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Ms. Watkins serves as vice president of the LVNBA for the 2019-2021 term. She began serving on the LVNBA's board by appointment to the position of secretary in December 2018. Ms. Watkins has also been an attorney member of the LVNBA since 2014 and served as chair of the Mentorship Committee while in law school. She is a three-time recipient of the LVNBA scholarship for law students.

As an attorney, Ms. Watkins practices complex commercial litigation at both the trial and appellate levels with Pisanelli Bice PLLC (PB). Prior to joining PB, she was a judicial law clerk to Justice Michael L. Douglas of the Supreme Court of Nevada during the 2014-2016 term.

Ms. Watkins earned master's, doctorate, juris doctor, master of laws, and doctorate degrees at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). Prior to that, she attended Michigan State University and earned two bachelor's degrees with honor in criminal justice and psychology.

While in law school, Ms. Watkins served on the board of the Black Law Student Association for four years and sat as president from 2011-2012. Other accomplishments include selection for the Nevada Law Journal and belonging to Boyd's nationally recognized Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition team and Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition team. Ms. Watkins also served as a public interest fellow and graduate research and teaching assistant, among other things. Amid extra-curricular activities, Ms. Watkins achieved a top 30% ranking and Dean's List honors.

Upon graduation, Ms. Watkins received the Barbara Buckley Community Service Award and the Roosevelt Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Leadership. Ms. Watkins' dissertation focusing on courtroom stress in witnesses was bestowed the Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award. She was recently awarded the Access to Justice Award of Excellence from Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada for her pro bono prowess.