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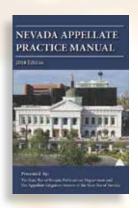
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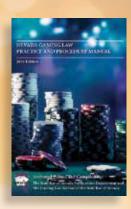
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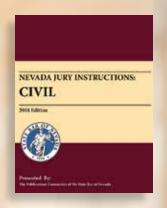
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ummer is upon us and the days are long. Like me, I hope the CCBA membership is enjoying the warm Vegas sun and the return to capacity.

This double edition of the magazine includes six featured articles related to ethics. Schools of ethics in western philosophy can be divided, very roughly, into three. The first, drawing on Aristotle, holds that the virtues (such as justice, charity, and generosity) are dispositions to act in ways that benefit both the person possessing them and that person's society. The second, defended particularly by Kant, makes the concept of duty central to morality: humans are bound, from a knowledge of their duty as rational beings, to obey the categorical imperative to respect other rational beings. The third, utilitarianism; that the guiding principle of conduct should be the greatest happiness or benefit of the greatest number.

In his article "Ethics," Princeton University Professor of Bioethics Peter Singer explains that ethics consists of the fundamental issues of practical decision making, and its major concerns include the nature of ultimate value and the standards by which human actions can be judged right or wrong.

Unfortunately, as lawyers, we can validate potentially unethical actions by convincing ourselves that we are not doing anything illegal. Indeed, the juxtaposition of the letter of the law versus the spirit of the law may be the impetus for the rules of professional

conduct that regulate our actions when we became fixated on dismissing or ignoring wrongful [D]oing the best we can for our clients under the bounds of the law while also doing the "right thing" starts internally.

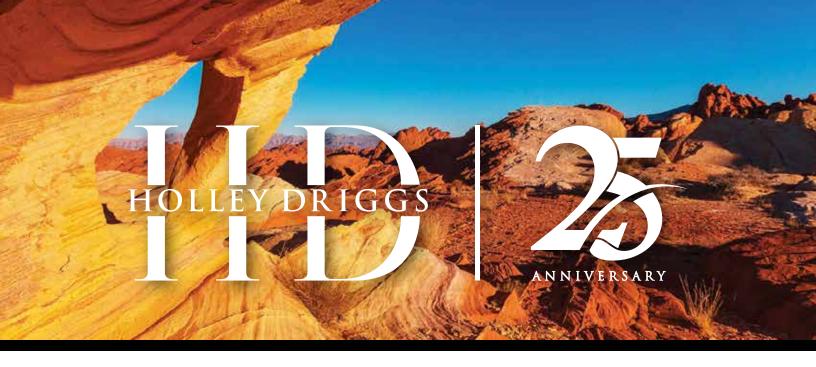
acts in pursuit of zealously practicing the law. As those CCBA members who attended the 2018 SBN Annual Meeting may recall, former Enron CFO (and convicted felon) Andrew Fastow recounted how Enron's unraveling is easily explained by the company's executives and Arthur Anderson accountants' belief that loopholes in GAAP and SEC regulations were within the letter of the law. As Fastow now contritely acknowledges, that belief was fueled by greed that eradicated the spirit of those regulations that protect investors.

Perhaps doing the best we can for our clients under the bounds of the law while also doing the "right thing" starts internally. Regardless of which western philosophy resonates with each one of us, our internal rationality affects how we choose to conduct ourselves ethically. To balance inner rationality, I encourage our members to reflect on the CCBA Lawyer's Pledge of Professionalism "[to]... conduct [ourselves] in a manner that will encourage trust of the legal profession by members of the public." See page 47 for full text of the CCBA Lawyer's Pledge of Professionalism. To that end, may our pursuit of doing what we believe is right strengthen the public's trust in us.

I hope our CCBA members have a wonderful summer and remain safe and well. **©**



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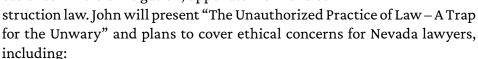


John Naylor to Speak About Unauthorized Practice of Law at July Bar Luncheon

By Stephanie Abbott

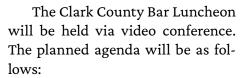
n Thursday, July 15, 2021, commercial litigator John Naylor will make a special presentation for the continuing education of Nevada lawyers during the Clark County Bar Luncheon sponsored by Bank of Nevada, Dillon Health, and Prominence Health Plan.

John is a founding partner at Naylor & Braster, a commercial litigation firm in Las Vegas, Nevada. John has been licensed for 30 years. He practices in the areas of commercial litigation, appellate work and con-



- I can't define it, but I know it when I see it
- What can my paralegal/intake specialist/case coordinator do without violating the rules?
- I'm licensed and can still be tagged with the unauthorized practice of law? What's up with that?
- Special COVID-19 Concerns ABA Formal Opinion 495 to the rescue!
- Who enforces these rules?
- Appearances count!
- Pro hac vice and multijurisdictional practice an overview
- Can I be sued for the unauthorized practice of law?
- Do I have a duty to report?

The presentation will offer 1.0 Ethics CLE Credits to CCBA members only. Pricing of the event and the CLE credit are included with the 2021 CCBA membership.



- Introductions & Bar Business: 12:00 to 12:10 pm
- Speaker CLE Presentation:
 12:10 to 1:10 pm
- Questions & Closing: 1:10 to 1:15 pm

This event is for CCBA members only. CCBA membership will be verified upon RSVP. During the event, attendance will be taken and only those members in attendance will have their attendance reported to the NV CLE Board. For more information and to RSVP for this event, contact Donna Wiessner at Donnaw@clarkcountybar.org, (702) 387-6011. **©**

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- Community Service Committee Organizes opportunities for CCBA's members to provide outreach services to the community at large in Ssouthern Nevada. All members of the CCBA are invited to join or volunteer for this committee and/or get involved in the planned activities. This committee meets on the first Friday of the month. Chair: Paul Lal, Esq. of Boies Schiller Flexner LLP.
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Dennis Kennedy to Present "Ethics Unbound and Unmasked" CLE Program

By Stephanie Abbott

ommercial litigator Dennis L. Kennedy of Bailey Kennedy will make a special presentation for the continuing education of Nevada lawyers in a CLE program produced by the CCBA's CLE Committee.

Dennis is a partner in the firm of Bailey Kennedy. Dennis practices primarily in general commercial litigation, health care and insurance law, and professional liability. Dennis is a former member (1988-1997) and the past chairman (1992-1994) of the State Bar of Nevada Disciplinary Board, Southern District of Nevada. He was a member (and past chairman 2003-2007) of the Nevada State Bar Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility. He was a member of the State



Bar Ethics 2000 Committee, which prepared proposed amendments to the Nevada Supreme Court Rules which led to the adoption by the Nevada Supreme Court of the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct, effective May 1, 2006.

Dennis is set to record the CLE program "Ethics Unbound & Unmasked" during the month June with the recording to be made available to order from the CCBA's website in July. The program will offer 2.0 Ethics CLE credit for Nevada lawyers.

