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Dr. Watkins is vice president of the LVNBA for the 2021-2023 term. She also served as vice president during the immediate past term. Dr. Watkins began serving on the LVNBA's board by appointment to the position of secretary in December 2018 and has been an attorney member of the LVNBA since 2014. She served as chair of the Mentorship Committee while in law school and is a three-time recipient of the LVNBA scholarship for law students.

Dr. Watkins is currently a member of the Nevada Gaming Control Board whose four-year term appointment became effective on May 3, 2021. As an attorney, she practiced complex commercial litigation at both the trial and appellate levels with Pisanelli Bice PLLC (PB) from 2016-2021. Prior to joining PB, she was a judicial law clerk to Justice Michael L. Douglas of the Supreme Court of Nevada for the 2014-2016 term.

She 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, Dr. 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 to the Nevada Law Journal and placement on Boyd's nationally recognized Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition team and Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition team. Dr. Watkins also served as a public interest fellow and graduate research and teaching assistant, among other things. Amid extra-curricular activities, Dr. Watkins achieved a top 30% ranking and Dean's List honors.

Upon graduation, she received the Barbara Buckley Community Service Award and the Roosevelt Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Leadership. Dr. Watkins's dissertation focusing on courtroom stress in witnesses was bestowed the Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award. In 2019, she was awarded the Access to Justice Award of Excellence from Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada for her pro bono prowess. In 2021, she was presented with the Silver Service Award by the William S. Boyd School of Law (Boyd) Public Interest Law Association and the Circle of Support Award from the Clark County Bar Association. Dr. Watkins was also Boyd's Alumni of the Year in 2021.

Dr. Watkins is the first Black woman to be elected to the State Bar of Nevada Board of Governors in its nearly 100-year history.