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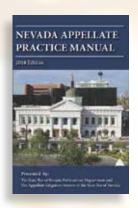
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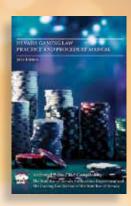
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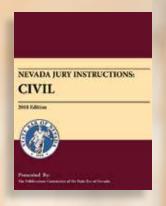
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ADR/Discovery Commissioners Jay Young and Erin Truman pictured at the Regional Justice Court in downtown Las Vegas.

# Rock Rocheleau to Present Family Law CLE Program on October 14, 2021

By Stephanie Abbott

ivorce lawyer Rock Rocheleau will make a special presentation for the continuing education of Nevada lawyers in a program produced by the CCBA's CLE Committee on Thursday, October 14, 2021.

Rock Rocheleau is the managing attorney at Right Lawyers. He is a graduate from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas with a degree in Social



Sciences. He earned an associates in Avionics Technology in the United States Air Force. Rock graduated with his law degree from UNLV's Boyd School of Law.

Rock has been married to Family Court Judge Stacy Rocheleau for 29 years. They have three amazing daughters attending college. But their favorite child is Jake, their seven-year-old Schnauzer Schnoodle mix.

Rock will present "Half!! - The Four-Letter Word in Divorce Court" to highlight relevant information for Nevada lawyers. He will address the following topics:

- Do judges divide the property "exactly" even?
- How do judges divide the equity in a separate property home?
- Do judges divide everything, even the dishes and silverware?
- Is a pension or 401K divided?
- What property is not divided in a divorce?

This CLE program will be held online via Zoom, from 12:00 to 1:15 p.m., Thursday, October 14, 2021. The presentation will offer 1.0 CLE credit to CCBA members only. This free lunchtime learning event (via Zoom) offers 1.0 hours of CLE (NV) and 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.

This free lunchtime learning event (via Zoom) offers 1.0 hours of CLE (NV) and is for CCBA members only.

Special thanks to the Bank of Nevada and Las Vegas Legal Video for supporting CCBA's CLE Programming.

To RSVP for this event, contact Donna Wiessner at Donnaw@clark-countybar.org, (702) 387-6011. **©** 

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# Bench and Bar Leaders to Discuss Diversity in the Legal Profession at Luncheon on October 21

#### By Stephanie Abbott

n October 21, 2021, the Clark County Bar Association will host "Diversity in the Legal Profession," a special luncheon event featuring a panel discussion about diversity, inclusion, and equity in the legal profession with notable members of Nevada's legal community. The event offers 1.0 hour of ethics continuing legal education (CLE) for Nevada lawyers. This event is sponsored by

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Members of the State Bar of Nevada and Clark County Bar Association are invited to attend the live event or to get the links to access the recorded materials at no charge. This event will be held in person in the Bel Air Banquet Room, inside the Golden Nugget located in downtown Las Vegas. Seating will be limited.

To RSVP, call the CCBA's office at (702) 387-6011 or complete the RSVP form on the bar's website at www. clarkcountybar.org.

#### **Event format and location**

"Diversity in the Legal Profession" will be a private event with the following planned agenda:

- Check-in and networking: 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Bar business and sponsor announcements:
   12:00 to 12:15 PM
- Speaker's presentation: 12:15 to 1:15 PM
- Closing remarks: 1:15 PM

Members of the State Bar of Nevada and Clark County Bar Association are invited to attend the live event or get the links to access the recorded materials at no charge.

#### Meet the panelists

#### Judge Tierra D. Jones, Eighth Judicial District Court

Tierra D. Jones is currently a District Court Judge

in Department 10 of the Eighth Judicial District Court. In April of 2017, when she was appointed to the bench, she became the first African American woman to serve on the district court in the State of Nevada. Judge Jones serves as the presiding judge of the court's criminal division and manages the homicide program. Judge Jones earned



her Juris Doctorate in 2006 from the William S. Boyd School of Law. She is a member of several volunteer organizations, and truly enjoys mentoring young lawyers through her volunteer work.

#### Bryan K. Scott, Las Vegas City Attorney

Bryan K. Scott earned his B.S. in Business Admin-

istration from UNLV (1988) and JD from Lewis and Clark Law School (1991). An Attorney for 30 years, he has worked for the City of Las Vegas since 1996. In July 2020, he became the first African American Las Vegas City Attorney in the City's history. From 1991-1993, Bryan was an Associate Attorney for Donald J. Campbell and Rawlings, Olson, Cannon in 1993-1996. Scott was



the first African-American President of the State Bar of Nevada (2016-2017); the Clark County Law Foundation (2006); and the Clark County Bar Association in 2005. He was President of the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association 1996-1999.

#### Lora Picini, Senior Vice President of Diversity, Inclusion and Talent Management, Everi Holdings

Lora Picini is the SVP of Diversity, Inclusion and

Talent Management at Everi, a gaming equipment and financial technology provider with its headquarters in Las Vegas, Nevada. In her role at Everi, she oversees the human resources function for the company, with an eye to constantly elevate engagement, inclusion, and diversity among the employees.



