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On the cover: Photo of CCBA Executive Board members Brandon Kemble, Paul Ray, Heather Anderson-Fintak, Jason Stoffel, Mariteresa Rivera-Rogers, Mark Blackman, Judge Jerry Wiese, and James Harper. Photo courtesy of Sunethra Muralidhara.

New Year, New Page from the Presidential Playbook

By Jennifer Roberts, Esq.

As the nation debates the impeachment of the U.S. President, we have experienced a sudden change in the presidency of the Clark County Bar Association (CCBA). This change, however, does not come with any controversy or political divisiveness. Rather, it is a change that sometimes comes with being a lawyer.

Many of us in our legal careers have made the difficult decision to change law firms, change practice areas, or change from private practice to government or in-house positions. Just over a month before becoming the CCBA President, I was confronted with one of those life decisions. This change, however, takes me to another state.

It was a hard decision to make because I have been part of the CCBA since my first official day as a Nevada lawyer. I recall at the swearing-in ceremony, I approached the CCBA table and was met by Cathy Mazzeo and Kari Stephens, both of whom later became CCBA Presidents. They told me how I could become involved with the CCBA, so I joined the New Lawyers Committee. After I “aged out,” I then joined the Publications Committee to help with the award-winning publication that keeps me updated on current legal topics, the *Communique*.

I joined the CCBA Board and met some amazing attorneys during my time. I was able to discuss and deliberate important policies and decisions with judges, law firm partners, solo practitioners, in-house attorneys, and government counsel. This was my favorite part of the CCBA—the people! I enjoyed meeting and working with attorneys and members coming from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. I observed leadership of sever-



CCBA President ('20) Mariteresa Rivera Rogers (right) with CCLF Director Patrick Montejano at Blanket the Homeless activity on November 26, 2019.

al CCBA presidents, all of whom were outstanding in their own way, and worked with the wonderful staff—Donna Wiessner and Stephanie Abbott—who keep the CCBA running so efficiently and effectively.

Within a one month period, I interviewed for, accepted, and moved across the country for the role of Director of Sports Gaming Regulation for the Tennessee Lottery. I was sad to leave the CCBA before serving as President, but was confident in my decision knowing that Mariteresa Rivera-Rogers would take my place. She has dedicated countless hours to serving the CCBA and always took such a thoughtful approach to CCBA decision-making. The CCBA is in good hands!

While I regret not being able to say goodbye to the numerous CCBA colleagues I have met over the years, just know that you will always have a colleague to come visit in Nashville! Thank you CCBA, members, and staff for a wonderful 17 years in Las Vegas. 🍀



Jennifer Roberts has practiced gaming and alcohol law in Las Vegas since 2003. During her career, she has provided professional legal counsel to some of the world's largest companies on matters related to gaming and alcohol regulations, legal compliance, and general business matters. As of December 2, Jennifer moved to Nashville to become the Director of Sports Gaming Regulation of the Tennessee Education Lottery Corp.



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- **Guest speaker: U.S. Magistrate Judge Brenda Weksler**



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Honorees (Admitted 1965):

James Bilbray of Kaempfer Crowell



CCBA Election Voting: Sunethra Muralidhara of Wright Marsh & Levy

Special guest speakers (l-r): Tom Letizia of Letizia Agency and David Thomas of Policy Communications

Bar Activities

Clark County Bar Honors Volunteers, Elects Leaders

On December 12, 2019, CCBA President Jason Stoffel hosted the “Clark County Bar Luncheon & Annual Meeting,” a special event sponsored by Bank of Nevada, First Legal, Peak IT Group, and MediLegal, A Professional Nursing Corporation, at the Grotto Ristorante in downtown Las Vegas. This special event featured the presentation of awards to members and supporters of the CCBA’s activities and services, the election of the 2020 CCBA Executive Board, and special guest speakers. Highlights of the awards and the election follow.

CCBA President Jason Stoffel welcomed guests, presented awards to volunteers, and thanked his colleagues for their membership and support of the CCBA during 2019. Special thanks were given to event sponsor representatives: Bank of Nevada vice president/loan officer **Jeff Miracle**; First Legal president of investigations **Don Fritsch**; Peak IT Group business advisor **Randy Golla**; and MediLegal, Inc. legal nurse consultant **Tracy Albee**.

Special guest speakers, Tom Letizia of Letizia Agency and David Thomas of Policy Communications, each addressed the topic of judicial campaigns in southern Nevada.

During the event, CCBA members cast votes to elect nominees to the CCBA executive board, including:

- **Brandon P. Kemble** of City of Henderson
- **Paul C. Ray** of Paul C. Ray, Chtd.
- **Mark S. Blackman** of BDF Law Group
- **James T. Leavitt** of Leavitt Legal Services, PC
- **Alayne M. Opie** of Greenberg Traurig, LLP
- **Jacquelyn Franco** of Backus Carranza & Burden
- **Amanda Stevens** of Battle Born Capital

CCBA President Jason Stoffel commented, “Two outstanding candidates received the votes necessary to become a member of the CCBA Executive Board. Let’s wish all the

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March 2020	Technology in Law Practice
April 2020	Cannabis Law
May 2020	Sports & Entertainment Law
June/July 2020*	Mental Health
August 2020	Family Law
September 2020	Appellate Practice
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Circle of Support Award Winner:
Stephen Smith (right) with Jason Stoffel.



