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Main Bio

John Delikanakis is a partner with Snell & Wilmer's commercial litigation group in Las Vegas, Nevada. A former associate general counsel for a Fortune 500 company, his experience ranges from counseling senior management on day-to-day operational issues to litigating both simple and complex cases at the district court and appellate levels. John's recent practice is concentrated on real estate disputes, timeshare industry issues, business dissolutions, contracts for the sale of goods, and commercial guaranty matters in the district and appellate courts, as well as alternate dispute tribunals. He also counsels clients on e-discovery and data retention issues. Historically, John's experience includes representing companies in class action, shareholder derivative litigation and defending manufacturers in multi-district products liability cases. He also has significant experience defending consumer lending cases, including those that involve mortgage and origination issues. John holds an AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell®. He also serves on Snell & Wilmer's E-Discovery Committee and Litigation Training Committee.

Education

- King's College, London, Master of Laws -- LLM Candidate, International & Commercial Law (2020-2022)
- Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D., 1995)
- Vassar College (A.B., 1985)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Clark County Bar Association, Board of Governors (2003-2006)
- American Bar Association

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[Early Support Means Everything](#)," Quoted, Boyd Law Magazine (November 19, 2022)
- "Practical Considerations in Arbitration in the Post-Covid, Post-Brexit and Post- Ruling 28 USC §1782 World," Panelist, Lex Mundi 2022 Litigation, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution North America Practice Group Meeting (September 30, 2022)
- "[U.S. Supreme Court Closes the Door on Foreign Arbitration Discovery in the U.S.](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (June 14, 2022)
- "[U.S. Supreme Court: More Limited Federal Court Jurisdiction Over Arbitration Awards](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (April 1, 2022)

- "[Delaware Court of Chancery Adopts Reverse Veil-Piercing](#)," Author, The Delaware Court of Chancery, Delaware Supreme Court, and Delaware Bankruptcy Blog (June 15, 2021)
- "[Delaware Court of Chancery: Deadlock Can be Genuine Even When Unilaterally Orchestrated](#)," Author, The Delaware Court of Chancery, Delaware Supreme Court, and Delaware Bankruptcy Blog (April 29, 2021)
- "[Chancery Rules on Equitable Fee Shifting and Indemnity Provisions in Support of Fee Shifting](#)," Author, The Delaware Court of Chancery, Delaware Supreme Court, and Delaware Bankruptcy Blog (February 3, 2021)
- "[Court of Chancery Strips Privilege From Company Attorney-Employee Email Communications Sent and Received via Non-Company Email Accounts](#)," Author, The Delaware Court of Chancery, Delaware Supreme Court, and Delaware Bankruptcy Blog (January 19, 2021)
- "[The Business Litigation Waltz: A Primer for Uninitiated and a Refresher for the Seasoned Campaigner](#)," Moderator, Snell & Wilmer presentation, co-hosted with the Vegas Chamber (November 6, 2020)
- "[Directors Have a Presumptive Right to a Company's Privileged Information Says Chancery Court](#)," Author, The Delaware Court of Chancery, Delaware Supreme Court, and Delaware Bankruptcy Blog (September 1, 2020)
- "[Decisional Advantage and Intelligence: The Intelligence Cycle Through the Lens of Russian Bounty – A Panel Discussion](#)," Moderator, Snell & Wilmer presentation, co-hosted with UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law (July 30, 2020)
- "[Force Majeure, Material Adverse Change, and Other Provisions that Nobody Reviewed Until the COVID Pandemic Occurred](#)," Presenter, Association of Corporate Counsel, Las Vegas Chapter (July 29, 2020)
- "[Force Majeure Clauses and the Impossible and the Impractical](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (April 7, 2020)
- "[Managing Business Needs During a Pandemic \(Nevada\)](#)," Co-Presenter, Telephone Presentation to Firm Clients (March 27, 2020)
- "[Time to Review Your Non-Competition Agreements in Light of New Nevada Statutory Amendments](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (June 16, 2017)
- "[High Court Says Banks Collecting on Purchased Debt for its Own Accounts Not Subject to the FDCPA](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (June 12, 2017)
- "[U.S. Supreme Court - Credit Card Disclosure Statute Regulates Free Speech](#)," Co-Author, Nevada Bankers Association Newsletter (April 2017)
- "[U.S. Supreme Court - Credit Card Disclosure Statute Regulates Free Speech](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (March 30, 2017)
- "[Mandatory Employee Arbitration Heads to the U.S. Supreme Court](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (January 17, 2017)
- "Foreclosure: Do you Know the Latest Changes?," Presenter, National Webinar, National Business Institute (August 2016)
- "Piercing the Corporate Veil & Alter Ego Liability CLE," Presenter, National Telephonic Seminar, The Rossdale Group (February 2016)
- "Veil Piercing/Alter Ego Doctrine: How an Entity's Veil can be Pierced and Similar Equitable Remedies Available to Creditors," Presenter, Piercing the LLC or Corporate Veil: Start to Finish, National