CCBA's recorded CLE programs may be streamed from a computer browser or mobile device. For more info, see https://clarkcountybar.org/marketplace/recorded-cle-programs/ or contact Donna at Donnaw@clarkcountybar.org, (702) 387-6011.

CCBA's CLE programming is sponsored by Bank of Nevada and Las Vegas Legal Video. **G**





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"Ethics Unbound and Unmasked" CLE topics:

- 1. Some things are not going away after the shots: Issues relating to practicing remotely/virtually.
 - a. Working remotely from a jurisdiction where you are not licensed.
 - b. Myriad issues in virtual practice.
- 2. Some things stay the same: Stop making stupid threats.
- 3. Some statutes, like NRS 7.095, cannot be waived.
- 4. Some (jointly represented) clients should be declined.
- 5. Some people just can't be trusted: Be careful when outsourcing work.
- 6. Say, this looks familiar: A few (hopefully original) words about plagiarism and its consequences.
- 7. And you look familiar, too: How close is "too close" to opposing counsel?
- 8. Responding to negative on-line reviews: Some things, at least for now, should be left unsaid.
- 9. Obligations to prospective clients: Watch out for RPC 1.18.
- 10. Lawyer mobility: I'll keep talking about this topic until everyone gets it. For now, I'm clearing my throat.
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- 12. Other stuff if we have time.



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- Request use CCBA members (not including law students) need to submit a request via email to DonnaW@clarkcountybar.org with the following information:
 - CCBA member name
 - Email address
 - Choice of home game day
- Notes Available tickets will be provided electronically via a transfer from our account to the CCBA member's account via the Las Vegas Ballpark Account Manager. Participating CCBA members will need to access tickets on the Summerlin App and login to your Las Vegas Ballpark account. If you have an account set up with the Las Vegas Ballpark Account Manager, access tickets at account at www.aviatorslv.com/myaccount. For more information about accessing tickets, see digital guide at https://www.milb.com/las-vegas/tickets/digitalticketguide.
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- Cashless Transactions Las Vegas Ballpark is a cashless venue, and no cash will be exchanged between merchants and fans. Since all points of sale will be fully cashless, there will be options available for contactless payment. Please see their website for more information.
- CLEAR App The Aviators are committed to providing a safe environment and will be utilizing CLEAR Health Pass to complete your State and County mandated health survey prior to entry into

Las Vegas Ballpark. Health Pass is a free service on the CLEAR mobile app that allows seamless entry to the game. Links to get the CLEAR app:

- iPhone CLEAR for iPhone
- Android CLEAR for Android
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Let's go out to the ball game! C



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The Las Vegas Aviators are happy to be back in the Las Vegas Ballpark for the 2021 Season! For ticket information, please contact tickets@aviatorslv.com









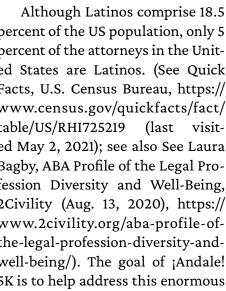
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By Marisa Rodriguez, Esq. and Theresa Guerra, Esq.

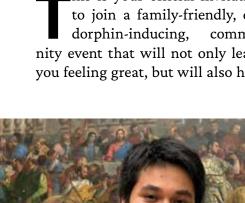
■his is your official invitation to join a family-friendly, endorphin-inducing, community event that will not only leave you feeling great, but will also help equalize law school admissions for Latinos.

percent of the US population, only 5 percent of the attorneys in the United States are Latinos. (See Quick Facts, U.S. Census Bureau, https:// www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/ table/US/RHI725219 (last visited May 2, 2021); see also See Laura Bagby, ABA Profile of the Legal Profession Diversity and Well-Being, 2Civility (Aug. 13, 2020), https:// www.2civility.org/aba-profile-ofthe-legal-profession-diversity-andwell-being/). The goal of ¡Andale! 5K is to help address this enormous underrepresentation.

One barrier to entering law



school is a lack of resources to take a Law School Admission Test preparation course, which will allow aspiring law students to perform as well as they can on this exam. This inspired the Nevada Latino Bar Association ("LBA" - formerly known as the Las Vegas Latino Bar Association) to establish the ¡Andale! 5K, a scholarship fundraising event held in September, during Hispanic Heritage month.





¡Andale! 5K (2020) scholars Julian Sarabia (above) and Eva Guevara (below).

The event raises money through sponsorships, registrations, and donations. All net proceeds fund ¡Andale! scholarships. The ¡Andale! scholarships pay for an in-person or virtual Kaplan LSAT preparation course, the LSAT, and LSAT-related fees (over \$1,700 value). The scholarship is open to self-identifying Latinos nation-wide and priority is given to students with connections to Nevada.

History and success stories

The inaugural ¡Andale! 5K was held in September 2019. The LBA raised over \$42,000 and was able to grant 17 scholarships. The recipients are at various stages of their law school application paths. We are proud to report that one of such ¡Andale! scholars and Las Vegas-native, Julian Sarabia, was admitted into a dozen law schools and has decided to pursue a law degree at Harvard Law, which offered him a handsome scholarship. According to Julian, "the ¡Andale! scholarship was the first step in realizing what opportunities were available to me, and it set the tone for the rest of [his] journey in applying to law school."

In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the LBA was forced to go virtual. Despite the unprecedented circumstances, our community showed up in an incredible force and the LBA fundraised over \$62,000. LBA President Claudia Aguayo was able to work with Kaplan to achieve a generous discount, which allowed the LBA to grant 40 scholarships. One of our 2020 ¡Andale! scholars, Eva Guevara, was accepted to William S. Boyd School of Law, where she will begin her studies this fall. Eva shared that "high priced LSAT preparation courses and the LSAT itself [were] holding [her] back from completing the first steps in applying to law school." She is incredibly grateful to everyone who made her scholarship and law school admission possible.

Third Annual ¡Andale! 5K

This year's annual ¡Andale! 5K will take place on September 18, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at the Kellogg Zaher Sports Complex Park. Participants can register at www.andale5k.com to run in-person (unless circumstances change) or virtually. Below is the pricing:

- Early Bird (before June 17): \$25
- June 18-July 17: \$35
- July 18-August 17: \$40
- August 18-September 17: \$45
- Same day registration: \$50 (cash only)

Participants can register individually or as a team. Teams will be able to compete in various categories (e.g., team with the most members).

How you can get involved

There are a number of ways to

help support this incredible cause, including becoming a sponsor. Take it from Katrina Hone, Director of Operations at H1 Law Group, a 2020 ¡Andale! 5K sponsor, "participating in the ¡Andale! 5K was a great diversion to the pandemic funk! There was a sense of community and fun despite doing it virtually and separate from others. The race organizers went the extra mile to make this a special event. From the choosing of the app (wow cheering and music!) to the goody bags and awards. The race was a fun event for our legal team and our family."