Lora and her family moved

here from Washington, D.C. in 2004, where she had held various roles in the health care legal field both at companies and at law firms. Prior to that, she began her legal career in health care law in the Los Angeles, California area, working for a boutique law firm in the managed health care field.

#### Nedda Ghandi, Partner, Ghandi Deeter Blackham

Nedda Ghandi is a Nevada native. She attended the

William S. Boyd School of Law at University of Las Vegas. She has been practicing law in Nevada since 2008. Her determination to get her client's the results they seek has turned many client relationships into friendships and a significant referral network. Nedda serves as President-Elect of the Clark County Bar Association and will serve



as President of the CCBA during 2022.

### Annette Bradley, Chair, CCBA's Diversity and Inclusion Committee for Equity

The moderator for this event will be Annette Brad-

ley, Esq. who recently retired as General Counsel for the Southern Nevada Health District and while continuing to be an active member of the Nevada bar, is looking forward to enjoying family, friends, and travel.



#### **Registration options**

The event will be held in person; however it will also be recorded. Registration options available are listed below:

- Live seating (in-person)
- Live webcast (via Zoom)
- Recorded materials rental (to be made available 2 weeks after live event)

For more information, contact Donna or Steph at the CCBA, (702) 387-6011.  $oldsymbol{c}$ 



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#### Volunteers Needed to Judge UNLV Client Counseling Competition

he Clark County Bar Association is recruiting attorneys and judges to volunteer as at the William S. Boyd School of Law's 23rd Annual Client Counseling Competition scheduled for Friday, October 8, and Saturday, October 9, 2021. Most volunteers will be needed to judge the preliminary round. Volunteers should be Nevada attorneys, judges or mediators.

#### About the competition

The Client Counseling competition provides 1L and 2L students at Boyd their first opportunity to practice their interpersonal skills, as future attorneys, through a consultation with a mock client.

The 1L and 2L students form teams of two and consult with a mock client. The mock client has been given a detailed fact pattern to work off of (the student-teams do not know this fact pattern). It is the goal of competing students to attempt to get as many facts and issues out of the mock client within a fifteen minute timespan, all while maintaining a professional demeanor.

Each student-team will have roughly fifteen minutes to consult with the mock client. The judge will then have a few minutes to score the team and then will have five minutes to provide constructive feedback to the competing teams.

#### Volunteers needed for competition rounds

#### Friday, October 8, 2021

• Preliminary Round 1: 6:45 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

#### Saturday, October 9, 2021

- Semi-finals: 2:00 p.m. 3:15 p.m.
- Finals: 3:45 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

### Judging the competition qualifies as pro bono service!

It is the role of the judge to observe student-teams assigned to them and score them on both their interpersonal communication skills and their ability to find potential legal issues from the mock client's fact pattern.

To sign up as a volunteer, contact Sunethra Muralidhara, SMuralidhara@wmllawlv.com, or Madyson B. Hinkel, hinkem1@unlv.nevada.edu. •

## **Hot Topics in Family Court Discovery CLE on October 12**

n October 12, 2021, Discovery and ADR Commissioners Erin Lee Truman and Jay Young will present the third in a series of CLE programs produced by the Clark County Bar Association's CLE Committee. The CLE series, "Discovery & ADR CLE with The Commissioners," is being webcast via Zoom, from 12:30 to 1:30 PM, for three occurrences:

- Part 1: Hot Topics in Civil Discovery Tuesday, September 28, 2021
- Part 2: ADR: What do you Need to Know? Tuesday, October 5, 2021
- Part 3: Hot Topics in Family Court Discovery Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Each part of the series offers 1.0 hour of continuing legal education for members of the Nevada bench and bar. During each part, attendance will be taken and reported to the NV CLE Board by the CCBA. All three parts are available at \$60 per CCBA member and \$120 per non-member. All three parts will be recorded.

For more information and to order the series, contact Donna Wiessner at Donnaw@clarkcountybar.org, (702) 387-6011.

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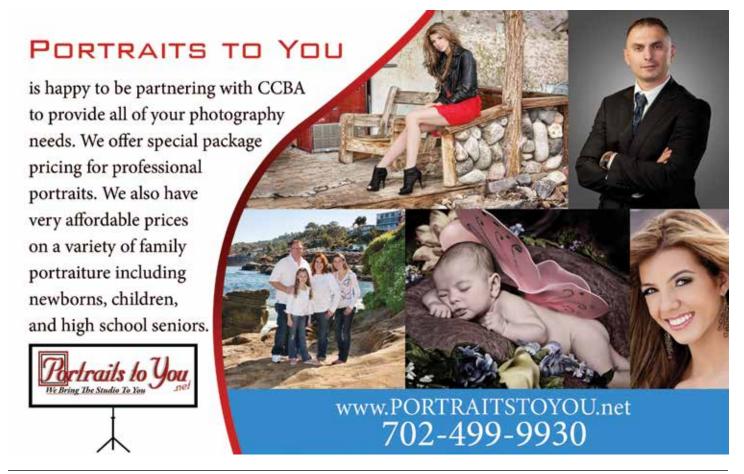
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Wednesday, October 27 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Volunteers needed in the following areas of law:

