

Joe Bongiovi is the principal of Bongiovi Dispute Resolutions, an alternative dispute resolution firm. Mr. Bongiovi was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and has been a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, since 1970.

- Mr. Bongiovi has carried an A/V Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell since 2000.
- In April 2006, Mr. Bongiovi was also listed among “The Lawdragon 500 Leading Judges in America” following a national survey of lawyers and judges by the Lawdragon publication.
- In 2007, he was accepted as a Fellow of the American College of Civil Trial Mediators.
- In 2010, he was first named a “Super Lawyer” in ADR and was invited to become a charter member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.
- In 2013, Joe was named a “Top Lawyer” in a Vegas, Inc., survey of peers.
- In 2014, he was named a “Top Lawyer” in Southern Nevada by Desert Companion magazine and AVVO.
- From 2014 on, he has been recognized in “Who’s Who Legal: Mediation”
- From 2014 on, Mr. Bongiovi has been recognized as one of the “Best Lawyers” in America. During that time, BDR has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the nation’s Best Law Firms

Having represented insurers, insureds and self-insured entities while in litigation practice, Mr. Bongiovi limited his practice to mediation and arbitration in 1996 when he established BDR. He then became the first full-time mediator based in southern Nevada. BDR is exclusively an ADR firm; no representation of clients occurs. Since forming BDR, Mr. Bongiovi has performed thousands of mediations and hundreds of arbitrations in disputes involving personal injury/wrongful death, malpractice, insurance/bad faith, commercial, intellectual property, contract and employment matters. He handles disputes in pre-litigation, litigation and appellate stages. More information can be found at [www.bongiovi.com](http://www.bongiovi.com).

### ***Education***

- *University of San Diego Law School*, J.D. (1986): Int’l Academy of Trial Lawyers Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy
- *University of Nevada, Las Vegas*, B.A. Psychology (1983): Fleischmann Scholar

### ***Legal Career***

- **Bongiovi Dispute Resolutions (1996-present):** Practice limited to full-time ADR of all matters except domestic and construction defect cases. Matters include personal injury/wrongful death, insurance coverage/bad faith, product liability, premises liability, security misconduct, professional malpractice, contract, intellectual property, commercial and employment disputes.
- **Bongiovi & Silvestri, Chtd. (1993-1996):** Practice included defense of insureds, insurers and self-insured entities in personal injury/death, coverage/bad faith/fraud, product liability, defamation, premises liability, security misconduct, professional malpractice, construction defect, contract and commercial disputes.
- **Joseph J. Bongiovi III, Chtd. (1990-1993):** Practice included defense of insureds, insurers and self-insured entities in personal injury/death, coverage/bad faith/fraud, product liability, defamation, premises liability, security misconduct, professional malpractice, construction defect, contract and commercial disputes. Reported Decision: *Farmers Ins. Exchange v. Young*, 832 P.2d 376 (Nev. 1992).
- **Beckley, Singleton, DeLanoy, Jemison & List (1986-1990):** Practice included defense of insureds, insurers and self-insured entities in personal injury/death, coverage/bad faith/fraud, product liability, defamation, premises liability, security misconduct, professional malpractice, contract and commercial disputes.

# BONGIOVI DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS

*Background, Contact and Rate Information, continued*

## **Lecturer/Articles**

- Settlement Conference and Mediation: Tactics and Preparation (to Nevada Bar)
- “Avoiding Pitfalls in ADR” Communique (August & September 2006)
- Medical Malpractice Issues (panel discussion: American Ass’n for Thoracic Surgery, 2004 annual meeting/plenary session)
- ADR in Bad Faith Cases (to Nevada Bar and claims professionals)
- General Principles of Mediation (to Mediators of Southern Nevada)
- Settling Insurance Claims (to Nevada bar and claims professionals)
- Insurance Coverage (to Nevada bar and claims professionals)
- Auto Insurance Coverage and Claims (to Nevada bar and claims professionals)
- Defending Against the Soft Tissue Claim (to Nevada bar and claims professionals)
- Settlement Conference/Mediation Techniques (to Nevada bench)
- “Mediation, an imperfect primer” (Part of “Winning Strategies” presentation; to CPCU Society annual meeting 2011)
- Mediation Tactics and Preparation (to Plaintiff and Defense bars, 2011 and 2012).

## **Affiliations**

- Fellow, American College of Civil Trial Mediators
- Member, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
- Association for Conflict Resolution
- ABA Section of Dispute Resolution
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- State Bar of Nevada Section of Dispute Resolution
- Clark County Bar Association

## **References and Representative Clients**

BDR has been retained by nearly every major law firm in Las Vegas, Nevada, as well as many major insurance carriers including AIG, Allstate Insurance, ALPS, American National P&C, American Physician’s Assurance, Amica, CSAA Interinsurance Bureau, Cigna, CNA, CNA MedPro, Colonial Penn, The Doctors’ Company, Domino’s, Farmers Insurance Group, Fireman’s Fund, GE Casualty, GEICO, Hartford, Hawkeye Insurance, HCA, ICBC, Insurance Company of the West, Kemper Insurance, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Nationwide, Progressive Insurance, Prudential Insurance, Safeco, St. Paul, State Farm, Travelers Insurance, UNUM/Provident, USAA, Westchester and Zurich American, to assist them in resolving their disputes. Additionally, self-insured entities, including Bridgestone/Firestone, Dignity Health, Dunlop Tire Corporation, Ford Motor Company, General Growth Properties, General Motors, MGM-Mirage, Michelin Tires, Tenet Healthcare Corporation, United Health Services, Vons and Wal-Mart Stores, to name a few, have also used BDR to resolve their disputes. A partial list of past law firm clients can be found at [www.bongiovi.com](http://www.bongiovi.com).

## **Rates and Contact Information**

Mr. Bongiovi charges \$500 per hour. If the proceeding is held outside Las Vegas, Nevada, \$175 per hour is billed for travel time while travel and lodging expenses are billed at cost. There are no administrative fees or charges. Cancellations or continuances occurring within two weeks of the mediation/arbitration date will be billed for Mr. Bongiovi’s time in the matter to that point.

BDR’s administrative office is located at its **mailing/delivery** address: *2807 MIDDLE EARTH STREET, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89135*.

All **proceedings** are held at *9510 W. SAHARA AVENUE, SUITE 225, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89117*, unless otherwise agreed.

BDR can be contacted by telephone at (702) 889-4600 or by fax at (702) 364-2092. For scheduling, administrative or billing matters: Mr. Bongiovi’s assistant Kathy can also be reached at [kathy@bongiovi.com](mailto:kathy@bongiovi.com).

Mr. Bongiovi’s email address is [joe@bongiovi.com](mailto:joe@bongiovi.com). The firm’s website is located at [www.bongiovi.com](http://www.bongiovi.com).