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Areas of Practice

Real Estate & Land Use Planning;
Business Entities & Transactions;
Creditor's Rights & Bankruptcy;
Gaming & Administrative Law;
Energy, Environment & Natural
Resources; Government Affairs
& Advocacy

Bar Admissions

Nevada

Education

J.D., University of California,
Hastings College of Law,
Tony Patino Fellow, 1997

B.A., History and Business and
Administration, University of
California, Los Angeles, 1993

Varsity lettermen, UCLA Football

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Mr. Pagni's practice focuses primarily on real estate and water law, corporate and transactional law, administrative law, and government relations. Mr. Pagni serves as outside counsel to several large public agencies in northern Nevada, and served as general counsel to Governor Jim Gibbons in his 2006 gubernatorial campaign. Prior to law school, Mr. Pagni served as a legislative intern for Senator Harry Reid in Washington, D.C. During law school, he worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Melvin Brunetti, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the Honorable Howard D. McKibben, former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

Water Resources

Mr. Pagni serves as general counsel to one of the largest municipal water purveyors in Nevada, several irrigation companies, and the Washoe County Water Conservation District. Mr. Pagni's representation on water resources issues, including administrative and litigation matters related to the implementation of the Truckee River Operating Agreement, has included representation in matters before the Nevada State Engineer and California Water Resources Board as well as state and federal courts. He has also served as legislative counsel to the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and irrigation companies during numerous sessions of the Nevada Legislature.

Real Estate & Land Use Planning

Mr. Pagni has represented a number of major real estate development projects in northern Nevada in connection with acquisitions, entitlements, securitization, financing, and sales. Mr. Pagni's real estate practice includes water law, and he has represented clients on water rights acquisitions, securitization, service commitments, and change applications. Mr. Pagni's practice includes land use planning and representing clients before local government planning commissions, city councils, and county commissions.

Business Entities & Transactions

Mr. Pagni is experienced in the formation, operation, financing, disposition, and dissolution of family businesses, private companies, and other enterprises, including real estate developers and industrial property owners, and he has significant experience in the negotiation and documentation of commercial leases and related matters.

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REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

Somerset Master Planned Community

Damonte Ranch Master Planned Development

Truckee Meadows Water Authority

PUBLICATIONS

The Constitutionality of English-Only Provisions in the Public Employee Speech Arena: An Examination of Yniguez v. Arizonans for Official English, Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly, Fall 1996.

Numerous publications for professional seminars



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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Nevada Business Magazine, "Top Up and Coming Attorney"

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Member, City of Reno Charter Review Committee, 2012

Member, Meritas Leadership Institute, 2010-2011

Appointed, State of Nevada Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics and Election Practices, 2009; elected vice-chair, 2010; appointed chair, 2011

Member, Governor Gibbons Water Transition Team, 2006-2007

Judge, We the People Elementary School Program

Board Member and Founders Club Member, Nevada Discovery Museum

Board Member, Hot August Nights Foundation

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