



## **JAMES J. PISANELLI, FOUNDER/PARTNER**

*Commercial Litigation, Construction, Defamation*

### **EDUCATION:**

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.S. with distinction, 1987
- Boston University School of Law, J.D. cum laude, 1990

### **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS:**

- Chambers USA, United States Leading Business Lawyers, Commercial Litigation, Band 1
- Best Lawyers in America:
  - Bet-the-Company Litigation
  - Commercial Litigation
  - Construction Law
  - Litigation – Construction
  - Litigation – Real Estate
  - 2016 & 2020 Lawyer of the Year, Las Vegas Litigation - Construction Law
  - 2013 Lawyer of the Year, Las Vegas Litigation – Real Estate
- Mountain States Super Lawyers
  - Top 10
  - Top 100
- American Lawyer Media – Martindale-Hubbell Top Rated Lawyer – Health Care
- Benchmark: America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating
- Nevada Business Magazine – Legal Elite

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

- American Bar Association
- Clark County Bar Association
- State Bar of Nevada
- State Bar of Arizona

### **BAR AND COURT ADMISSION:**

- Nevada
- Arizona
- U.S. District Court, District of Nevada
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

### **ONE OF THE NATION'S LEADING ATTORNEYS.**

Mr. Pisanelli is the co-founder of Pisanelli Bice PLLC, a firm focused exclusively on commercial and complex litigation. Prior to forming Pisanelli Bice, Mr. Pisanelli was the co-chair of his prior firm's litigation group, where he oversaw 80 litigators across the United States. Having spent the first significant portion of his career in the large, full-service commercial law firm sector, Mr. Pisanelli helped create a boutique of elite litigators with a singular focus on complex litigation.

Mr. Pisanelli has tried and prosecuted dozens of cases to judgment in both federal and state court, and frequently appears before the Eighth Judicial District Court's specialty business court judges. He is a go-to litigator for high-profile bet-the-company disputes. While skilled in a broad range of legal matters, he has particular experience in large and complex commercial litigation, defamation, construction, and health care litigation. He grew up in Las Vegas, and takes pride in the fact that he has represented and continues to represent many of Nevada's largest gaming, health care and development companies. Mr. Pisanelli provides services to clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to single entity developers and entrepreneurs.

### **Some of Mr. Pisanelli's present and recent matters include:**

- *Las Vegas Sun, Inc. v. Sheldon Adelson, Las Vegas Review-Journal, Inc., et al.* (high profile anti-trust dispute)
- *Wynn Resorts Limited v. Kazuo Okada, et al.* (lead trial counsel in multi-billion dollar shareholder dispute)
- *Steven Jacobs v. Las Vegas Sands Corp., et al.* (high profile executive wrongful termination/whistleblower litigation)
- *Alvogen, Inc., et al. v. State of Nevada, et al.* (commercial dispute seeking to prohibit State from using manufacturer's pharmaceuticals in execution of inmate)
- *Rachel Sheppard, et al. v. Mandalay Bay, LLC, et al.* (defense counsel for claims relating to mass shooting at Route 91 Harvest Festival concert)
- *United Healthcare v. HCA* (complex multi-jurisdictional litigation between insurer and hospital system)

Mr. Pisanelli also serves as a faculty member for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

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