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Commercial Litigation, Appellate

EDUCATION:

- Michigan State University; B.A., Criminal Justice, with high honor; B.A., Psychology, with honor; 2006
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, M.A., Criminal Justice, 2009
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, J.D., 2014
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Ph.D., Educational Psychology, 2014
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, LL.M., Gaming Law and Regulation, 2017

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- Legal Aid Center for Southern Nevada, 100+ Hours of Pro Bono Service, 2018
- Legal Aid Center for Southern Nevada, 200+ Hours of Pro Bono Service, 2019

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- American Inns of Court, Howard D. McKibben Chapter
- State Bar of Nevada
- Clark County Bar Association
- Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association

BAR AND COURT ADMISSION:

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

PUBLICATIONS:

- Brittanie T. Watkins, "Reducing Court-related Stress through Court Education: Examining Child Witnesses, Attorneys, and Parents" (PhD dissertation, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2014).
- Brittanie T. Watkins and Rebecca Nathanson, "Effects of a Court Education Program on the Court-related Stress of Child Witnesses, Their Attorneys and Their Parents" (paper presented at the American Psychological Association 167th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Aug. 7-10, 2014).
- Brittanie T. Watkins, "Targeting Youth—Hit or Miss? Juvenile Certification in Clark County, Nevada Examined" (MA thesis, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2009).
- Brittanie T. Watkins and M. Alexis Kennedy, "Targeting Youth—Hit or Miss? Juvenile Certification in Clark County, Nevada Examined" (paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 46th Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, March 10-14, 2009).

AN EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY DELIVERING EXCEPTIONAL LEGAL SERVICE.

Ms. Watkins joined Pisanelli Bice in August of 2016. She practices in the area of complex commercial litigation at both the trial and appellate levels. Prior to joining Pisanelli Bice, Ms. Watkins was a judicial law clerk to Justice Michael L. Douglas of the Supreme Court of Nevada for the 2014-2016 term. During her term, Ms. Watkins assisted the Court in making precedential legal determinations in a variety of matters, including corporate and contractual, gaming, constitutional, criminal, intellectual and real property, legal and medical malpractice, and construction.

While earning her juris doctor, master of laws, and doctorate degrees at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), Ms. Watkins served on the Nevada Law Journal, Boyd's nationally recognized Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition team, and as a member of the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition team. Ms. Watkins also served as a public interest fellow and graduate research and teaching assistant. Ms. Watkins gained experiential learning as a student attorney in the Family Justice Clinic, legal extern for the Children's Attorney Project of the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, and law clerk for the Office of the Clark County Public Defender. Amid extra-curricular activities, Ms. Watkins achieved a top 30% ranking and Dean's List honors. Upon graduation, Ms. Watkins received the Barbara Buckley Community Service Award and the Roosevelt Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Leadership. Ms. Watkins' dissertation focusing on courtroom stress in witnesses was recently bestowed the Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award.

Ms. Watkins is an avid community advocate. Since the start of her practice, she has contributed more than 100 hours to pro bono representation every year. She also serves as Secretary of the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association and holds additional board positions with community organizations.

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