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To volunteer or for more information contact (Las Vegas) Heather Barrow at (702) 386-0404 ext. 170 or hbarrow@nlslaw.net

### Notice of Election for 2022 CCBA Executive Board

#### Deadline for nominations is November 2, 2021

Nominations from members to serve on the 2022 CCBA Executive Board will be accepted through Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. Nominations should be sent to the CCBA President, James Harper at Prez@ ClarkCountyBar.org. The nominating committee shall consider the following criteria and characteristics as applied to each prospective nominee in their application:

- Current CCBA membership in good standing
- Demonstrated past service to the CCBA
- Contribution to creating balance on the executive board of representation amongst various areas and types of the practice of law
- Professionalism
- Knowledge and expertise in an area in which the CCBA needs or desires assistance
- Such other factors as the nominating committee may deem relevant and appropriate

The election will be held at the 40 Year Club & Annual Meeting luncheon on Thursday, December 2, 2021. **©** 

### Attorney Memorial Service Scheduled for November 5

Bar members are invited to attend the Annual Attorney Memorial Service, a special event to honor Nevada attorneys who have passed on during the last year. This year's event will be held in-person. See below for details.

- Date: Friday, November 5, 2021
- Time: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Note: Service to begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. with a reception to follow immediately.
- Location: Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse, Courtroom 6C, 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas

The annual attorney memorial services is produced by the Clark County Law Foundation in conjunction with the Clark County Bar Association, State Bar of Nevada, Eighth Judicial District Court, U.S. District Court, and the Federal Bar Association-Las Vegas Chapter. To learn more, contact Patrick at CCLF, (702) 333-8877. **©** 



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# 40 Year Club Luncheon & Annual Meeting





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#### **40 Year Club Inductees (Admitted 1981):**

David Barron, Barron & Pruitt, LLP

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Marc Simon, Simon Law, LLC

Steven Wolfson, Office of the Clark County District Attorney

#### When & Where:

Thursday, December 2, 2021 Check-in & Networking: 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Program: 12 to 1:30 p.m. The Smith Center for the Performing Arts Upper Lobby, 5th Floor 361 Symphony Park Avenue, Las Vegas

#### Featuring:

- Master of Ceremonies Dan Polsenberg
- Anecdotes & Interviews with inductees and honorees
- 2022 CCBA Board election
- Plated lunch

#### RSVP to the CCBA by November 18, 2021.

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# Eighth Judicial District Court Civil Bench Bar Meeting

Members of the bar who practice before the Eighth Judicial DistrictCourt ("EJDC") are invited to attend the Civil Bench Bar Meetings. See below for information on the next meeting.

- When: Tuesday, October 19, 2021, Noon to 1:00 PM
- Where: Online via Zoom
- What: Learn what's happening at the court and discuss any modifications of processes in the civil department.

For more info and to RSVP, send inquiries to EJDCBenchBar@gmail. com.

#### **Court news online**

Find updates from local, state, and federal courts in southern Nevada posted to our website at https://clarkcountybar.org/.

Search: "Court News".



# Court Orders Civil/Criminal Division Case Reassignments, Track Schedules

On Friday, September 3, 2021, Chief Judge Linda Marie Bell of the Eighth Judicial District Court (EJDC) signed an administrative order in the matter of Civil/Criminal Division Case Reassignments. See Administrative Order 21-06 (AO 21-06) available as a nine-page PDF file to download from the Clark County Bar's website at https://clarkcountybar.org/court-orders-civil-criminal-division-case-reassignments-track-schedules/.

The nine-page order details reassignments for several judicial departments, including specific changes for departments 1 through 30. AO 21-06 also includes an updated schedule for:

- Criminal Tracks
- Criminal In-Custody Calendars (COVID-19 Schedule)
- Criminal Out-Custody Calendars (COVID-19 Schedule)
- Lower-Level Arraignment Schedule
- Lower-Level Arraignment Rotation

For more information about this and other news from the EJDC, read the blog posts at https://eighthjdcourt.wordpress.com/.

# LVJC Orders Temporary Procedures in Criminal Cases Alleging Traffic Offenses

On August 25, 2021, Las Vegas Justice Court Chief Justice of the Peace Melissa Saragosa and Supreme Court of Nevada Chief Justice James Hardesty filed an order in the administrative matter regarding temporary procedures in criminal cases alleging traffic offenses. See Administrative Order #21-09.

Citing concerns for the administration of the courts, the order addresses matters related to procedures related to the following topics:

- Public health
- Closure of traffic division lobby
- Temporary use of customer service windows
- Bench warrants
- Legislative changes
- Alternative electronic methods for resolving traffic citations
- Traffic trials

The order stresses the need for traffic-related matters to be conducted by telephone, video, or remote electronic means and recommends that "defendants should consider consulting legal counsel of their choosing prior to entering a plea of not guilty and submitting a statement in defense or a written pleas form to the Justice Court."

