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JUDE A. CISNEROS, ESQ.

Admitted to the State Bar of California
Admitted to the State Bar of New Mexico
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U.S. Courts of Appeals for the 9th and 10th Circuits
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
U.S. District Court for New Mexico

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mr. Cisneros is Of Counsel with Lepiscopo & Associates. He is a litigator and business consulting lawyer with broad experience as in-house corporate counsel and in private practice. Additionally, he leverages his experience and professional network to provide data services and consulting to clients nationwide. He has

extensive experience in business and corporate law, director and officer liability, corporate and shareholder liability, employment practices, general liability, tort litigation, premises liability, operations, safety, risk, claims management and insurance defense.

Mr. Cisneros has broad experience counseling clients through all aspects of business planning, risk management, dispute resolution and civil litigation. He has litigated cases in the state and federal courts of California and New Mexico since 1998. He is licensed in all state and federal courts of California, as well as the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Ninth and Tenth Circuits.

LEGAL CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: LEPISCOPO & ASSOCIATES (September 2016 to Present)

Corporate and Business Law & Civil Litigation

- Performed all tasks associated with state and federal civil litigation, including preparing discovery, legal memoranda, and pleadings, motions, and petitions

Additional Experience

- **Regional Sales Executive, Altep Inc., San Diego – February 2016 - Present.**
 - Leverage experience and professional network to bring value to clients nationwide in data hosting and management, eDiscovery, digital forensics, privacy, cyber security, and related consulting services.
- **Principal, De Jure Law Group, Spring Valley, California (San Diego area) – 2013 - 2016.**
 - Litigation counsel for private clients, business owners, and corporate entities (including Walmart) in tort, business and contract disputes, officer and shareholder liability, employment practices, harassment, discrimination, defamation, and products liability.
 - Advised corporate clients and business stakeholders in contracting, non-compete, non-solicitation and non-disclosure, employment practices and policies & procedures, governance, and insurance.
 - Independent GC to pharmacogenetics diagnostic lab, trailer manufacturer, pharmacy, commercial property venture capitalist, day-care operator, and others.

- **Partner, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP
Los Angeles & San Diego offices – 2011 - 2013.**
 - Litigation in negligence, premises liability, commercial litigation, and insurance defense.
 - Engaged Walmart Stores, Inc., acted as Relationship Partner for tort and commercial litigation, third-party subpoenas, vendor garnishments in California, New York, Florida, Texas, Illinois, Wisconsin, Arizona and Louisiana.
 - Spanish-speaking independent general counsel to Florida produce distributor on location in Lima, Peru, to challenge foreign arbitration breach of private international trade agreement ruling, engage local counsel, initiate U.S. federal litigation strategy, and negotiate post-arbitration settlement.
- **Associate General Counsel, Walmart Stores, Inc.,
Legal Department, Bentonville, AR – 2005 - 2011.**
 - Lead counsel over nationwide tort discovery and civil and criminal third-party practice (2006 - 2011).
 - Advised internal clients, supervised in-house teams, and managed outside counsel in handling of pre-trial evidentiary disputes, civil procedure, motions practice, and production of corporate witnesses.
 - Extensive experience in high-volume litigation and ESI protocol in commercial and tort litigation.
 - Advised executives, regional directors, local store personnel, and outside counsel in preservation of evidence, deposition and in-court testimony, chain-of-custody, privilege, privacy, Apex doctrine, trade secrets and confidential business practices.
- **Associate, Kenney & Markowitz LLP, San Francisco, CA – 2002 - 2005.** Litigation in aviation liability, post-9/11 watch-lists, defamation and business libel, business torts, commercial litigation, and employment liability.
- **Associate, Silva Reider & Maestas, Albuquerque, NM – 2000 - 2002.** Negligence, commercial disputes, police pursuit liability, employment practices, mining and smelter operations, and wrongful death.
- **Associate, Madison Harbour Mroz & Brennan PA, Albuquerque, NM – 1998 - 2000.** Premises liability, medical and professional negligence, business torts, corporate and shareholder liability, insurance defense.

HIGHLIGHT OF SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

- Keynote, *Safety Professional's Role in Managing Risk*, Governor's Conference on Safety, Rogers, AR, 2009.
- Mock Trial judge/coach, Future Latino Leaders Law Camp, Washington, D.C., 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2009.
- Keynote, Bowen School of Law Pre-Law Day, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 2007.
- *Guide to Evidence*, Claims Mgmt., Inc., Rogers, AR, 2006.
- *Mapping a Successful In-House Career*, Hispanic National Bar Assoc. Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, 2006.
- *Indemnity Agreements and Defense Tenders*, USLaw Network Conference, San Diego, CA, 2006.

EDUCATION, ADMISSIONS, AND MEMBERSHIPS:

- University of Wisconsin-Madison, J.D., 1997.
- University of New Mexico, B.A., Criminology, 1994.
- Bar Admissions in CA (2002), NM (1998), WI (1998).
- Federal Bar Admissions: All California Districts; NM District; 9th and 10th Circuit Courts of Appeal.
- Hispanic National Bar Association (2004-2013), Region XII Deputy President for Arkansas (2008-2011).
- San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association (2003-2005).
- Medical Review Commission, New Mexico (1999-2002).
- Advisory Opinions Committee on Professional Conduct, New Mexico (1998-2000).