When asked why H1 Law Group decided to sponsor the event, Hone stated that her firm "understands the important and urgent need to increase Latino representation in the legal profession. We recognize the value of diversity of experience and what it brings to solving the complex legal problems that our clients bring to us. And more broadly, we are inspired by the Latino legal community and hope to help amplify their voices."

You can also support our cause by registering for the race and staying engaged with us on social media. By participating in this event, you and your organization play a critical role in equalizing law school admissions and shaping the future of the legal profession and our communities. **C**



Marisa Rodriguez, Esq. is the 2019 LBA President and founder of the ¡Andale! 5K. She currently serves as the ¡Andale! 5K Director. Theresa Guerra, Esq. is a 2021 ¡Andale! 5K Co-Director. She will serve as the 2022-2023 ¡Andale! 5K Director.

Bar Activities

CCBA Picture Day Scheduled for September 1

—For attorneys, judges, and legal support staff

CBA members are invited to sit for a professional portrait at this event:

- What: CCBA Picture Day
- When: Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. only
- Where: Clark County Bar, 717 S. 8th Street, Las Vegas

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Schedule an appointment today! Contact: StephanieAbbott@ clarkcountybar.org. **c**











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RSVP Deadline: 10/26/2021

Ticket orders received BEFORE October 22, 2021, will be filled and delivered to purchaser. The Clark County Bar Association is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets.

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October 22, 2021, will be held
for pick up at the event's "will call"
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DATE TO RSVP WITH PAYMENT IS
OCTOBER 26, 2021.

Cancellation & refund policy.

Cancellations must be submitted in writing and include the return of event tickets to the CCBA by October 26, 2021 qualifying refunds of the event registration fee less a \$15 processing fee. No refunds will be issued after October 26, 2021.

Clark County Bar Association's 30th Annual

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Las Vegas Justice Court Traffic Update

By Judge Ann Zimmerman

as Vegas Justice Court is proud to announce that we have contracted with Matterhorn online dispute resolution to resolve traffic matters online. The system is anticipated to "go live" in mid- to late June 2021. Matterhorn will allow people to participate in the legal process of resolving their traffic matters 24/7. For people who want to avoid taking time off of work, miss school, or arrange for childcare, Matterhorn offers a safe and efficient alternative. Matterhorn will provide access to everyone that historically has not been available.

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Another Meeting That Could Have Been an Email . . .

By Mandy McKellar, Esq.

t's been a long year, and 2021 continues to bring hope. Last year (March 2020), I recall being plagued with anxiety, thinking that the world would end. Many days, I longed for happy hours with friends and just being with people. Something else changed dramatically, and it was court. In this writer's/litigator's opinion it was for the better.

In 2019, I was tired. My morning consisted of coffee, showering, then sitting in traffic for forty-five minutes to rush into court. I would then finish those family court hearings to rush to another downtown. This was followed by phone calls regarding issues at the office, pleadings that did not get filed, and clients who were unhappy with their custody schedule. I would see other fellow attorneys with stress on their faces and sweat on their brows; they were rushing too. I found myself grumpy when others before me in court were taking up so much of the judges' time. Then traffic again, accidents on the 95, which forced me to go another way. Get downtown, realize it's past lunch and scarf down some unhealthy fast food in my car before having to be back to another hearing. After court, I would have paperwork, consults, and unreturned phone calls. I found myself just longing for a vacation, or a day off. It seemed

I had no time for myself, and only

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lived for the weekends.

The pandemic happened, and everything just stopped. It took most of us awhile to get acclimated, but we did. After a few months of figuring out the pass code number, audio difficulties, feedback, and bad camera angles, we got a handle on things. The travel and rushing from one place to another on a daily basis ceased. Though some stressful events in my job still remain, I am not missing that which was lost. I would enjoy seeing some of my fellow attorney friends on social media spending more time with their families.

My commute now only takes the seconds it takes to walk upstairs and log on. While waiting for my hearing I can work on all my paperwork, and set up my afternoon, all while my dog snores at my feet. When the



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hearing is concluded, I exercise. I cook a healthy lunch in my kitchen prior to my afternoon calendar. I finish the workday now before 5:00 p.m., which would never have happened before. The time and stress we wasted for years rushing from one place to another has now been converted to more time for ourselves.

Recently, municipal court has opened ONLY LIVE for attorneys. When I filed a motion for a simplistic matter, I was astounded to find out my appearance IN COURT was necessary. When I say simplistic, the court ended up charging my client a \$125 warrant fee that never should have been filed due to the pandemic. I contemplated paying for it myself, just so I would not have to go all the way down there.

Needless to say, I was excited. It had been thirteen months since I was LIVE. That day, I woke up at 6:30 a.m. begrudgingly, as I had not been up before 7:00 a.m. in quite a while. I went back to my morning routine, shower, coffee, dusting off the suit, and strapping myself in the car. As I caressed the 95 freeway, I was greeted by a sea of red brake lights. The panic set in, I started glancing at the clock like I used to (traffic, clock, traffic, clock), wondering if I was going to make

it on time, even though I left 45 minutes early. Eventually, it dawned on me: It is happening. We're getting closer. The rushing could soon be returning.

I arrived at the courthouse with three minutes to spare (whew), paid for my parking, and went into court. Court did not open, until 8:15 a.m. (it was supposed to be 8am). I walked in and conducted my argument, which took two minutes. Another hearing that could have been an email. I then left the courthouse for my trek back home to the office. I bill out \$400 per hour, and this took an hour and a half. In the end, I lost money.

I agree that there are some items that we, as attorneys, should have to attend in person. When the court must weigh credibility and truthfulness, appearance is essential. There are some items that I wish would stay as efficient as they currently are. With all of the progress we have made in the last year, I only wish that progress continues. It is time to take steps forward, not back. I will continue to try to move slowly and unhurried, as I do not miss the rush. My goodness, I am really going to miss court from home. **©**



Is Virtual a New Reality for Alternative Dispute Resolution?

By Monique Jammer, Esq.

or everyone, navigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, quarantines, business shut-downs, and restricted attendance to meetings and events became the new norm. This is especially true for Clark County practicing attorneys, who had to quickly adapt their case strategies and tactics to a virtual world and resolve disputes through unchartered virtual means.

Now that vaccinations are trending and communities are lifting restrictions, how does alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") look for the future?

