



## PAUL S. WEST

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*Paul is a member of Butler Snow's business department and practices within the Gaming industry team. Paul has over 25 years of experience representing all aspects of the casino gaming industry including operators, financiers, landlords and governmental agencies nationwide. Paul has served as president of the International Association of Gaming Advisors and previously served as an adjunct professor of law at the Paul M. Hebert/LSU School of Law where he taught Introduction to Gaming Law.*

### PRACTICE AREAS AND INDUSTRY TEAMS

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Gaming

### EXPERIENCE

- Paul has represented gaming interests in a variety of matters including mergers and acquisitions, suitability investigations, financings, operational matters, compliance, sale lease backs and general gaming law matters.

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Louisiana, 1980
- U.S. District Court
  - Louisiana: Eastern, Middle, Western
- U.S. Court of Appeals
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit

### DISTINCTIONS

- *Martindale-Hubbell*<sup>®</sup>
  - AV<sup>®</sup>- Preeminent<sup>™</sup> Peer Review Rated
- *Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>
  - Gaming Law, 2005-2021
  - Corporate Law, 2006-2021
  - Baton Rouge Gaming Law "Lawyer of the Year," 2013, 2015
- *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business*
  - Gaming & Licensing – Nationwide, 2019-2020
  - Gaming & Licensing – Louisiana, 2010-2020

- *Super Lawyers*®
  - Louisiana Super Lawyers, Gaming, 2007-Present
- Counselor, International Association of Gaming Advisors

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

- International Association of Gaming Advisors
  - President, 2010
- Baton Rouge Bar Association
  - Board of Directors, 1988-2000
  - Past President
- Baton Rouge Bar Foundation
  - Board of Directors
- Louisiana State Bar Association
  - 2011 Annual Meeting Committee
  - Assistant Bar Examiner
  - House of Delegates
    - Member, 1989-2004
  - Continuing Legal Education Committee
    - Vice Chair
  - Nominating Committee
    - Member, 1995-2000
  - Summer School for Lawyer's Committee
    - Co-Chair, 1995-1996
  - Outstanding Young Lawyer of Louisiana, 1992

## **EDUCATION & HONORS**

- Louisiana State University, J.D., 1980
  - Phi Kappa Phi
- Louisiana State University, M.B.A., 2005
- Louisiana State University, B.A., 1977

## **PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

- Speaker, "The History of Gambling in Louisiana," Louisiana Attorney General's Office Continuing Legal Education Seminar, September 2019.
- Speaker, "Southern Gaming Summit – Cybersecurity in a World Full of Threats," May 2017.
- Speaker, "Fantasy Sports & the Law: Implications for Casinos," May 2016.
- Speaker, "Legalized Gambling – Is It For You?," Tulane's 2014 International Legislative Drafting Institute, June 2014.
- Author, "Gaming Law Today," *Inside the Minds: Gaming Law Litigation Strategies*, Thomson Reuters/Aspatore Books, pp. 55-65, 2014.