Circle of Support Award Winner:
Atif Sheikh (right) with Jason Stoffel and Donna Wiessner.



Volunteer Appreciation Award Winners: (l-r): Judge Jerry Wiese, Mariteresa Rivera-Rogers, and Jeffrey Luszeck.

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best to new Board members Amanda Stevens and Jacquelyn Franco. The CCBA values their commitment and dedication to the Board and are excited to have them proudly serve. Congratulations Amanda and Jacquelyn!”

The elected members will serve with colleagues on the 2020 CCBA Executive Board which will be led by incoming CCBA President (’20) **Mariteresa Rivera-Rogers** of Wright Marsh & Levy, President-Elect **James E. Harper** of Harper Selim, and Secretary/Treasurer **Nedda Ghandi** of Ghandi Deeter Blackham Law Offices.

Bar committee leaders were also honored for their service including CLE Committee Chair and Clark County Public Administrator **Rob Telles**, New Lawyers Committee Co-Chairs **Jason Close** of Close Law Group and **Amanda Stevens** of Battle Born Capital, and Publications Committee Chair **Jacquelyn Franco** of Backus Carranza & Burden.

Awards were presented to active bar members who provided exceptional service to the CCBA during 2019. See below for a list of people honored.



Gift Basket Winner (l-r): Bryan Scott with Jim Cavanaugh and Paul Ray

CCBA Volunteer Appreciation Awards:

- Volunteer of the Year Award: **Jeffrey P. Luszeck** of Solomon, Dwiggin & Freer, Ltd.
- Outstanding Board Member: **Mariteresa Rivera-Rogers** of Wright Marsh & Levy
- Ambassador of the Year Award: **The Honorable Jerry Wiese, II** of Eighth Judicial District Court
- CCBA Sponsor of the Year: **Bank of Nevada**
- **Circle of Support Awards:**
 - Community Service Committee: **Alicia Exley** of Pecos Law Group
 - CLE Committee: **Stephen F. Smith**
 - New Lawyers Committee: **Atif Sheikh** of Law Offices of Atif Sheikh, PLLC
 - Publications Committee: **Alia Najjar, MD** of Nutile Law

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Luncheon Sponsor (l-r): Don Fritsch of First Legal (left) with Jason Stoffel. More photo highlights from this event are available online at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/9G39bsTDKx8Dkpyc7>.



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Gift baskets were offered to a few lucky attendees. The baskets were made possible from donations courtesy of Mariteresa Rivera-Rogers, James Harper, and Paul Ray.

Photo highlights from this event are available on page 9 with several more photos available online at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/9G39bsTDKx8D-kpyc7>.

CLE Seminars

Recorded Seminars Available

On December 10, 2019, the CCBA CLE Committee hosted “Things You Have Wanted to Ask the Probate Commissioner” with featured speaker Probate Commissioner **Wesley Yamashita** of the 8th Judicial District Court. The seminar was produced by Clark County Public Administrator **Rob Telles** of the CCBA’s CLE Committee. The seminar offered 2.0 General CLE credit for Nevada lawyers.

On November 19, 2019, the CCBA CLE Committee hosted “The Disease of Addiction - A Professional, Community, and Family Affair” with featured speakers **Kristine Kuzemka**, of Nevada Lawyer Assistance Program & LCL, and **Lance Wilson**, District Court Executive (Retired). The seminar was produced by **Stephen Smith** of the CCBA’s CLE Committee. The seminar offered 1.0 Substance Abuse/Addiction/Mental Health (AAMH) CLE credit for Nevada lawyers.

These seminars were recorded and will be made available to rent from the CCBA. For more information, visit www.clarkcountybar.org or call the CCBA office at (702) 387-6011.

“The Promises and Perils of Legal Negotiation: How Psychology Can Help”

On Tuesday, January 28, 2020, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., members of the State Bar of Nevada are invited to attend “The Promises and Perils of Legal Negotiation: How Psychology Can Help” with featured speaker **Jean R. Sternlight**, Saltman Professor, UNLV Boyd School of Law. An overview of the course summarizes the presentation as “[l]earn how psychology relating to clients, opponents, and yourself can either help or hinder your negotiations. This seminar is produced by **David Doto** of the CCBA’s CLE Committee and will be held at the CCBA office at 717 S. 8th Street, Las Vegas. This seminar offers 2 General CLE Credits for Nevada lawyers. The attendance fee varies as follows:

- **Live event:** \$50 Member, \$90 Non-member
- **Recorded event:** \$70 for choice of format—audio (.mp3) or video (.mp4). Delivery (via e-mail) to take at least two weeks after live event.

To attend the live event or order the recorded event, RSVP to the CCBA at (702) 387-6011. Event registration forms are available at <http://www.clarkcountybar.org> and page 12.

Bar Services

Volunteer Day at Three Square

When & Where:

Saturday, January 18, 2020—

NEW DATE

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Three Square Food Bank (Warehouse) at 4190 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas

Who:

Bar members & their families (ages 10 & up).

What to expect:

Volunteer activities may include produce and grocery packing for individuals who receive meal assistance and mobile pantries. Volunteers may be standing, bending, lifting, and walking on concrete in non-climate controlled areas. Closed-toe shoes, please. No low-cut, mid-drift, or tank tops will be allowed.