Business Institute, Las Vegas, Nevada (December 7, 2015)

- "[Q&A with John Delikanakis - Be a counselor for your client, not just a hired gun](#)," Featured, The Sunday/Vegas Inc. (May 17, 2015)
- "Representing Your Client in Federal Court: Recent ABA Opinions, Conflicts of Interest, Appropriate Client Communications, Confidentiality and Metadata," Presenter, National Business Institute, Las Vegas, Nevada (November 2014)
- "[Insights: How to Reduce the Risk of Litigation](#)," Nevada State Bank webinar, Presenter, Las Vegas (July 2014)
- "[Nevada Supreme Court's Recent Decision Addressing Confidentiality of Public Employee Retirement System Records and Requests Under Nevada's Public Records](#)," Appearance on Ralston Reports (at 18:46), Las Vegas Channel 3 (November 19, 2013)
- "Representing Your Client in Federal Court: Recent ABA Opinions, Conflicts of Interest, Appropriate Client Communications, Confidentiality and Metadata," Presenter, National Business Institute, Las Vegas, Nevada (November 15, 2013)
- "Delaware Forum Decision Good for Companies and Shareholders, Too," Today's General Counsel (October/November 2013)
- "Discovery in a World With Electronic Discovery: Cases at the Intersection of Electronic Discovery and Various Public Records Acts," Law Seminars International, Las Vegas, Nevada (October 9, 2013)
- "What's the Deal with Deal Litigation in Nevada?" Presenter, Las Vegas Chapter, Association of Corporate Counsel (2012)
- "Avoiding the Deadly Sins of E-Discovery," Presenter and Co-Host, Nevada State Bar CLE (April 7, 2011)
- "It's a Slow, Painful Cure for Las Vegas' Commercial Real Estate Market," Author, In Business Las Vegas (October 22, 2010)
- "The Enforcement of Gambling Debt - A Brief Overview," Lecturer, University of Nevada, Boyd School of Law (2008, 2009, 2010)
- "Legal Strategies for a 'Down' Real Estate Market: Failed Real Estate Projects, Supply Chain Disruption and Breached Commercial Leases," Presenter, Las Vegas Chapter, Association of Corporate Counsel (2009)
- "SOX, The ABA Model Rules & the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct: Legal and Ethical Duties of Nevada Lawyers," Presenter, Las Vegas Chapter, Association of Corporate Counsel (2007)
- "How to Hire & Fire," Author, Nevada Chapter, Multilaw & Kluwer, London (2005)
- "New Standards for Professionals Under Sarbanes-Oxley," Presenter, National Hospitality Law Conference, Hilton School of Hotel Management, University of Houston (2004)

Reported Cases

- *George L. Brown Insurance Agency v. Star Insurance Company*, 237 P.2d 92 (Nev. Sup. Ct. 2010)
- *Anvui, LLC, A Nevada Limited Liability Company v. G.L., LLC, A Nevada Limited Liability Company*, Supreme Court of the State Nevada (July 26, 2007)
- *Palace REIT v. Betty Engelstad*, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (April 14, 2005)
- *Sandie Knutson and Dennis Knutson v. Allis-Chalmers*, United States District Court for the District of Nevada (February 23, 2005)

- *Antonio Badillo, et al., v. The American Tobacco Company*, United States District Court for the District of Nevada (June 29, 2001)
- *Sabine Young v. County of Clark*, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (September 24, 1998)
- *Ciaffone v. Eighth Judicial District Court of State of Nevada*, Supreme Court of Nevada (October 1, 1997)
- *Michael J. Padgett v. William O'Sullivan, et al.*, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (September 15, 1995)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation (2018-2023)
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Business Litigation (2012-2020)
- Legal Elite - Top Southern Nevada Attorneys, Nevada Business Magazine (2019)
- Benchmark Litigation, Future Star – Nevada (2017-2018)

Community Involvement

- Columbia County Historical Society of New York
 - Vice President, Board of Trustees (Present)
 - Board of Trustees (2020-2022)
- Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance
 - Chairman, Board of Directors (2016-2018)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Nevada
 - Chairman, Board of Directors (2016-2018)
- The Justice Michael L. Douglas PreLaw Fellowship Program
 - Advisory Board (2019-present)
- Be Engaged Business and Education Partnership
 - Clark County School District Mentor (2017)
- Lake Las Vegas Rowing Club
 - Founding Member and Secretary (2016-2018)
- The Salvation Army
 - Executive Committee, Advisory Board, Las Vegas (2001-2010, 2015-2017)
- 50 Hour Club, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (2015)
- Honor Roll, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (2014, 2018)
- Beverly Green Neighborhood Association
 - President (2001-2003)
 - Vice President (2004-2010)

Previous Professional Experience

- Park Place Entertainment Corporation, Associate General Counsel
- Nebraska Supreme Court, Judicial Clerk

Bar Admissions

- Illinois (inactive)
- Nevada

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Illinois
- Supreme Court of Nevada
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, District of Nevada