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The order states, the "Las Vegas Justice Court has not resumed setting traffic trials for defendants who wish to plead not guilty and have their case set for trial. Due to resurgence of COVID-19 cases, delays in construction of Courtroom 1D, IT programming necessary to develop and launch Matterhorn, and redirection of court resources, including hearing masters to assist with eviction cases, it is not anticipated that traffic trials will resume until January 2022."

For more information about the Las Vegas Justice Court's rules and administrative orders, visit http://www.lasvegasjusticecourt.us/faq/laws\_and\_rules.php.

Judge Douglas Hedger to Retire from Henderson Muni Court

Judge Douglas Hedger has announced his retirement from the Henderson Municipal Court bench after more than 18 years of service. His last day on the bench will be October 4, 2021. In his retirement

notice to the Mayor and Council members, he reflected on his years of service. "It has been an honor and pleasure to serve the residents of

the City of Henderson for more than eighteen (18) years."

Chief Judge Rodney Burr com-

mented on Hedger's retirement, "Judge Hedger has served our community with honor. His years of dedicated service will leave a lasting, positive impact for years to come."

During Judge Hedger's tenure on the bench, the City of Henderson has seen phenomenal growth in its population, from just over 214,000 in 2003 to over 341,000 in 2021. Hedger commented on the actions he took in response to that growth, "Along with the many good things that have come with that growth, I have also witnessed our criminal caseloads increase significantly. Much of that caseload growth stems from substance abuse and addiction. In order to proactively

address those issues, I created, and have presided over, the Assistance in Breaking the Cycle (ABC) Drug Court since 2008. Our specialty court has helped many individuals turn their lives from drugs and criminal activity to clean and sober, crime-free lives."

The ABC Court has been nationally recognized, has received multiple State and Federal grants totaling more than \$978,000, and has been used as a model for other programs in Southern Nevada courts. "Participating in and seeing the positive impact the judicial system can have on helping people turn their lives around has been one of the most fulfilling aspects of my career," Hedger says.



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Judge Hedger has also served on numerous committees, which have allowed him to have an impact on judicial education and the funding of other drug and alcohol specialty courts throughout the State of Nevada.

Judge Hedger plans on staying active in the legal community, practicing law at Clear Counsel Law Group, serving as an instructor for the National Drug Court Institute and continuing as the American Bar Association's Judicial Outreach Liaison for Nevada (which focuses on improving the safety of our roads through proactive impaired-driving education). **©** 

# Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association Hosts Annual Scholarship Gala on October 16, 2021

The Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association (LVNBA) will host the "Annual Scholarship Gala and Ruby Red 40th Anniversary Celebration" on Saturday, October 16, 2021.

This special event raises funds for scholarships for law students who are committed to serving minority, low income, and other underserved communities in Clark County, Nevada. The Annual Scholarship Gala is the LVNBA's signature event, and since 1987 the LVNBA has given tens of thousands of dollars to law students in scholarships.

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### **Beating the Backlog**

By Chief Judge Linda Marie Bell

he court has made it a priority to keep cases moving and trials tracking in a safe and effective manner. I want to thank the Presiding Judges Nancy Allf, Rebecca Burton, and Tierra Jones for their tireless work during the difficult times of this pandemic. A strategy is in place to meet the priority of full-days for trials to keep them moving forward. As of August 31, the Eighth Judicial District Court has completed 19 jury trials since trials resumed in courtrooms in early June 2021. For every one of these trials, numerous cases resolved at calendar call and central calendar call. Many thanks to Judge Tierra Jones for managing the central calendar-call calendar and thanks to those who assisted with case coverage. In addition, from January 1, 2021 to July 30, 2021, 142 civil bench trials were successfully completed. To keep things running smoothly and effectively, lawyers are reminded to provide the necessary trial information at calendar call (how many days, how many witnesses, and the names of trial counsel). This information will be included in calendar call minutes.

Settlement conferences have proven to be an effective way to resolve cases. The court has increased the number of settlement conferences that the senior judges are covering. A large number (20-30 a week) of civil



Judge Linda Marie Bell is the chief judge for the Eighth Judicial District Court.
She has been serving in department 7 since 2009, handling civil and criminal cases, managing Grand Juries and overseeing the criminal division specialty courts.

and family senior settlement conferences are being set. Those scheduled for a settlement conference should avoid last minute cancellations. While emergencies do happen, please be aware that we have a significant backlog to address with limited resources. Those who schedule settlement conferences are expected to attend and be prepared.



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Commissioners Erin Truman and Jay Young have done an outstanding job keeping the arbitration and short trial programs moving at full force, even during the pandemic. Approximately 80 short trials/short bench trials were completed by the end of August. The new system should improve organization and efficiency.

