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# **Phillip Silvestri**

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Phillip (Phil) Silvestri focuses on representation of clients in highly regulated industries. His practice includes representing timeshare developers in litigation and other aspects of their business. He also has extensive experience in general litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution, as well as representing businesses in the cannabis space. Mr. Silvestri serves as an arbitrator for the Eighth Judicial District Court and a mediator for the state of Nevada Real Estate Division.

In addition, Mr. Silvestri is one of the most experienced foreclosure mediation advocates in the State of Nevada, having participated in over 2,500 mediations. This experience allows him to be a frequent lecturer and author in the area of creditor rights with an emphasis on foreclosure mediation. It is this mediation experience that led to the Nevada Supreme Court appointing him to the State of Nevada Foreclosure Mediation Program Advisory Committee in 2010, where he has served since that time. In this role, the Court has tasked him with evaluating the effectiveness, operation, policies and practices of the Nevada Foreclosure Mediation Program. Additionally, Mr. Silvestri has been responsible for studying the program rules and making recommendations to the Court regarding improvements to the program.

Prior to joining Greenspoon Marder, Mr. Silvestri managed his own practice, Silvestri Gidvani, P.C. representing creditors and cannabis businesses. He also previously worked in the areas of construction defect defense and mass tort litigation.

# **Bar Admissions**

- Nevada
- Arizona

# Education

- J.D., Wake Forest University, 2008
  - Dean Scholarship Recipient
- B.A., Political Science, Philosophy, Legal Studies, State University of New York at Fredonia, summa cum laude, 2005

# **Practice Areas**

- Financial Services
- Cannabis
- Hospitality, Alcohol & Leisure Industry Group
- Litigation

# **Professional and Community Involvement**

• Nevada Foreclosure Mediation Program, Mediator, 2017

• Nevada Foreclosure Mediation Program Advisory Committee, 2010-2016

#### **Speaking Engagements**

- Speaker, "Changes in Policy and Federal Law Updates," Medical & Recreational Marijuana Seminar, 2017
- Speaker, Medical Marijuana, Banking and Securities Presentation, Nevada, 2015
- Speaker, Perspectives on Foreclosure Mediation, State of Nevada Foreclosure Mediation Program, 2015
- Speaker, HOA Super Priority HOA Lien Panel Session, Fidelity National Title, 2014
- Speaker, HOA Super Priority Lien Update, United Trustees Association Annual Conference, 2014
- Speaker, Foreclosure Mediation Program Forum, Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors Annual Conference, 2014
- Speaker, Foreclosure Avoidance Mediation: A Progress Report, United Trustees Association Annual Conference, 2013
- Speaker, Foreclosure Mediation, State of Nevada Foreclosure Mediation Program, 2011

#### Recognitions

- U.S. News & World Report, "Best Lawyers in America," Litigation Banking & Finance, 2021-2024
- Super Lawyers Magazine, "Rising Star," 2012-2023
- Desert Companion magazine, "Top Lawyer," 2014

#### In the News

- Quoted, "This Is the Best State to Start a Cannabis Business Right Now," Money Morning, June 5, 2018
- Quoted, "Not A Word On Weed: AG Sessions Stays Silent On Legalized Marijuana in Las Vegas," KSNV News3LV, July 12, 2017
- Featured, "Want to Get Into the Weed Business? These Brands Will Show You How," Merry Jane, July 6, 2017
- Quoted, "Cannabis Industry Holds Expo, Anticipating Legalization in NY, NJ," NJTV News, June 16, 2017
- Quoted, "Don't Uproot That Weed: Those Worried About Las Vegas Real Estate Prices Near Marijuana Dispensaries May Be Pleasantly Surprised," Vegas Inc, December 12, 2016
- Quoted, "Attorneys: Court Ruling Created Millionaire Real Estate Investors," Las Vegas Review-Journal, September 19, 2014

#### Publications

- Co-Author, "The Rise and Fall of Physician-Recommended Reciprocity in Nevada," Cannabis Law Journal, September 1, 2016
- Co-Author, "Nevada Recreational Marijuana: From Initiative to Action," Cannabis Law Journal, December 1, 2016
- New Nevada Employment Regulations Involving Marijuana Use
- Nevada Supreme Court Halts Distribution Licenses for Non-Alcohol Distributors
- Update: Nevada Department of Taxation Votes Unanimously To Move the Industry's Distribution Process Forward
- Nevada Adult-Use Goes Live: Fear and Loathing in Cannabis Distribution

#### News

- 49 Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Listed in The Best Lawyers in America© 2024 Edition
- 48 Attorneys At Greenspoon Marder Listed In The Best Lawyers In America© 2023
- Greenspoon Marder Promotes Six Attorneys To Partner In 2020
- Greenspoon Marder Senior Counsel Phillip Silvestri Recognized By Super Lawyers As 2019 Mountain State Rising Star
- Greenspoon Marder Senior Counsel Phillip Silvestri To Be Featured Speaker At The National Business Institute's Recreational
  Marijuana Business Law Seminar
- Greenspoon Marder Attorney Phillip Silvestri Recognized by Super Lawyers as 2018 Mountain State Rising Star
- Greenspoon Marder Secures Arbitration Award of \$2.8 Million On Behalf of Client Westgate Resorts
- Nevada Supreme Court Halts Distribution Licenses for Non-Alcohol Distributors
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Neal Gidvani And Phillip Silvestri To Speak At Medical & Recreational Marijuana Seminar

- Greenspoon Marder Sponsors the Cannabis World Congress & Business Expo in Los Angeles
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Join the Editorial Board of The Cannabis Law Journal
- Three Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Join the Editorial Board of The Cannabis Law Journal
- Super Lawyers Recognizes 38 Attorneys at Greenspoon Marder



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