For more information, contact Paul Lal at plal@bsfllp.com or Steph Abbott at StephanieAbbott@clarkcountybar.org



Probate CLE Highlight (l-r): Rob Telles, Commissioner Wesley Yamashita, and John Waite.

Substance Abuse CLE Highlight (l-r): Kristine Kuzemka, Lance Wilson, and Stephen Smith.

Community Service Activities

Blanket the Homeless

On November 26, 2019, at a Project Homeless Connect (PCH) event, members of the legal community helped distribute blankets to people in need. This activity was part of Blanket the Homeless, a project of the Clark County Bar Association and the Clark County Law Foundation.

Special thanks to all who made donations to the CCBA and the CCLF for the purchase of over 1,000 rescue blankets. Special thanks to all who volunteered to help distribute blankets this year: **Mark Blackman, Paul Ray, Jared Hague, Mariteresa Rivera-Rogers, Andy Sharples, Jen Braster, Sarah Thornton, Whitney Ogden, Paul Lal, Alicia Exley, Patrick Montejano, Kathia Sotelo Calderon, Alexis Brown, Rachel Booth, Karen Edgington, and Stephanie Abbott.**

Volunteer Day at Three Square

On Saturday, January 18, 2020 (**not** Monday, January 20 as previously published), CCBA members are invited to volunteer in an activity to benefit those served by Three Square Food Bank. For more information, see page 10.

Photos from CCBA activities are courtesy of Steph Abbott, Donna Wiessner, and Sunethra Muralidhara.

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CLE Speakers Sought

CCBA's CLE Committee seeks Nevada lawyers to volunteer to produce and speak at events produced by the Clark County Bar Association. CCBA is an Accredited Provider with the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education. For more information, contact Donna Wiessner, donnaw@clarkcountybar.org, (702) 387-6011 or Stephen F. Smith, Esq. at nevadasteve@msn.com.

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Inductees & Honorees: See names listed on page 6.

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Clark County Public Administrator's Training Room, 515 Shadow Ln., Las Vegas

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- **Live event:** \$50 per CCBA member; \$90 per non-member; or \$FREE per CCBA CLE Passport (2019 or 2020) Holder
- **Recorded event:** \$70 for choice of format: Audio (.mp3) or Video (.mp4).

RSVP Deadline: 1/27/2020

Note: To guarantee seating, all reservations MUST be received by the CCBA at least 72 hours prior to the event.

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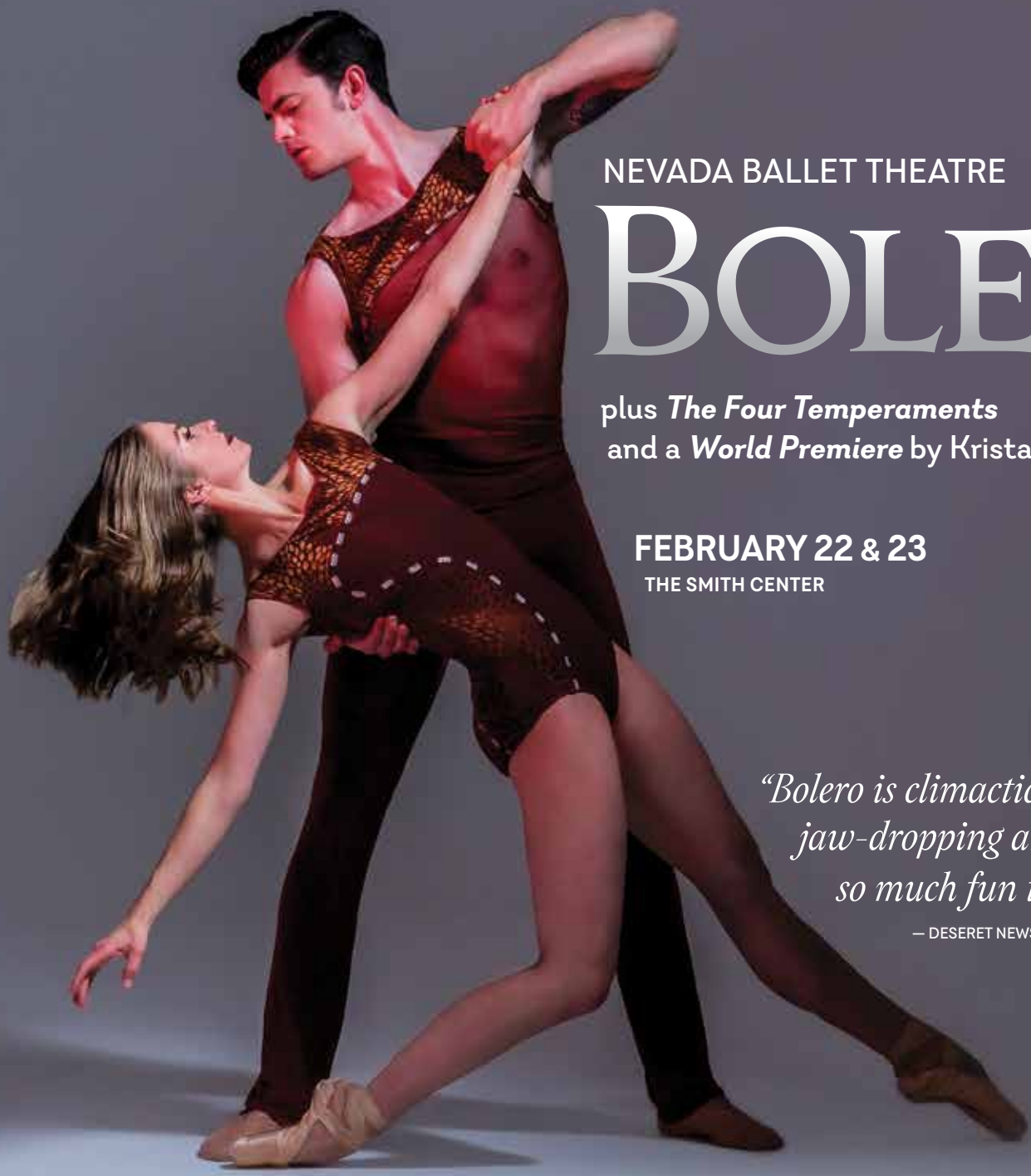
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Court News