As described by one judge, "necessity can move mountains." See [Podcast] "Where Do We Go From Here? The Future of Virtual ADR," JAMS ADR Blog (Apr. 16, 2021), https://www.jamsadr.com/blog/2021/podcast-where-do-we-go-from-here-the-future-of-virtual-adr?utm_source=Mondaq&utm_medium=syndication&utm_campaign=LinkedIn-integration. Once the duration of the pandemic made it virtually impossible to move forward under the mediation and settlement conference continuance-and-cancellation cycle, courts, litigators, mediators, and arbitrators made Zoom (and similar virtual conference software) the new conference room. In-person preferences became subordinated to the needs of clients and the interests

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And as legal professionals became more exposed, versed, and proficient in utilizing virtual resources, the benefits were undeniable: reducing the likelihood of needing to continue or cancel ADR conferences based on inability to appear in person; creating more flexible appearance schedules; keeping client costs down by only attending mandated in-person appearances; and avoiding stale cases. *See* Margaret K. Rees, "Virtual Mediations Now a Reality", Law Times (Apr. 12, 2021), https://www.lawtimesnews.com/practice-areas/adr/virtual-mediations-now-a-reality/354882.



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Simply put, virtual ADR will be here to stay, so it will be critical to familiarize ourselves with the software generally, and the nuances therein that will enhance zealous virtual advocacy. The good news is, many individuals came into the pandemic already exposed to a glimpse of our now virtual reality. Through e-mail communications to negotiate settlements, video conferences with clients to prepare for ADR conferences, and even webinars, parties and counsel alike have already been exposed to virtual endeavors to set the stage for successful ADR conferences. Additionally, virtual appearances are not a new feat. The frequented ADR companies, including JAMS (Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc.), ARM (Advanced Resolution Management), and AAA (American Arbitration Association), as well as others, have applied virtual appearances since the early 2000s. See "Setting the Industry Standard: Virtual Mediation and Arbitration," Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (May 2, 2021) https://www.jamsadr.com/online; see also "Case Anywhere," Advanced Resolution Management (May 2, 2021) https://armadr.com/case-anywhere/; see also Virtual Hearings, American Arbitration Assoc. (May 2, 2021), https://go.adr.org/covid-19-virtual-hearings. html?gclid=CjwKCAjwhMmEBhBwEiwAXwFoEZMP-FRhZFkkRf3UaWdnhXIO8J1KvXVyWuXUf-ebiNl-HS43LeU2BNuxoC4l8QAvD_BwE. By expanding technological resources and allowing litigators and parties to conduct conferences through convenient technology they already have available, ADR facilitators embrace virtual mediation, arbitration, and settlement as a gift instead of one of the many pandemic curses.

Notably, even the American Bar Association ("ABA") recognized the high likelihood that virtual has become a staple in litigation reality. On March 10, 2021, released Formal Opinion 498, which highlighted the ongoing obligation attorneys have to ensure that they uphold their ethical duties of confidentiality, competence, and supervision when utilizing virtual settings. See Formal Opinion 498, Virtual Practice, American Bar Assoc. Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility (Mar. 10, 2021), https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/professional_responsibility/aba-formal-opinion-498.pdf.

So what are the biggest tips judges, practitioners, and professionals recommend when utilizing virtual platforms? Here are a few:

1. Prepare, prepare, prepare. Explore the virtual resources your firm already provides, and

- let your ADR facilitator, as well as all parties, know well ahead of the conference (i.e. through a pre-conference meeting).
- 2. Create the flexible experience your client needs to resolve the dispute—whether meeting in person at your office or directing them toward the resources they have available to appear virtually.
- 3. Collaborate with the ADR facilitator, opposing counsel, and parties to create a back-up approach, should technical issues arise.

See Rebekah Ratliff, Top 10 Dos and Don'ts of Virtual Mediation, Daily Report, Law.com Daily Business Review (Apr. 9, 2021), https://www.law.com/dailybusinessreview/native?mvi=434d7a83e0e34d748b4b2c10ccd-f81ee&mv-preview&slreturn=20210405192523; see also Hon. Emil Giordano (Ret.), Mediator's Tips for Successful Virtual Mediation, Norris McLaughlin, P.A. (May 3, 2021), https://norrismclaughlin.com/articles/mediators-tips-successful-virtual-mediation/. **©**





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Ethical Implications of Working Virtually

By Jessica Whelan, Esq. and Sydney Gambee, Esq.

re you tired of COVID-19 and the impact it has had on your law practice (not to mention your life and the lives of billions around the globe)? Same. But COVID fatigue aside, we must be careful not to run afoul of our ethical obligations, especially because COVID-related excuses cannot absolve all mistakes (or misconduct).

Take, for example, State ex rel. Okla. Bar Ass'n v. Burton, 482 P.3d 739 (Ok. 2021), where respondent attorney Burton, who was before Oklahoma's Professional Responsibility Tribunal for earlier disciplinary charges, attempted to delay disciplinary proceedings due to a self-imposed quarantine for upper respiratory symptoms consistent with COVID-19. When the proceedings ultimately went forward, he appeared in person on the second day of proceedings with no symptoms and offering no testimony of illness. The Oklahoma reviewing court rejected Burton's claim for violation of due process, finding that "using an excuse of illness appears to be a common theme with [Burton]" and that despite his willful failure to appear in person, Mr. Burton was afforded an opportunity to be heard. Ultimately, Mr. Burton was disbarred.

The lesson from Mr. Burton? A global pandemic does not excuse a lawyer's responsibility to meet his or her professional and ethical responsibilities. In fact, the situation in which many of us find ourselves—working

remotely from luxurious home office spaces such as the dining room table or the kids' playroom—implicate unique ethical considerations. Let's examine a few.

Confidentiality

NRPC 1.6, relating to confidentiality of client information, is uniquely implicated in a remote work scenario for obvious reasons. While the rule itself remains the same whether working in a traditional office or remotely, the analysis a lawyer must conduct to determine whether he/she is making "reasonable efforts" to maintain confidentiality naturally shifts in a remote working environment. See Nev. R. Prof. Cond. 1.6(c) ("A lawyer shall make reasonable efforts to prevent the inadvertent or unauthorized disclosure of, or unauthorized access to, information relating to the representation of a client."), Does this mean that the lawyer must lock his/her kids and spouse out of his/her home workspace throughout the workday? Not necessarily. But the same factors generally implicated by the rule—sensitivity of information, likelihood of disclosure if additional safeguards are not employed, cost of employing additional safeguards, difficulty of implementing safeguards, and the extent to which safeguards adversely affect the lawyer's ability to represent clients—apply in a remote working environment. See ABA Comm'n on Ethics & Prof'l Responsibility, Formal





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Op. 498 (2021) (hereinafter, "ABA Opinion 498").

Thus, while it may not always be reasonable to keep your entire bedroom (or dining room table) under lock and key, using a work-only password on electronic work devices (or on that iPad through which your tech-savvy six-year old can backdoor into your iPhone and work email) might be a reasonable effort to maintain confidentiality. And, holding especially sensitive conversations out-of-earshot from your family might be necessary, lest your conversation be picked up on your kindergartener's Zoom class or your chatty tween repeat the details of your call to her friends.

