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Gino Paciocco practises personal injury law to his own beat



From playing the accordion for the likes of Al Pacino and 'The Bachelor' to playing soccer abroad, personal injury lawyer [Gino Paciocco](#) brings a unique set of skills to his work representing injured plaintiffs.

“All of these life experiences — playing international soccer, performing various stages and interacting with thousands of people as a musician — have helped improve my time management skills, kept me well-rounded and allowed me to really appreciate our clients from all walks of life.”

Paciocco, a founding partner of [Paciocco & Mellow](#) in Windsor, tells [AdvocateDaily.com](#).

“The entertainment business is very similar to law in many ways. You're dealing with emotions and different personalities, and it's really about social skills and creativity.”

Born and raised in Windsor, Paciocco says he always knew he wanted to become a lawyer and follow in the footsteps of some of his relatives who have made lengthy careers assisting the public.

He attended the University of Windsor to obtain undergraduate and law degrees, and he was called to the bar in 2006.

Paciocco played soccer in an international tournament as a youngster but says he wanted to settle in his hometown.

“I always knew that I wanted to practice law in Windsor and serve the people in the community — they've been very good to me here,” he says.

In his first years of practice, Paciocco successfully argued a case, [Buxar v. Lukich](#), 2008 CanLII 49153, that went on to be reported in the prestigious National-wide publication, *The Dominion Law Reports*. He advanced his career — working first on the insurance defence side, including cases that went before appellate courts, before eventually moving more toward plaintiff representation — Paciocco continued to pursue his passion for performing music in his free time in Windsor and beyond.

He says he still remembers when his father encouraged him to learn to play a musical instrument.



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“He said, ‘OK, here’s an accordion.’ It wasn’t really what I had in mind,” Paciocco says with a laugh. “That’s what he encouraged me to play when I was a kid. Then I learned a lot more about the dedication required to master this sophisticated and complex instrument.” It is this same drive that fuels Paciocco to be the best possible lawyer that his clients deserve and should expect, he says.

Paciocco performs a Latin-classical style of music, and he can play everything from the guitar, to the drums and piano. He has performed throughout Ontario and in some U.S. locations, including Las Vegas.

“Every vacation I’ve taken, I’ve grabbed an accordion and entertained people,” Paciocco says. “Music uses a totally different area of your brain than law. That’s what balances me out. It makes me a better lawyer.”

Paciocco played for Ben Flajnik when the former Bachelor star made a media appearance at a Windsor restaurant that was carrying wine from his vineyard.

On another occasion, Paciocco played for Al Pacino when the celebrity came to the Windsor Casino for a mental health charity event.

Now at his own practice, Paciocco & Mellow, Paciocco exclusively focuses on representing people who have been hurt in motor vehicle accidents, slip-and-falls or personal injury negligence cases.

He says his background in insurance law gives him added insight to help his clients. He has represented clients before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, the Financial Services Commission of Ontario and the appellate courts of Ontario.

“It’s almost as if you’re playing a card game and knowing the other player’s hand. We have spent years advising insurance companies on how to defend personal injury claims, which provides invaluable insight now going against them to maximize our client’s case,” Paciocco says.

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