EJDC Civil Bench Bar Meetings for 2020

The Eighth Judicial District Court (EJDC) has released a schedule for the Civil Bench Bar Meetings in 2020. The meetings will no longer be held monthly. Please note the schedule as follows:

- **When:**
 - February 11, 2020
 - March 10, 2020 – Chili Cook-off
 - April 14, 2020
 - May 12, 2020
 - September 1, 2020
 - October 13, 2020
 - December 8, 2020 -Holiday Party
 - All meetings to begin at 12:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Eighth Judicial District Court, Courtroom 10D – Regional Justice Center, 200 Lewis Ave., Las Vegas
- **What:** Opportunity for members of the bar who practice before the EJDC to get latest information on what's happening at the court and to discuss issues.
- **Who:** All members of the State Bar of Nevada are invited to attend this meeting to comment and/or ask questions about some of the ongoing modifications of processes in the civil department. Typically, lunch is served at the EJDC bench bar meetings.

Information is listed as a courtesy to CCBA members and is subject to change and/or cancellation by the court. To be added to the court's mailing list for the Civil Bench Bar Meetings, contact Linda Denman at (702) 671-3628.

LVJC Judges Meetings for 2020

The Justices of the Peace for the Las Vegas Justice Court hold regular meetings. See below for information and schedule of meetings for 2020:

- **When:**
 - January 8, 2020, 1A (open/closed)
 - February 12, 2020, 1A (closed)
 - March 11, 2020, 1A (open/closed)
 - April 8, 2020, 1A (closed)
 - May 13, 2020, 1A (open/closed)
 - June 10, 2020, 1A (closed)
 - July 8, 2020, 1A (open/closed)
 - August 12, 2020, 1A (closed)
 - September 9, 2020, 1A (open/closed)
 - October 14, 2020, 1A (closed)
 - November 18, 2020, 1A (open/closed)
 - December 9, 2020, 1A (closed)

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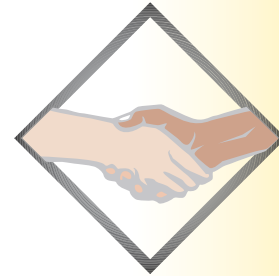
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- **About:** All LVJC Judges Meetings begin at 11:30 a.m. and will be held in courtrooms (8A or 1A) at the Regional Justice Center unless otherwise announced by the court. Some portions of the meetings may be closed to the public.
- **Where:** Las Vegas Justice Court (LVJC), Courtroom 8A or 1A – Regional Justice Center, 200 Lewis Ave., Las Vegas.
- **What:** Opportunity for members of the bar who practice before the LVJC to get latest information on what’s happening at the court and to discuss issues.
- **Who:** All members of the State Bar of Nevada who practice before the Las Vegas Justice Court are invited to attend this meeting to comment and/or ask questions about some of the ongoing modifications of processes in the various departments.

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EJDC Order Adopts Policy on Public Access to Administrative Records

Effective, November 14, 2019, the Eighth Judicial District Court (EJDC) has a policy on public access to administrative records. The policy is stated in the Administrative Order 19-06 (AO-16) and applies to public access to administrative records of the EJDC that are maintained only by the district court administration. The policy does not apply to case records of the EJDC. The policy addresses the general access and procedures for requesting access to administrative records of the EJDC. For more information, read AO-16 (PDF file to download): EJDC-AO-19-06.

EJDC Order Rotates Judicial Assignments for Certain Matters

Court Order Addresses Management of Postconviction Petitions of Habeas Corpus, Judicial Settlement Program, Reassigning of Adult Guardianship, Minor’s Compromise, and Probate Cases

On November 22, 2019, the Eighth Judicial District Court filed an order in the administrative matter of assigning postconviction petitions for writs of habeas corpus involving calculation of credits; assigning management of the overflow judicial settlement conference program; and reassigning adult guardianship, minor’s compromise, and probate cases. The order cites previously issued administrative orders relevant to adult guardianship and probate assignments, recusals, disqualifications, and provides a list of changes to the assignments for particular matters. The changes are effective November 25, 2019. For more information, see Administrative Order 19-07 (AO 19-07).