Supervision

NRPC 5.1 and 5.3's supervision requirements likewise extend to supervision over other subordinate lawyers and non-lawyer assistants' proper handling of client confidential information. Whether in-office or remote, the obligation of supervisory lawyers to ensure their subordinates' compliance with the NRPC remains intact. Lawyers must make reasonable efforts to ensure that those to whom they delegate tasks are also maintaining client confidentiality (and conducting their

work in compliance with other applicable rules). This can be a challenge when not physically occupying the same workspace as your colleagues.

Technology

Finally, technology concerns are particularly implicated in our new remote working environments. ABA Opinion 498 provides valuable guidance on how to avoid technological pitfalls of remote working, including topics regarding:

- protecting hardware with strong passwords, antivirus software, and encryption (including wi-fi connection);
- back-ups and secure access to data;
- terms of service of virtual meeting platforms (and related privilege implications); and
- transmitting data electronically.

In sum, we are living through extraordinary times, but our ordinary ethical obligations remain. While COVID-19 may be novel, it is no excuse for failure to meet our professional and ethical responsibilities. **©**



Changing Law Firms? The Client Comes First.

By Stephanie J. Glantz, Esq.

n today's world, lawyers frequently switch firms. Often, lawyers see it as a simple change of employment. The Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct ("RPC") dictate otherwise. The clients' interests must always come first. Guidance from a few key rules can help the departing lawyer (and law firms) avoid potential issues.

Communication with the client

RPC 1.4 requires a lawyer to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter on which the lawyer is working. This includes advising the client of a lawyer's impending departure from the firm if that lawyer had substantial responsibility for the client's active matters and/or significant personal contact with the client. It can be a fine line as to what is considered "substantial" or "significant," but erring to inform the client is always better.

The client must be informed: (1) when the lawyer is leaving; (2) that the client has the option of staying with the firm, going with the departing lawyer, or selecting new counsel; and (3) how any retainer will be treated. Preferably this is a joint letter from the firm and departing lawyer. The letter should be sent well in

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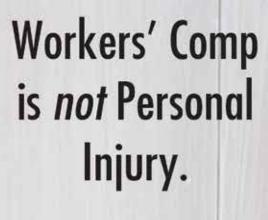
client to respond with a signed acknowledgment and, if applicable, instruction where to send the file. Accordingly, the lawyer should also give the firm ample notice of departure (though fixed notice periods are generally impermissible under RPC 5.6(a)).

The departing lawyer may not interfere with the firm's contracts with its clients, utilize firm resources to set up a new firm, or solicit the firm's existing staff or fellow lawyers before leaving.

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Confidential information

RPC 1.6 requires a lawyer to make reasonable efforts to prevent inadvertent or unauthorized disclosure of, or unauthorized access to, information relating to the representation of the client and prohibits a lawyer from revealing such information.

This does not prevent a lawyer from taking documents prepared by the lawyer and are considered the lawyer's property or are in the public domain. If the files are the law firm's property, the lawyer must obtain the law firm's consent. Whether a file is the property of the lawyer or firm will turn on principles of property and trade secret law. If those materials contain client information, the lawyer must protect the information to the extent required under the rules.

This rule is especially relevant with "Bring Your Own Device" policies. Lawyers should take special precautions to ensure they scrub unauthorized and confidential information from personal devices that were used in the course of their employment. If the firm authorizes the lawyer to take certain information, the lawyer must be vigilant in protecting such information and ensure it is not used to the disadvantage of the former firm's clients, particularly if the information "relates to representation" of the clients under RPC 1.8(b) and RPC 1.9(c).

Importantly, this rule does not prohibit the lawyer from disclosing client names to the new firm "to detect and resolve conflicts of interest," so long as such disclosure would not compromise the attorney-client privilege or otherwise prejudice the client.

Conflicts

It is imperative that the lawyer—and both the new firm and old firm—avoid conflicts of interest implicated by the affiliation with client matters that either remain at the former firm or are transferred to the new firm. RPC 1.7 through RPC 1.12 contain provisions defining types of conflicts and setting forth specific limitations. Evaluating potential conflicts implicated by the lawyer's transition *must* be done *before* the lawyer departs the former firm.

Duties of law firms

Law firms have their own duty to protect clients and ensure an ethical transition based on RPC 5.1(b),

which requires that supervisory lawyers make reasonable efforts to ensure subordinate lawyers conform to the rules of ethics. This includes assisting in evaluating conflicts and ensuring clients' confidential information is protected. The former firm and departing lawyer must work together to ensure all clients continue to be represented with competence and diligence throughout the transition.

Additional rules may be implicated by changing firms. Ethical issues can easily become problematic and tricky to navigate. Remain prudent, consult the rules of ethics and related legal authority, and seek guidance if needed. \mathbf{G}



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Five Things You May or May Not Know About the Attorney Discipline Process

By Joshua P. Gilmore, Esq.

t's Tuesday. After lunch, you grab the mail and sort through it. You see an envelope from the State Bar of Nevada. You ask yourself, "Why is the bar sending me a letter?" You open the envelope and find a letter from an investigator for the bar. [Gulp...] The opening paragraph indicates that the bar has received correspondence from your former client and, as such, "A grievance file has been opened." Great; there goes the rest of your week....

What happens next? This article offers a glimpse into the attorney discipline process as viewed through the eyes of someone who has defended attorneys through the process for more than a decade.

First, if the grievance involves client funds, the bar will likely subpoena your bank for records involving your client trust account. The bar may also subpoena records involving your operating account. The bar will do so under the authority of Supreme Court Rule ("SCR") 110(1). No big deal; right? Perhaps, but keep in mind that the bar will not tell you that it is issuing a subpoena for those records. You will learn of the subpoena only after the fact, particularly if the bar finds accounting discrepancies in those records and starts asking questions.

Second, after the bar completes its investigation, which

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will include reviewing your written response and supporting documents—being forthright, responsive, and cooperative in this context is well taken, see SCR 102.5(2)(e)—it will make recommendations for handling the grievance to a screening panel. The screening panel has several options available to it, one of which includes issuing a letter of reprimand. SCR 105(1)(a). If that happens, you will get another letter in the mail, this time notifying you of the outcome and of your right to accept or reject the reprimand pursuant to SCR 105(1)(b). Instinctively, you may want to object, if for no other reason than to avoid seeing your name appear in next month's Bar Counsel Report for the Nevada Lawyer. That's fine, but the decision to do so is not without risk; indeed, the bar will likely advocate for greater dis-



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cipline at the formal hearing.

Third, if the bar files a Complaint against you, there is limited discovery that will occur before the formal hearing. You may feel confident about defending your position, intending to describe how you skillfully handled your client's case with appropriate vigor while thoroughly responding to each and every question in a timely manner. Although your testimony may be enough, you may also choose to retain an expert witness to buttress your defense. *See In re Assad*, 124 Nev. 391, 185 P.3d 1044 (2008).

