teams Two and Four, Marine Special Operations, and coalition partners in Operation Enduring Freedom. While serving on active duty, he earned his B.A. in three-and-a-half years. Upon matriculation to law school, Mr. Fortin transitioned to the Naval Reserves where he continues to serve today.

Mr. Fortin graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law. During law school he served as the Manuscript Editor for the *Richmond Law Review* and was a member of the school's Moot Court team and earned *The Order of Barristers* honor. He additionally obtained an LL.M. in Global Antitrust Law & Economics from George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law School. Through his studies and research, several law reviews have published his writings on subjects such as privacy, blockchain, the ever evolving digital marketplace, and the internet of things all while he examined and offered policy proposals on issues facing both individuals and businesses in the Twenty-First century.

Mr. Fortin brings clients a unique litigation perspective from his diverse experiences working for the judiciary across the country. During law school, he interned for the Honorable Justice Monica Márquez, Associate Justice for the Supreme Court of Colorado and for the Honorable Judge Henry Hudson, U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. Mr. Fortin additionally clerked for the Honorable Chief Justice James Hardesty of the Supreme Court of Nevada.

Mr. Fortin is passionate about serving the community and in particular Veterans. In law school, he dedicated hundreds of hours to Veterans and their families who served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Mr. Fortin provided legal assistance as these Veterans and their families required counsel as they challenged their VA disability ratings before the Court of Appeals for Federal Claims. The University of Richmond awarded him the Public Interest Law Association Pro Bono Award, the school's most prestigious honor for community and pro bono service. Additionally, Mr. Fortin regularly volunteers for the Legal Aid Center for Southern Nevada and the pro bono appellate program. He further serves as a JD Ambassador for Service to School, a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to assisting transitioning service members seeking admission and scholarships to the nation's premier law schools.

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