Supreme Court Marks Another Milestone

By Chief Justice Mark Gibbons

The times between case filing milestones keep getting smaller for the Supreme Court of Nevada. In November, the court reached its 80,000th filing with *Patel v. Patel*, a civil appeal from the Family Division of the Eighth Judicial District Court. The 70,000th case filing came on March 18, 2016, and the court reached the 60,000th case on January 9, 2012. To give you an idea of the fewer years between each 10,000 cases, the first 10,000 cases filed in the court were between October 31, 1864 and August 12, 1977, a period of 113 years. This time, we reached an additional 10,000 cases in three years and eight months.

Eighty-thousand cases is a noteworthy signpost for the Supreme Court of Nevada and shows how important our effort is to the state. As our caseload grows, the issues presented to the court are more complex, precedent-setting, and demand added time to consider. In 2019, we received a record number of case filings, disposed of a record number of cases, and compared with last year, saw a reduction in the pending case backlog. These results show a commitment to maintaining our work at a superior level.

The number of cases filed with the Clerk of the Court reflects the number of justices on the bench. Nevada had only three Supreme Court justices to manage its workload until the population growth in the 1960s. In 1967, the Nevada Legislature enlarged the Supreme Court from three to five justices. In 1999, with Nevada being the fastest growing state in the nation, the legis-

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lature expanded the Supreme Court to seven members.

This is my final article for the *Communiqué* as Chief Justice. During the past year, the Supreme Court has entered orders updating the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure and the local rules for the Eighth Judicial District Court. In 2019, I had the opportunity to chair the Commission on Judicial Selection, which has forwarded the names of qualified applicants to Governor Sisolak for consideration. From these applicants, Governor Sisolak has appointed Judges Bonnie A. Bulla, Jacqueline Bluth, Cristina D. Silva, Rhonda K. Forsberg, Tamatha Schreinert, Trevor Atkin, and Sandra A. Unsworth to the bench. I look forward to working with these fine jurists in the future.

Finally, I wish Justice Kristina Pickering the best in 2020 as the next Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada. ◻

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Nevada Appellate Court Summaries

Readers may find installments of the recurring feature, "Nevada Appellate Court Summaries" by Joe Tommasino, Esq., posted on the Clark County Bar's website at www.clarkcountybar.org.

Chief Justice Mark Gibbons

was first elected to the Nevada Supreme Court in 2002 and was elected to his third six-year term in 2014. He will retire at the end of 2020. Justice Gibbons served as the Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court in 2008, 2014, and 2019.



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Five Practical Reminders When Preparing for Court Appearances, Especially Before a New Judge

By Honorable Cristina D. Silva

As Clark County Bar Association members readers are well aware, the Eighth Judicial District Court bench has several new members, myself included. Between retirements, the creation of new judicial departments, and more, additional changes are on the horizon. Given the changing landscape, here are five practical reminders that might assist your next appearance before an unfamiliar judge.

1. Review department guidelines. Each judge has department guidelines available on the Eighth Judicial District Court website. The guidelines provide

information regarding scheduling, motions preferences, trial protocol, and more. The website should be your first stop when preparing for hearings or trials. If something is not clear from the website, I suggest reaching out to chambers for additional information.

2. Ask your colleagues. Like anyone else, judges are creatures of habit. Given the volume of cases that

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for over eight years, overseeing and prosecuting cases involving organized crime and gangs, child exploitation, human trafficking, and financial-based crimes. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. Silva was the Assistant Chief of Litigation in the Domestic Violence Unit at the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office. She received her J.D. from American University Washington College of Law and her B.A. from Wellesley College.

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flow through the Regional Justice Center every day, a particular judge's preferences and protocols are quickly established. Your colleagues are a tremendous resource to figuring out those preferences and protocols. As one example, with the rare exception, I do not entertain oral motions for release from custody and/or bail modifications. The practitioners who regularly appear in my courtroom are aware of this fact and often communicate this to their clients ahead of time.

3. Communication is key. Lack of communication can cause significant issues and delays. Often times, discovery disputes are the direct result of not responding to opposing counsel's questions. Similarly, cases are not resolved in an expeditious fashion because the parties have not taken the time to pick up the phone and talk to each other about issues and expectations. It is always clear to a judge when the parties are effectively communicating, and when they are not. Communicate – and – consider doing it over the phone where possible. Emails and texts can be misinterpreted, which can cause even more issues.

4. Avoid filing generic motions. Judges rely on the parties to meet and confer early (and when possible, often) in order to grapple with the case and find the true disputes and crucial issues. If the parties are communicating, as suggested above, it will allow them to frontload the issues and address them accordingly. This leads to more productive hearings, and ultimately, streamlined case presentations.

5. Be prepared. Be prepared. Be prepared. Doing your homework goes a long way. When attorneys present a clear and concise oral argument, or appear at trial fully prepared, they truly facilitate the pursuit of justice. Prepared attorneys quickly establish a reputation of being professional, which in turn lends itself to greater credibility. Like practitioners, judges talk to each other. As a result, your reputation often precedes you.

My thanks to the Clark County Bar Association, and my fellow American University Washington College of Law alumna, Heather Anderson-Fintak, Esq., for the opportunity to contribute to this publication. **♣**

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Five Tips to Avoid Client Trust Account Money Laundering

By Jeffrey Luszeck, Esq. and Alan Freer, Esq.