Fourth, prior to the formal hearing, you must disclose what evidence you intend to use and which witnesses you intend to call. The bar will do the same. Do not let the deadline to object to the bar's final disclosures lapse without taking any action. Unless you timely object to the bar's evidence based on foundation and authenticity, those objections will be deemed waived; meaning, the bar will be able to admit into evidence any document contained within its files without the need for a live witness—irrespective of how the bar came into possession of the document. DRP 28-29.

Finally, the formal hearing consists of two basic parts: (i) Determining whether you violated the RPCs; and (ii) Determining what form of discipline, if any, you should receive for the violations. Although the default is to handle those two parts simultaneously, you may want to bifurcate the hearing. *In re Discipline of Seegmiller*, No. 45537 (Nev. Dec. 8, 2005); *see also ABA Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions* § 9.1. Doing so avoids putting you in the precarious position of having to simultaneously defend yourself on the merits and ask for forgiveness. Bifurcation has the added bonus of eliminating the risk of any prior discipline that you may have serving as impermissible character evidence. NRS 48.045(2).

A disciplinary proceeding is neither civil nor criminal in nature; it is *sui generis*. Because the process is unique in many respects, consider the old adage about a lawyer who represents himself having a fool for a client before responding to that initial inquiry letter from the bar. **G**

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The unauthorized practice of law does not just violate the rules of professional conduct. It is also a crime. Despite the threat of incarceration, neither the statutes nor the rules offer a bright-line definition of what constitutes the unauthorized practice of law. The Supreme Court of Nevada emphasizes that it is a fact-intensive issue, and what constitutes the practice of law may change over time. This article describes the current state of the law and the implications for violations.

What is the unauthorized practice of law?

Simply put, the unauthorized practice of law is practicing law without a license. While that seems obvious, the regulatory framework can seem a bit convoluted. The starting point is Rule 5.5(a)(1) of the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct ("NRPC"), which prohibits people from practicing law in a jurisdiction where the regulations of that jurisdiction prohibit them from doing so. In the jurisdiction of Nevada, anyone who is *not* an active member of the State Bar of Nevada is prohibited from practicing law. NRS 7.285(1)(a). Membership in the State Bar is limited to licensed attorneys and is compulsory. SCR 77. Thus, if you are not licensed



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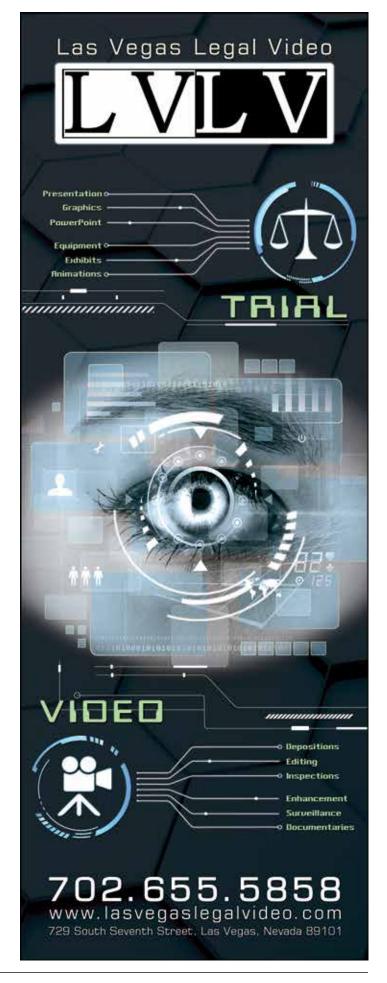
What is the practice of law?

NRPC 5.5 and the statutes do not define what constitutes the practice of law. Instead, the Supreme Court of Nevada has the inherent power to determine what constitutes the practice of law. *Marfisi v. District Court,* 85 Nev. 445, 447, 456 P.2d 443, 444 (1969). Two main cases address this issue.

The first case is *Pioneer Title Ins. & Trust Co. v. State Bar of Nev.*, 74 Nev. 186, 326 P.2d 408 (1958). That case involved a title company that prepared purchase and sale agreements, deeds, and other documents related to real estate closings. *Id.* at 187, 326 P.2d at 408. The State Bar sought an injunction claiming that the title company was engaged in the unauthorized practice of law. *Id.*

The Court explained that the prohibition of the unauthorized practice of law was intended to protect the public and not to protect attorneys from competition. Id. at 189, 326 P.2d at 409. The Court recognized that the public would be ill-served if everyone had to retain a lawyer whenever they faced a situation that routine forms or mere custom could handle. Id. at 190, 326 P.2d at 410. The Court held that the presence of two factors implicated the practice of law: (1) the issue could not be handled through resort to routine forms or customs, and (2) the party decided in their own judgment that they needed the assistance of someone else who was not part of the transaction. Id. at 190-191, 326 P.2d at 410. What types of matters were routine would evolve over time. Id. For example, the Court found that real estate purchase contracts at the time (1958) could not be handled by forms or customary practices. Id. at 195, 326 P.2d at 412-413. That may be different now given the

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widespread use of standardized forms for the purchase and sale of homes.

The Court returned to *Pioneer Title* fifty years later in *In re Discipline of Lerner*, 124 Nev. 1232, 197 P.3d 1067 (2008). The Court affirmed that the definition of the practice of law did not lend itself to a bright-line rule and must be analyzed on a case-by-case basis. *Id.* at 1247, 197 P.3d at 1078. The Court focused on the "touchstone principle" that the practice of law includes activities "calling for the exercise of trained judgment in applying the general body of legal knowledge to the specific problem of a client and recommending a course of action." *Id.* Applying these principles, the Court held that the following actions constituted the practice of law:

- Interviewing potential clients and deciding whether to accept their case
- Evaluating the merits of a personal injury claim
- Advising a client of the claim's merits
- Negotiating a client's claim with an insurance carrier
- Engaging in settlement discussions
- Discussing legal strategy with clients

The Supreme Court of Nevada is the primary authority over attorneys when it comes to enforcing NRPC 5.5, regardless of where the offender is licensed.

• Preparing and signing demand letters *Id.* at 1241-1242, 197 P.3d at 1074.

The following actions have also been held to involve the practice of law:

- Appearing before state administrative agencies on behalf of a party (see Ms. Connie Westadt, 1983 Nev. Op. Att'y Gen. No. 14, *4)
- Filing a notice of appeal on behalf of a trust (Guerin v. Guerin, 116 Nev. 210, 993 P.2d 1256 (2000))

Therefore, you will need an active law license in Nevada to perform any of these tasks.

Can you aid and abet the unauthorized practice of law?

NRPC 5.5(a)(2) specifically prohibits a person from assisting another in the unauthorized practice of law. Thus, allowing a paralegal to advise clients as to the merits of their claims without the attorney's supervision is a violation of Rule 5.5. *In re Discipline of Lerner*, 124 Nev. at 1241, 197 P.3d at 1074. Note, the Court does not refer to someone as an aider or abettor and simply finds them to be in violation of the rule.

While NRS 7.285 makes the unauthorized practice of law a crime, it does not discuss those who might assist. Attorneys should be aware, though, that by facilitating people with the unauthorized practice of law, they may be aiding and abetting a crime under NRS 195.020.