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I am truly appreciative of the tremendous work that has been accomplished in the Eighth Judicial District Court through this past year and a half of unprecedented times. Judges, attorneys, court administration and court staff have risen to the challenge and managed to ensure that justice is served, despite what otherwise seem to be insurmountable challenges. •



# Wanna Stay Out of Trouble in Discovery?

By ADR/Discovery Commissioners Jay Young and Erin Truman

\*About the CCBA's Article #10, "Wanna Stay Out of Trouble in Discovery?": The Clark County Bar Association (CCBA) offers 1.0 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Credit to Nevada lawyers who complete the test and order form per the offer described in the October 2021 issue of Communiqué. See pp. 22-27. The CCBA is an Accredited Provider with the NV CLE Board.

iscovery Commissioners Erin Lee Truman and Jay Young recently taught a series of CLE courses on ADR and Discovery to great acclaim (*Editor's Note*: Actually, they made us say that). Here at the CCBA, we want all attorneys, even those who were not able to attend the seminars, to benefit from the Commissioners' practical counsel to keep us all out of hot water when involved in a discovery dispute. You want to stay out of hot water, don't you? Then read on, friend.

The course materials from the Commissioners' recent seminars can be found at https://clarkcounty-bar.org/marketplace/cle-programs/. They will also be available on the court's website at http://www.clarkcountycourts.us/departments/discovery/. Keep these materials as a handy reference guide for when you and

your staff prepare your next discovery matter. Learn what actually constitutes a meaningful, good faith meet and confer, pursuant to EDCR 2.34. Discover the new requirement by the Court of Appeals regarding court orders and the Rule 26 proportionality factors and why you should always include them in your motions. Decide if the Commissioner can hear your motion to continue trial. Avoid pitfalls and mistakes.

But wait! That isn't all. If you keep reading, you can also earn CLE credit. That's right. We know you know the drill by now. Read the materials. Take the Test. Complete the order form. Suddenly you will appear more attractive (satisfaction not guaranteed), obtain CLE credit, and may better advocate for your clients in discovery disputes (satisfaction not guaranteed).



Jay Young is an ADR/Discovery Commissioner for the Eighth Judicial District Court. He enjoys moonlit nights and Bluejeans hearings.

Erin Truman is an ADR/Discovery Commissioner for the Eighth Judicial District Court. Prior to her appointment, she was a litigator in Las Vegas for 25 years during which time she tried in earnest to avoid discovery disputes.

### CCBA CLE Article #10 Quiz

#### Wanna Stay Out of Trouble in Discovery?

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

- T/F If all counsel shared their opinions regarding a discovery dispute in a series of emails stating their positions, they have met the EDCR 2.34 requirement to meet and confer before filing a motion on the dispute.
- 2. T/F An affidavit that states as follows:

"I held telephonic conference with opposing counsel on or about September 12, 2021. Counsel were not able to resolve the matter. The Movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer."

meets the certification requirements in EDCR 2.34 or EDCR 5.602:

- 3. T/F My discovery motion will be denied and I may be sanctioned if I file the motion without a certification that the parties engaged in an adequate, meaningful, and good faith effort to meet, confer, and attempt to resolve the matter before seeking court intervention.
- 4. The Supreme Court requires the denial of a motion for attorney fees unless it contains (mark all that apply):
  - a. Proof that the award is authorized by statute, rule, or contract
  - b. Analysis of the *Brunzell* factors, presented through competent evidence (affidavit)
  - c. Billing records or other justification for the amount of fees is presented through competent evidence (affidavit and invoice

- with privileged information redacted)
- d. The "qualities" (or qualifications) of each time biller, presented through competent evidence (affidavit)
- e. Discussion of the reasonableness of the fees requested compared to the marketplace and given the skills and training of each advocate
- f. All of the above

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### Instructions for CCBA's CLE Article #10

How Nevada lawyers may earn 1.0 General CLE credit in three easy steps:

- 1. Read the article, "Wanna Stay Out of Trouble in Discovery?" (CCBA CLE Article #10). See page 22 and materials online referenced by the authors;
- 2. Complete the quiz. See pages 23-26; and
- 3. Complete the order form. See page 27.

Questions: Contact Donna Wiessner at the Clark County Bar Association, (702) 387-6011.

- 5. The Supreme Court requires the denial of a request for an award of costs unless it contains (mark all that apply):
  - a. Evidence all costs were incurred, proved by attaching receipts or other proof (not just inclusion in billing records), introduced through a Rule 56(e) compliant affidavit
  - b. An affidavit that demonstrates how each cost was actually incurred
  - c. An affidavit that demonstrates how each cost was necessary (a conclusory statement that the "cost was necessary" is not enough)
  - d. An affidavit that demonstrates how each cost was reasonable in the community
  - e. All of the above
- 6. T/F Drafting an overbroad discovery request that is not proportional or narrowly tailored to the needs of the case is sanctionable conduct.
- 7. T/F Lodging boilerplate objections to discovery requests is sanctionable conduct.
- 8. T/F Discovery Commissioners require the use of an official form when submitting a DCRR on an application for fees and/or costs.
- 9. What local rule requires that you include each discovery request and the responses thereto *verbatim* in your motion?
- T/F You must include the proportionality factors from NRCP 26(b)(1) and Venetian Casino Resort, LLC v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Ct. in your proposed Discovery Commissioner's Report and Recommendation.
- 11. The proper standard for the scope of discovery is:

