



### **About the Firm:**

LegisLink is a Louisiana consulting firm led by Dino Paternostro, MPH, CEcD, specializing in public policy, government relations, regulatory approvals, economic development, entrepreneur innovation, business strategy, and capital placement.

### **About the Owner:**

Dino Paternostro is the founder and President of LegisLink, building upon 25 years of Capitol experience. Dino's early experience was steeped in healthcare policy at the Metropolitan Hospital Council for 14 years. After that, he led the public policy functions at Greater New Orleans, Inc. for 10 years. The last 9 years, he has spent his energy building his firm's portfolio of projects, expanding services to include entrepreneur coaching and capital placement.

Dino holds degrees from Pepperdine University and Tulane University, is a nationally certified economic developer, registered lobbyist, Fellow of the LSU Academy of Politics, and Graduate of Leadership Jefferson. He has served on various boards and associations, including Delgado Community College Foundation, Louisiana Industrial Development Association Executives (LIDEA), International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Public Policy Advisory Committee, and the World Trade Center Legislative Committee. Civic activities include the Knights of Columbus and Archbishop Rummel Men's Club.

### **Areas of Expertise:**

- Economic Development – Sector Initiatives, Innovation, Site Selection, Business Incentives.
- Tax Policy - Enterprise Zone, Energy, International Trade, Angel Investor Credits, R&D program.
- Financing - Private Capital, Public Grants, Capital Outlay, State/Federal funding programs.
- Resilience – Disaster Preparedness, Business Continuity, Infrastructure/Economic Rebuilding.
- Healthcare – Public Health, Drug Policy, Professional Licensure, Bio Research & Development.

### **Firm Results:**

- Key legislation passed -- **HB 2206** Emergency Care by Clarkson/Bajoie in 1997, **HB 742** Bioscience District by Carter in 2005, **HB 106** Capital Gains Exclusion by Greene in 2009, **HB244** Angel Tax Credit legislation by Foil in 2015, **HB300** R&D legislation by Davis in 2017, and **HB569** Antique Automobiles by Stokes in 2019.
- Active with federal policy, including NAFTA, RAMP Act, Ex/Im Bank, NASA Reauthorization, Go Zone Recovery, HUB Zone, RESTORE Act, Wetlands Mitigation, NFIP, SBIR Innovation.
- Funding success: NIMS Film Studio, NOLA Motorsports, Nursing/Allied Health Expansion, Higher Education Recovery, Michoud Infrastructure, Multi-modal, Regional Economic Funds.

### **Sample Clients (references available upon request):**

Policy: Regional Economic Alliance of LA, Committee of 100, SBIR Consortium, Nurse Family Partnership, Script Specialists, Save Our Society from Drugs (SOS), Antique Automobile Alliance  
Business Consulting: Acadian Labs, Bayou Media, International Resiliency Center, SBLI  
Capital Placement: InteliFuse, Groetsch Entertainment, 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, Agro Hydroponics

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