1. What is money laundering?

Money laundering is the conversion of proceeds from crime into legitimate currency or other assets. Money laundering involves three stages: (1) placement stage - where funds from illegal activity are introduced into the financial system; (2) layering stage - where funds are disguised and/or distanced from their illegal source through the use of a series of parties or complex financial transactions; and (3) integration stage - where the “laundered” funds are returned to the organized criminal group that generated said funds.

While money laundering typically presents itself in cash intensive businesses such as restaurants, bars, and parking structures, client trust accounts also present money laundering risks because said accounts are not subject to mandatory requirements for cash deposits and withdrawals of over \$10,000 and clients are not required to disclose their tax identification number. Consequently, financial institutions, which typically have stringent “know your client” requirements, have no direct relationship with, or knowledge of, the beneficial owners of client trust accounts.

2. What laws and rules do I need to know?

Lawyers must comply with federal laws that prohibit conduct that aids, abets, or commits a violation of anti-money laundering (18 USC 1956, 1957) and counterterrorism (Anti-Terrorism & Effective Death Penal-

Anti-money laundering compliance begins with adequate client intake procedures, such as obtaining basic information about a potential client.

ty Act of 1996 & USA Patriot Act) laws. For example, in 2016 a San Diego lawyer was sentenced to five years in prison for using his trust account to hide the source of \$12 million dollars that was later sent to international destinations.

NRPC 1.2(d) ethically prohibits attorneys from counseling and/or assisting clients to engage in conduct the lawyer knows is criminal or fraudulent, such as money laundering. A lawyer may, however, discuss the legal consequences of any proposed course of conduct, including counseling with a client to determine the validity, scope, meaning, or application of law.



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3. What should I look for?

Anti-money laundering compliance begins with adequate client intake procedures, such as obtaining basic information about a potential client. The level of due diligence varies on the risk profile of the client. For example, risk profiles are heightened when a client wires international funds or requests to deposit cash into the client trust account.

In addition, attorneys should be mindful if the client is reluctant to provide basic information or documentation required in the scope of representation and whether the client is native to, a resident of, and/or incorporated in a high-risk country such as Afghanistan, Bosnia, Iraq, Syria, Uganda, or Vanuatu.

4. What should I do if my client trust account has been used for money laundering?


Consider terminating the relationship with the client suspected of money laundering (NRPC 1.16), and disclosing/reporting the client's action to the appropriate authorities. NRPC 1.6(2) and (3) permit disclosure of confidential client information without consent to prevent the commission of and/or to rectify injury from a crime using their services.

5. Where can I learn more?

Several agencies and organizations have published best-practices guidelines to assist lawyers with preventing client trust account money laundering. Below are several such guides:

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: <https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Report/2017/CSReport-13-4.pdf>

Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime: <https://globalinitiative.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/TGIATOC-What-can-lawyers-do-Policy-Note-1971-web.pdf>

The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel: <https://www.actec.org/assets/1/6/A-Lawyers-Guide-to-Detecting-and-Preventing-Money-Laundering-October-2014.pdf> 

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Five Things To Know About Nevada's Changing CLE Rules

By Marshal S. Willick, Esq.

After five years of proposals, comments, public hearings, and debate since 2014, Nevada has a radically re-designed CLE program. The current regulations, which are still being amended, are posted at <https://www.nvcleboard.org/pdfs/BoardRegulations.pdf>. For the full history of CLE in Nevada, and a fuller explanation of what happened and why, see Legal Note Vol. 68 – The Past, Present, and Future of CLE in Nevada, posted at <https://www.willicklawgroup.com/newsletters/>.

After five years of proposals, comments, public hearings, and debate since 2014, Nevada has a radically re-designed CLE program.

1. The burden is on you

As of 2019, CLE reporting requires annual certification each year by each lawyer of CLE attended, subject to random audits for compliance with the 13-credit annual requirement, and sanctions for misrepresentation.

Pursuant to SCR 210(3), CLE reporting is to be by submission of an “Affirmation of Attendance and Compliance” online at www.nvcleboard.org. As of November 2019, no such reporting form is posted, but it is promised.

2. CLE should be cheaper

Under the 2014-2019 rules, the CLE Board charged high fees to those providing and receiving CLE, even if it was provided for free. Under the 2019 regulations, the \$40 annual CLE fee was made a sum-certain cap for attendees. The per-credit-hour fees assessed for seeking additional education out of state were abandoned.

local high-quality CLE largely disappeared because of the fee structure demanding large payments from those providing or receiving such CLE.

Under the 2019 regulations, there are no fees for writing scholarly articles and publications. State and county bar associations, courts, and non-profits are largely exempt from fees for providing CLE programs. But the CLE Board *still* wants money from most anyone else who provides CLE – whether or not the provider charges those attending. To be an “accredited provider” you have to pay \$500 per year, and to provide CLE to others, even for free, you have to pay the CLE Board \$30 to \$75, depending on the number of credit hours.

4. The public still will not see your CLE

The CLE Board has flatly refused to make public each lawyer’s CLE history to assist those seeking legal representation to compare the continuing education of prospective counsel.