- a. Parties may obtain discovery regarding any nonprivileged matter that is relevant to any party's claims or defenses and proportional to the needs of the case.
- b. Parties may obtain discovery that appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.
- c. Discovery must consider the importance of the issues at stake in the action, the amount in controversy, the parties' relative access to relevant information, the parties' resources, the importance of the discovery in resolving the issues, and whether the burden or expense of the proposed discovery outweighs its likely benefit.
- d. a and b only
- e. a and c only
- f. b and c only
- g. a, b, and c
- 12. A Discovery Commissioner has the power to (mark all that apply):
  - a. Administer oaths
  - b. Find counsel or a party in contempt
  - c. Conduct settlement conferences
  - d. Extend discovery deadlines
  - e. Grant trial continuances
  - f. Strike pleadings
- 13. T/F For discovery to be allowed, it must be both relevant to a party's claim or defense and proportional to the needs of the case.
- 14. In Venetian Casino Resort, LLC v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Ct., 136 Nev. 221, 467 P.3d 1 (Ct. App 2020), the Nevada Court of Appeals outlines factors the district court must consider in analyzing which of the following discovery disputes:
  - a. the proportionality of discovery under NRCP 26(b)(1)
  - b. whether good cause for a protective order under NRCP 26(c)(1) exists

- c. the proper venue for a NRCP 30(b)(6) deposition to proceed
- d. a and b only
- e. All of the above
- 15. T / F The following are factors the district court should weigh in considering the proportionality of discovery under NRCP 26(b)(1):
  - a. the importance of the issues at stake in the action;
  - b. the amount in controversy;
  - c. the parties' relative access to relevant information;
  - d. the parties' resources;
  - e. the importance of the discovery in resolving the issues; and
  - f. whether the burden or expense of the proposed discovery outweighs its likely benefit.

16. In Venetian Casino Resort, LLC v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Ct., 136 Nev. 221, 467 P.3d 1 (Ct. App. 2020), the Nevada Court of Appeals adopted the Ninth Circuit's three-part test for conducting a good-cause analysis under the FRCP 26(c), and applied it to NRCP 26(c).

he 3 facto	ors are:		
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17. T/F The following is a non-mandatory and non-exhaustive list of factors for courts to consider when determining if good cause exists for a protective order under NRCP 26(c).

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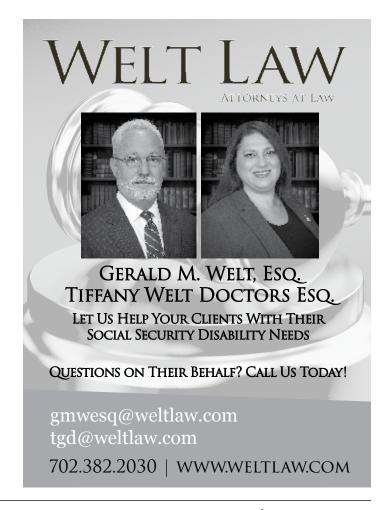


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- a. whether disclosure will violate any privacy interests;
- b. whether the information is being sought for a legitimate purpose or for an improper purpose;
- c. whether disclosure of the information will cause a party embarrassment;
- d. whether confidentiality is being sought over information important to public health and safety;
- e. whether the sharing of information among litigants will promote fairness and efficiency;
- f. whether a party benefitting from the order of confidentiality is a public entity or official; and
- g. whether the case involves issues important to the public.
- 18. T/F A motion to extend discovery deadlines should be always be heard and decided by a discovery commissioner.
- 19. Which of the following must be first heard before a discovery commissioner (unless all discovery in the case is being heard by the assigned district court judge, i.e. business court cases): (Mark all that apply).
  - a. Motion to compel (deposition; responses to subpoenas; requests for production of documents; and interrogatories)
  - b. Motion for protective order (deposition; subpoenas; requests for production of documents; requests for admission; interrogatories; Rule 35 physical or mental examination; Rule 34 site inspection; etc.)
  - c. Motion to quash subpoena
  - d. Motion to set reasonable fee for expert witness
  - e. Motion for Rule 34 site inspection
  - f. Motion for Rule 35 physical or mental exam
  - g. Motion to strike untimely production or

- untimely or improperly designated expert report
- h. Motion for spoliation of evidence (If seeking sanctions up to and including adverse inference)
- i. Motion to withdraw admissions
- j. Motion for case ending sanctions
- k. Motions to extend discovery deadlines
- Motions for orders to show cause why a party should not be held in contempt for discovery abuses;
- m. Motion to strike expert based on admissibility.
- n. All of the above.
- o. None of the above.
- p. a-i only.



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### **Property and Support Claims** for Same-sex Couples in Nevada after Obergefell

By Marshall S. Willick, Esq.

