Vernon Nelson Joins Wilson Elser’s Las Vegas Office



Vernon Nelson, partner in Wilson Elser

Commercial services/gaming attorney Vernon Nelson has joined Wilson Elser’s Las Vegas office as a partner.

Formerly with Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, Nelson maintains a full-service commercial practice focused on the gaming/hospitality industry. He handles casino regulatory compliance and gaming/hotel operations, licensing and other matters before the Nevada Gaming Control Board and Nevada Gaming Commission. He also represents self-insurers in claims involving multimillion-dollar prizes and giveaways and has represented commercial creditors in collection and bankruptcy matters.

In addition, Nelson represents commercial clients in commercial transactions, real property sales and leases, buy/sell transactions and management contracts.

Nelson’s clients hail from Nevada and other states with a gaming presence. He represents domestic and international clients and tribal entities in multiple jurisdictions, state and federal courts, and bankruptcy courts.

“There isn’t a matter related to gaming and hospitality that Vernon hasn’t handled,” shared Michael Edwards, regional managing partner of Wilson Elser’s Las Vegas office. “With 15 years working in-house with Tropicana and Caesars Palace and another five years in private practice, Vernon’s experience adds new areas of focus to our Commercial Services practice

and expands our Government Affairs practice beyond our Albany and Connecticut offices."

Nelson is admitted to practice in Nevada, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California and Arizona. He is a member of the Nevada State Bar Association and its Gaming Law Section, the Clark County Bar Association, the International Association of Gaming Attorneys and the American Inns of Court Foundation.

Committed to giving back the community, Nelson has served as director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Nevada and "I Have a Dream"® Foundation, Southern Nevada.

Nelson earned his J.D. degree from Seton Hall University School of Law (1993) and graduated from Rider University, *cum laude,* with his B.S. degree.

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