5. Some oddities and problems remain

The 2019 regulations still have some contradictions and uncertainties. For example:

3. You again have lots of options, and (mostly) free CLE should return

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The Nevada Supreme Court directed the CLE Board to enact regulations to “discover and encourage the offering of courses and programs which will satisfy the educational requirements of these rules, whether offered within or without the State of Nevada.” But the board’s regulations require each member to get “pre-approval” of out of state programs at least 45 days in advance of attending. And credit will only be given for *teaching* elsewhere if the program has been approved by the board; other states’ CLE programs normally are not “approved.”

Regulation 6 says that if you want to put on a CLE, you must submit an application “within thirty days” of the program. It probably means “at least” but several of the regulations have similar clarity issues.

There is a “rat rule.” Regulation 3(D)(1) requires every attorney who witnesses another lawyer not remaining present for a CLE course to “submit such information concerning the alleged violation to the program monitor” and if the program provider does not do something about it “to report the conduct to Bar Counsel for the State Bar of Nevada.”

Our CLE rules remain a work in progress. 🇸



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Five Things to Know About Volunteering for a CCBA Committee

By Jacquelyn Franco, Esq.

It's a new year! Are you looking to build a new you? Forget the gym, forget the diet ... become a volunteer and join one of the Clark County Bar Association's committees!

1. CCBA's Community Service Committee

This committee is focused on organizing CCBA's members to provide outreach services to the community at large in southern Nevada. This committee is open to all CCBA members who want to get involved and/or to plan activities for CCBA members to provide outreach services to the community. Meetings are usually the first Friday of the month.

2. CCBA's Continuing Legal Education Committee

The mission of the Continuing Legal Education Committee is to create high quality, low cost CLE seminars for the benefit of bar members and legal community. Committee members spend about five hours per month working on committee matters, but the amount of time may vary depending on whether the member is actively involved in organizing a seminar. As an additional bonus, seminar producing CLE Committee members are entitled to attend CCBA CLE seminars at no cost! The CLE Committee is limited to current attorneys and JD members of the CCBA and meets at noon on the second Friday of every month.



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3. CCBA's New Lawyers Committee

The New Lawyers Committee is for attorneys admitted to practice in Nevada within the last five years, regardless of age. Committee members work an average of three hours per month. For example, the committee coordinates and participates with the William S. Boyd School of Law to produce student competitions. Members volunteer to help with bar events, including the annual Meet Your Judges Mixer and the New Admittees Reception. Also, the committee plans to host social mixers periodically. The New Lawyers Committee meets at 12:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month.

4. CCBA's Publication Committee

The Publications Committee produces the *Communiqué*, the official publication of the CCBA. Committee members write articles as well as solicit articles from other professionals on assigned topics. Meetings

are spent brainstorming story ideas and matching topics with potential authors. The level of participation on this committee varies. Although many committee members have prior experience writing for their law school journals or college newspapers, such experience is not necessary. The Publications Committee is limited to current attorney or JD members of the CCBA and meets at noon on the first Tuesday of every month.

5. CCBA's Social Events Committee

This relatively new committee is open to ideas and opinions on how best to facilitate opportunities for members to meet and socialize. The committee hopes to plan events to appeal to members at all states of their careers. The Social Committee has yet to schedule a regular meeting day/time.

For more information about the CCBA's Committees, or to confirm when a meeting will be held, please visit the CCBA Events Calendar online at <http://www.clarkcountybar.org/ccba-events/> or contact CCBA staff at (702) 387-6011. **C**



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Five Things to Know About the Clark County Law Foundation

By Patrick Montejano

1. Mission changed!

CCLF started 2019 with a new mission that reflects its programs and future direction. The mission is to empower Nevada, especially our youth, through service to the community and education about the legal system and its history.

2. New restorative justice model addition to Trial By Peers

CCLF's Trial by Peers (TBP) program will partner with local schools in early 2020 to facilitate a youth-led conferencing program with an emphasis on restorative justice best practices. The new program will run parallel to the traditional TBP courtroom experience. The youth-led conference program, "the Circle," will still hold teens accountable for their actions in an environment that will foster an open dialogue from everyone involved.

3. CCLF partners with Filevine to assist client management

CCLF's TBP program serves close to 300 clients annually, with 50 active peer counselors and 35 Nevada state-licensed attorneys. Managing each client from pre to post-trial can be a daunting task, especially keeping track of all sentencing requirements and staying compliant with specific grant requirements. Until recently, client management consisted of entering data into a long, formulated spreadsheet. Filevine provided access to their program at no cost and trained CCLF staff and attorneys to assist in the implementation process. The new client management system will assist in communication amongst all key players in each case, correspondence to each client, and up-to-date client status from pre through post-trial.

4. CCLF partners with CCBA to blanket the homeless

In 2016, CCBA and CCLF established a partnership with Blanket the Homeless. This year, CCLF received \$1,350 in contributions to purchase blankets. CCLF and CCBA distributed the blankets at the annual Project Homeless Connect. The event partners with 150 organizations to provide essential services to individuals in need. CCLF is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization, and all contributions to the organization are tax-deductible.