#### Legal background and issue

By 1996, the federal government and several states (including Nevada) had enacted Defense of Marriage Acts ("DOMAs") prohibiting recognition of any samesex marriage. In 2000, Vermont became the first state to provide legal recognition to same-sex relationships in the form of civil unions. In 2003, Ontario, Canada was among the first places to legalize same-sex marriage. Nevada recognized civil unions as of 2009, but required those entered into elsewhere to be registered here to get legal effect.

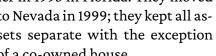
Nevada's DOMA was overturned in Latta v. Otter, 771 F.3d 456 (9th Cir. 2014). The Supreme Court of the United States struck down all such laws in Obergefell v. Hodges, 576 U.S. 644, 135 S. Ct. 2584; 192 L. Ed. 2d 609 (2015).

Left unanswered was the legal effect of those decisions on the rights of parties who had entered into a civil union or marriage in places where it was allowed during the time that Nevada law barred recognition.

#### LaFrance v. Cline

Mary and Gail both had substantial assets when they moved in together in 1995 in Florida. They moved

to Nevada in 1999; they kept all assets separate with the exception of a co-owned house.



Left unanswered was the legal effect of those decisions on the rights of parties who had entered into a civil union or marriage in places where it was allowed during the time that Nevada law barred recognition.

In 2000, they went to Vermont to get a civil union as a "political statement," but never registered it in Nevada. In 2003, they married in Canada for the same reason. They broke up just before the Latta decision rendered them retroactively married. Gail sued for divorce.

The trial court found their "community" started in 2000, but divided between them all property acquired by either of them before or after that date, and ordered alimony. Mary appealed.

#### The appeal

After en banc argument, the Supreme Court of Nevada found that Obergefell required recognition of only marriages, not un-registered civil unions, but required retroactivity to the date of the 2003 Canadian mar-



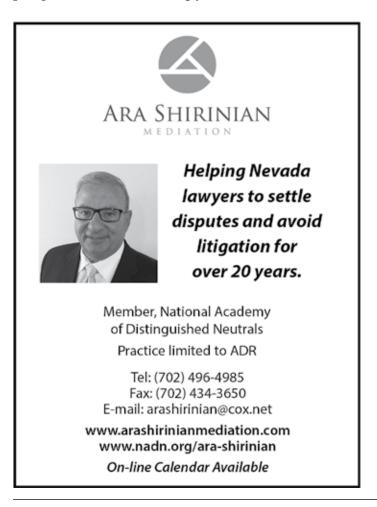
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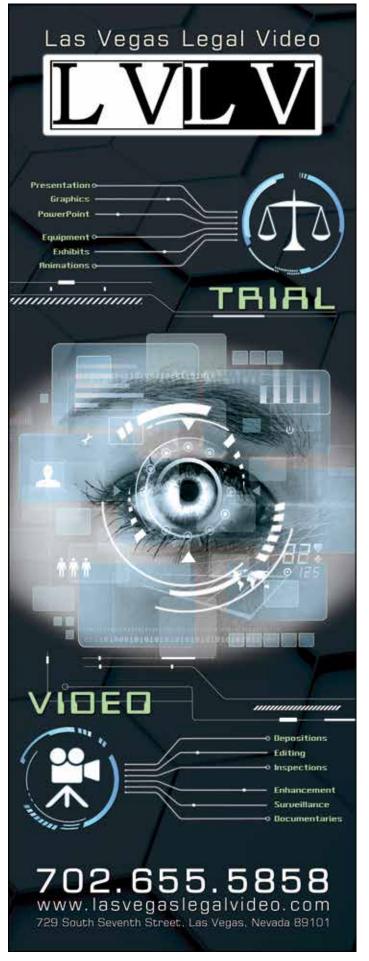
riage, and remanded for regular community property principles, including tracing, to apply to all property acquired after that date. *LaFrance v. Cline*, No. 76161, Order Affirming in Part, Reversing in Part, and Remanding (Unpublished Disposition, Dec. 23, 2020).

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Mary had argued that equal protection required that she have the same right that an opposite-sex party would have to hold property separately. Cohabiting opposite sex couples can choose to *not* pool their assets. If they decide to marry, they can enter into pre-marital agreements, and can agree after marriage to treat earnings as separate property. Mary claimed that all those rights to have her intentions recognized were denied to her when, in 2014, she was deemed retroactively married as of 2003.

The Court did not directly address the equal protection issue. The unpublished decision is not binding authority under NRAP 36. Therefore, reserved to some future case is the question of whether true equality requires an equal opportunity to choose how property should be treated, which was denied to same-sex couples prior to *Latta* and *Obergefell*. **©** 





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#### 16. Streamlined Bankruptcy Option for Small Business

Speakers: Candace Carlyon, Esq. and Dawn Cica, Esq. of Carlyon Cica Chtd.