Who enforces the law?

The Supreme Court of Nevada is the primary authority over attorneys when it comes to enforcing NRPC 5.5, regardless of where the offender is licensed. *In re Discipline of Droz*, 123 Nev. 163, 167, 160 P.3d 881, 884

(2007). Indeed, the Court has said that it had a special interest in enforcing the rules governing the legal profession. *Id.* The Court has taken the position that it can sanction attorneys who are not licensed in Nevada but are elsewhere. *Id.* at 168, 160 P.3d at 884.

While the unauthorized practice of law is a crime under NRS 7.285, the Supreme Court of Nevada has commented that violations are a low priority for a prosecutor particularly when compared to violent crimes. *Id.* at 167, 160 P.3d at 884. The data seems to bear this out. A public records request to the Clark County District Attorney's office for information going back to 2010 found that no one had been charged with the unauthorized practice of law. At roughly the same time, the Supreme Court sanctioned no fewer than 80 attorneys for violating NRPC 5.5

As for persons who are not licensed anywhere, the Nevada State Bar can bring a civil action for an injunction under NRS 7.285(3). That seems to be a fairly uncommon occurrence. A review of Odyssey shows that the State Bar has only sought four preliminary injunctions under NRS 7.285 in Clark County since 2010. The number may be the result of few people attempting the practice of law who are not licensed anywhere else.

Consequences of the unauthorized practice of law

The unauthorized practice of law is a crime, and NRS 7.285 takes a graduated approach. The first violation is a misdemeanor. NRS 7.285(2)(a). The second is a gross misdemeanor if it occurs within seven years of the first. NRS 7.285(2)(b). A third offense during the same seven-year period is a category E felony punishable by 1 to 4 years in prison. NRS 7.285(2)(c).

Violations of NRPC 5.5 may result in discipline by the Supreme Court of Nevada. SCR 39, 99–102. Forms of discipline include letters of reprimand, suspension, and disbarment. SCR 102.

Can I be sued for the unauthorized practice of law?

Yes, you can. A person attempting to provide legal services but who is not licensed to do so can be separately sued for malpractice. For example, in *Busch v. Flangas*, 108 Nev. 821, 824, 837 P.3d 438, 440 (1992), the Supreme Court of Nevada held that a law clerk who attempted to practice law had opened themselves to mal-

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practice claims.

Is there a private right of action for the unauthorized practice of law? The short answer is maybe. The Supreme Court of Nevada has looked at this issue at least twice but declined to give a definitive answer. In *Paso Builders, Inc. v. Hebard,* 83 Nev. 165, 426 P.2d 731 (1967), the plaintiff sued a title company for negligence. The plaintiff claimed that the title company was engaged in the unauthorized practice of law that constituted negligence per se. *Id.* The Court did not reach the issue of whether it was negligence per se, finding that any damages were not the proximate cause of the title company's actions. *Id.*

In Jordan v. State of Nev. Dep't of Motor Vehicles, 121 Nev. 44, 110 P.3d 30 (2005), abrogated on other grounds by Buzz Stew, LLC v. City of North Las Vegas, 124 Nev. 224, 181 P.3d 670 (2008), the plaintiff asserted a claim based on the unauthorized practice of law. The Court noted that Nevada had not yet recognized a tort based on the unauthorized practice of law but that other jurisdictions had done so. Id. at 73, 110 P.3d at 50. The Court did not expressly adopt or reject the existence of such a claim under Nevada law, instead finding that the plaintiff had improperly pleaded the claim given the specific facts of that case. Id. at 74, 110 P.3d at 51. Thus, whether Nevada will recognize the unauthorized practice of law as a private cause of action is seemingly an open question.

Other implications of the unauthorized practice of law

Essentially any transactions involving the unauthorized practice of law are null and void *ab initio*. This rule can have rather severe consequences. For example, in *Guerin v. Guerin*, *supra*, the Supreme Court of Nevada found that the notice of appeal in the case was the product of the unauthorized practice of law. There, a trustee filed a notice of appeal on behalf of a trust. *Id.* at 213-214, 993 P.2d at 1258. Noting that trusts must be represented by counsel, the Court found that the trustee had engaged in the unauthorized practice of law. *Id.* at 214, 993 P.2d at 1258. On that basis, the Court found that the notice was invalid, depriving it of jurisdiction to hear the appeal. *Id.* By that point, the time for filing a proper notice had expired.

Similarly, the Court found that contracts that are

the product of the unauthorized practice of law are void as a matter of law. In *Krieg v. Crain*, 128 Nev. 911, 381 P.3d 681, No. 57793, 2012 WL 170136 (Jan. 17, 2012) (unpublished disposition), the plaintiff agreed to provide paralegal services to someone in their employment claim in exchange for a percentage of the recovery. *Id.* at *1. When the defendant reneged on the agreement, the plaintiff sued. *Id.* The Court upheld the district court's dismissal of the lawsuit reasoning that the contract was for the unauthorized practice of law, which is a crime. *Id.* As such, the agreement was unenforceable. *Id.*

Conclusion

The unauthorized practice of law can be a trap for the unwary given the lack of a bright-line definition and the Supreme Court of Nevada's recognition that standards will evolve over time. The best practice is to keep a close watch on what your clerks, paralegals, and support staff are doing when interacting with clients.

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Complete the quiz. Each question has only one correct answer.

1.	The Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct define the term "practice of law."	What is the touchstone law?	principle of the practice of
	True False	A. Do not do it unleB. The activity incfacts of a specific	ludes applying law to the
2.	What constitutes the unauthorized practice of law	_	sible for the acts of those I
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	B. Is defined by NRS 7.248C. Is determined by the Supreme CourtD. None of the Above		unty District Attorney has for the unauthorized prac-
2	According to the Supreme Court of Nevada, the	A. More than 10	
Э.	definition of what constitutes the unauthorized	B. More than 5	
	practice of law is static and will not change over	C. At least two a yea	ar
	time.	D. None of the Abov	re
	True False	-	ve license can still practice in good standing with the
		State Bar.	
4.	The unauthorized practice of law is prohibited in		
	order to	True	
		False	
	A. Protect attorneys	Aiding and abotting the	a unauthorized practice of
	B. Protect the public	law	e unauthorized practice of
	C. Protect attorneys and the public	14VV	
	D. Protect the legal system	A. Is not a crime	
5	What constitutes the practice of law	B. Is a crime	
٥.	what constitutes the practice of law	C. May be a crime	
	A. Is defined by statute	D. None of the Abov	re
	B. Is defined by the Rules of Professional		
	Conduct	E Autiala Caria	1 00
	C. Is defined by the district court	E Article Quiz continue	ed on page 38
	D. May evolve over time		