5. CCLF expands Let Freedom Ring Project with art.

Historically, the Let Freedom Ring Project consisted of the presentation of the annual Liberty Bell Award and a reading and poster contest of the Liberty Bell to a local elementary school. In 2019, CCLF invited all Clark County students K-12 to participate in the art project. Teens from grades seven to 12 were judged on their interpretation of the 2019 Law Day theme of "Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society." Overall, CCLF received 142 submissions from the Clark County students. The top two students from three age categories were recognized at the Liberty Bell Awards presentations and received a monetary prize. 🇺🇸

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Five Things to Know About New Year Ad Specials for *Communiqué*

By Stephanie Abbott

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- **“Four for Three”** – Purchase 3 ads and get the 4th free!
- **“Baker’s Dozen”** – Purchase 12 ads and get the 13th free!
- **“Complimentary Ad Design*”** – Available with purchase of an ad – *for CCBA members only!*

2. Additional discounts, added value opportunities

- **CCBA Member Discount** – 20% discount on the rate per ad for ad insertion orders made by CCBA members before 3/2/2020.
- **Ad Agency Discount** – 15% discount on the rate per ad for ad insertion orders made by recognized advertising agencies before 3/2/2020.
- **Added value: Print Ad Index Listing**– Advertiser’s name will be listed in the advertisers’ index in the print publication.
- **Added value: Online Ad Index Listing with Hyperlinks**– Advertiser’s name (with a link to the advertiser’s website) will be listed in the advertisers’ index on the *Communiqué* issue page of the Clark County Bar website. For example, see <https://www.clarkcountybar.org/communique/december-2019/>.

3. Place display ads to showcase:

- Awards & Achievements
- Law Firm Announcement
- Events
- Office & Retail Space

- Products for legal professionals, law firms
- Professional services

4. Request a quote today!

Submit your request to Stephanie Abbott (StephanieAbbott@clarkcountybar.org) at CCBA and include the following information about the ad:

- **Size:** (e.g., full page, 1/2 page, 1/3 page, ¼ page)
- **Format:** (e.g., grayscale or 4-color)
- **Frequency:** (e.g., number of placements)
- **Cover date(s):** (e.g., January, February, March...)

5. Place an ad in *Communiqué*

Complete the Ad Insertion Order Form available in the *Communiqué* Media Kit 2020 and submit with the ad file, and payment to the Clark County Bar Association at least 30 days prior to the cover date of the issue of the publication (e.g. July 1 for the August issue). Payment is due upon placement of the order for the advertisement. All advertisers must adhere to size specification, standards and policies contained on the *Communiqué* Official Rate Sheet & Specs. See <https://www.clarkcountybar.org/marketplace/communique-advertising-rates-specs/>. For more information, contact Clark County Bar Association, 717 S. 8th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. Phone: (702) 387-6011.

*Restrictions apply. These special offers are limited to new ad placements made before 3/2/2020 and will expire on 3/2/2020.. All advertisers must adhere to size specification, standards and policies contained on the official rate card. Space reservations are required. Space is limited with placement only guaranteed to paid advertisements. Ad design services performed by the CCBA staff to design the ad file to meet the publication’s artwork requirements. However, the advertiser must provide CCBA with all text and electronic files of high-resolution graphics, photos, logos to be included in the ad design. The CCBA Member, Agency, and Sponsor Discounts cannot be combined., the official publication of the Clark County Bar Association (CCBA).



Stephanie Abbot is the Communications Manager for the Clark County Bar Association. Stephanie desktop publishes the *Communiqué*, creating the design and layout for each issue. She may be reached at StephanieAbbott@clarkcountybar.org, (702) 387-6011.

Marketplace

Services

JUDGMENT and DEBT COLLECTION: Nevada & California. Experienced Attorney Joel Selik, NV Bar #402. Referral fees paid. 702-243-1930, Joel@SelikLaw.com.

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Do you have an opportunity for employment, office space, or professional services? Place a classified ad in The Marketplace. Submit the text of your ad to StephanieAbbott@clarkcountybar.org for a quote.



Bar Services

Reporting of Completion of Recorded CLE Programs

The CCBA provides for the reporting to the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education of completion of the CCBA's live and recorded CLE seminars by Nevada lawyers who have registered for and completed CCBA's CLE seminars. For CCBA's recorded CLE seminars, the participating Nevada lawyer must send, to Donna at the CCBA via Donnaw@clarkcountybar.org, the following information:

1. Nevada lawyer's name and Nevada Bar #;
2. Title of seminar; and
3. Date on which they completed the seminar.

Upon receipt of the information, Donna will record the attorney's attendance to the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education accordingly. Donna will send a confirmation of the filing to the attendee via email. If the attendee has attended the live seminar or previously rented or purchased any of these titles, CLE credit will not be awarded again.

For a list of recorded CLE programs available from the CCBA, visit www.clarkcountybar.org or contact the CCBA at (702) 387-6011.



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CLE PASSPORT (2020) - RSVP/Order Form:

Attendee info:

Name: _____ NV Bar # _____

Firm: _____

Attendance fee:

\$200 per CCBA member

Total amount: \$: _____

Type of payment:

- I will use my CCBA CLE Passport (2019 or 2020)
- Check or money order is enclosed
- I will call CCBA with my credit card information
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Thursday, January 23, 2020

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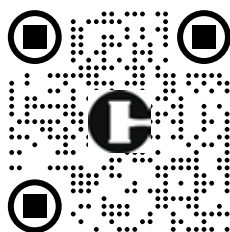
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For more information, see event registration form on page 5 or at <https://www.clarkcountybar.org/>.



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