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	ing trust matters pro se.
Which of the following does not constitute the	ne True
practice of law?	False
	raisc
A. Representing someone before an adminis	16. The unauthorized practice of law is
trative agency	-
B. Advising a client of the strengths and weak	A. A felony
nesses of their case	B. A misdemeanor
C. Doing an initial interview of a client to go basic factual information	C. A gross misdemeanor
	D. Any of the above depending on when and
D. Preparing and signing demand letters	how many times it happened
11. Who is authorized to practice law in Nevada?	17. The Cumumo Count of Neve de has adopted a buight
	17. The Supreme Court of Nevada has adopted a bright- line test for determining what constitutes the unau-
A Attorneys licensed in Nevada	thorized practice of law.
B. A licensed attorney who is suspended bu	it
still in good standing	True
C. Disbarred attorneys as long as no one find	Is False
out they are practicing	
D. All of the above	18. When researching what constitutes the unautho-
Describbances of the form of New Country of New Cou	rized practice of law
12. Possible sanctions that the Supreme Court of Neva	
da can impose on you for the unauthorized practic of law are:	A. It is useful to look at older cases because the
or law are.	types of actions constituting the practice of
A. Disbarment	law have never changed
B. Suspension	B. One should keep in mind that the Supreme
C. Letter of Reprimand	Court of Nevada considers the definition to
D. All of the above	evolve over time as practices and standards
	change
13. Does Nevada recognize a private cause of action fo	C. Look solely to the statute for a definition
the unauthorized practice of law?	D. Look solely to the rules of professional conduct for a definition
	duct for a definition
A. Yes	19. Unlicensed people may join the State Bar of Nevada.
B. Maybe – The Supreme Court of Nevada ha	is
not definitively said so	True
C. No	False
14. If an unlicensed person files a notice of appeal in	20. Statutes and titles that may be implicated when an-
case, the Supreme Court of Nevada will most likely	alyzing the unauthorized practice of law may include:
A. Not recognize it and dismiss the appeal	
B. Recognize it because the filing of a notice	A. NRPC 5.5
of appeal is an administrative act, and th	B. NRS 195.020
Court does not care who does it	C. NRS 7.285
C. None of the above	D. All of the above

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My First Pro Bono Case: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

By David Stern, Esq.

big challenge for many new attorneys is balancing the responsibilities of a demanding new career with their personal life goals. Nevertheless, my first pro bono experience was well worth the efforts. For anyone facing the same decision now, I offer the following thoughts regarding the good, the bad, and the ugly aspects of pro bono work, in reverse order.

The ugly

The ugly truth about pro bono work is how necessary it is. When an attorney contacts the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada ("LACSN") for the first time, it can be shocking to learn just how many people there are in dire need of legal help that they cannot afford.

Every attorney understands that good legal representation can be costly. This means that people who need a lawyer often go unrepresented because they cannot afford one. This is especially the case for children, who generally do not have the ability to generate an income, let alone understand their rights.

Without access to lawyers, many people have no way of protecting their rights or defending

themselves.

The bad

Simply put, there is no way around the significant time commitment required in a pro bono case. As with all clients, pro bono clients and cases can be very demanding and can expand beyond your initial expectations. Despite the fact that you are not billing for your time, your duty to the client remains the same as to any other paying client.

The good

New attorneys have the opportunity to learn about court procedures and tackle new and interesting assignments. LACSN has mentors that are happy to lend their expertise for a pro bono case. Attorneys will work directly with clients and opposing parties, which may not be possible within the structure of a larger firm. Pro bono work provides an invaluable learning experience at no cost to the attorney's firm.

On the other hand, many new attorneys, like me, will be pleasantly surprised by their firm's reaction to their interest in pro bono work. Not only was I encouraged to pursue this endeavor, but one of the partners offered to walk me through the process.

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In the end, we achieved a favorable resolution that would not have otherwise been available to our client. I am grateful to LACSN for both helping me give back to the community and providing an invaluable opportunity to grow as a new lawyer. **©**

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In my role as a counselor, advocate, and officer of the court, I aspire to a standard of conduct that warrants the term "professional." I seek to earn a reputation for honor, trustworthiness, and professionalism among my clients, the legal community, and the community at large. As a lawyer dedicated to the professional and ethical practice of law, I will conduct myself in accordance with the following Pledge of Professionalism: I recognize and will abide by the principle that the legal profession is devoted to public service, improvement of the administration of justice, and the uncompensated assistance to persons who cannot afford representation;

- I. To a Client, a lawyer owes undivided allegiance, the full application of the lawyer's abilities, and the employment of all appropriate legal means to protect the client's legitimate rights.
 - I will achieve my client's lawful objectives as expeditiously and economically as possible, and I will advise my client against pursuing any matter that is without merit;
 - I will counsel my client with respect to mediation, arbitration, and other alternative methods of resolving disputes;
 - I will counsel my client that a willingness to engage in settlement discussions is consistent with effective representation;
 - I will advise my client that civility and courtesy are expected of all participants in the legal system, and that such qualities are not a sign of weakness; and
 - I will not permit my commitment to my client's cause to interfere with my ability to provide my client with objective advice.
- II. To other Counsel, their Clients, and Office Staff, a lawyer owes courtesy, candor, and cooperation in all respects not inconsistent with his or her client's interest, and scrupulous observance of all mutual agreements and understandings.
 - I will be courteous and civil to other counsel, their clients and office staff, and my word is my bond;
 - I will agree to reasonable requests for extensions of time and for waiver of procedural formalities when the legitimate substantive interests of my client will not be adversely affected;
 - I will cooperate with other counsel when scheduling depositions and meetings;
 - I will refrain from using litigation, delaying tactics, abusive discovery, or any other conduct to harass another party;
 - I will serve motions and pleadings in a timely manner to allow the other party a fair opportunity to respond;
 - I will concentrate on matters of substance and content, and not quarrel over matters of form; and
 - I will identify for other counsel or parties all changes I make in documents submitted to me.

III. To the Court and Other Tribunals, a lawyer owes respect, diligence, candor, and punctuality.

- I will conduct myself in a professional manner and demonstrate respect for the court, other tribunals, and the law:
- I will always be candid with the court and other tribunals;
- I will be punctual in attending all matters before the court and other tribunals;
- I will communicate with other counsel in an effort to resolve disputes;
- I will refrain from filing frivolous pleadings, papers, or motions, and will voluntarily withdraw claims or defenses when it becomes apparent they do not have merit;
- I will make every effort to agree with other counsel as early as possible on the voluntary exchange of information and a plan for discovery; and
- I will advise my clients of the behavior expected of them before the court and other tribunals.

IV. To the Public, a lawyer owes the highest degree of professionalism.

- I will conduct myself in a manner that will encourage trust of the legal profession by members of the public;
- I recognize and will abide by the principle that the legal profession is devoted to public service, improvement of the administration of justice, and the uncompensated assistance to persons who cannot afford representation;
- I will treat my office staff with courtesy and respect, and will encourage them to treat others in the same manner; and
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