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### 17. Federal Faux Pas: The "Do's and "Don'ts" of Federal Practice

Speakers: U.S. Magistrate Judge Brenda Weksler, David Chavez, Judicial Term Clerk, and Emily Gesmundo, Judicial Career Clerk Recorded: 8/3/2020

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### 18. Preparing a Better Deposition: Don't Let a Deposition Sink Your Case

Speakers: Mike Carman, Esq. and Corinne Price, Esq. of Fine Carman

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#### 19. Nevada Prohibits Pre-Employment Discrimination for Marijuana Use

Author: Bridget Kelly, Esq.
Date: Apr. 2020 (Communiqué)
Format: PDF (article and test)
CLE: 1 General CLE Credit (NV)
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#### 20. Ethics? Ethics? I Got Your Ethics Right Here.

Speaker: Dennis Kennedy, Bailey

Kennedy LLP

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#### 21. The Promises and Perils of Legal Negotiation: How Psychology Can Help

Speaker: Jean R. Sternlight, Saltman Professor, UNLV Boyd School

of Law

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### 22. Things You Have Wanted to Ask the Probate Commissioner

Speaker: Probate Commissioner Wesley Yamashita, 8th Judicial

**District Court** 

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### 23. The Disease of Addiction - A Professional, Community, and Family Affair

Speakers: Kristine Kuzemka - Nevada Lawyer Assistance Program & LCL, Lance Wilson - District Court

Executive - Retired Recorded: 11/19/2019

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#### 24. Frightening Financial Transactions and How to Avoid Them

Speaker: State Bar of NV Counsel

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### 25. The Lawyer's Use of Social Media – A Look at Hot Topics and Trends

Speaker: John Naylor of Naylor & Braster Attorneys at Law Recorded: 10/2/2019
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## 26. Proportionality Primer: Federal Guidance for Understanding the 2019 Amendment to Nev. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(1)

Author: Andrew Sharples, Esq. Date: Oct. 2019 (Communiqué) Format: PDF (article and test) CLE: 1.0 Ethics CLE Credit (NV) Price: \$45/CCBA member, \$75/Non-member

#### 27. Legislative Update from Attorneys Serving in the Nevada Legislature

Speakers: Lesley Cohen, Esq., Assemblywoman (District 29, Clark Cty.), Shea Backus, Esq., Assemblywoman (District 37, Clark Cty.), Edgar Flores, Esq., Assemblyman (District 28, Clark Cty.) Recorded: 9/25/2019 CLE: 2.0 General CLE Credit (NV)

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### 28. Highlights of the 2019 Legislative Session's Changes to Probate and Trust Law

Speakers: Jeffrey Luszeck and Alan Freer of Solomon Dwiggins & Freer, Ltd.

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#### 29. Beating Burnout: A Lawyer's Guide

Authors: By Carli L. Sansone, Esq. and Shann D. Winesett, Esq. Date: June/July 2019 (Communiqué) Format: PDF (article and test) CLE: 1.0 Substance Abuse/Addiction/Mental Health (AAMH) CLE Credit (NV)

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#### 30. New Lawyers: Things They Didn't Tell You in Law School

Speaker: Dennis Kennedy, Bailey

Kennedy LLP

Recorded: 5/13/2019

CLE: 2.0 Ethics CLE Credit (NV)
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#### 31. Delay Fees and the Montreal Convention

Author: Mark Severino, Esq.
Date: Apr. 2019 (Communiqué)
Format: PDF (article and test)
CLE: 1.0 General CLE Credit (NV)
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#### 32. Meet Your New Bar Counsel

Speaker: State Bar of NV Counsel

Dan Hooge

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#### 33. Preparing for the 2019 Tax Return Filing Season: Changes to the 2018 Tax Code

Speakers: Suzanne Warren of Silver Law PLC, and Taylor Randolph of Randolph Law Firm

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CLE: 1.5 General CLE Credit (NV)
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### 34. Social Media & Professional Responsibility: Attorney Ethical Considerations

Speaker: John Naylor, Esq. of Naylor

& Braster

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Speaker: EJDC Probate Commissioner Wesley Yamashita Recorded: 11/8/2018

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Author: John M. Naylor, Esq. Date: Nov. 2018 (Communiqué) Format: PDF (article and test) CLE: 1 Ethics CLE Credit (NV) Price: \$45/CCBA member, \$75/

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# 37. Don't be Scared by the Rules - Discovery, Spoliation, Claiming Privilege & Other Spooky Issues

Speakers: EJDC Discovery Commissioner Bulla and John Aldrich of Aldrich Law Firm, Ltd.
Recorded: 10/30/2018

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### 38. The Struggle for Sanity and Sobriety in the Legal Profession

Author: Alia A. Najjar, M.D., Esq. Date: Sept. 2018 (Communiqué) Format: PDF (article and test) CLE: 1.0 Substance Abuse/Addiction/Mental Health (AAMH) CLE

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### 39. Hot Topics & Recent Developments in DUI/DWI Including Marijuana

Speakers: Robert F. Purdy of Law Office of Andrew M. Leavitt and Bruce W. Nelson of Clark County District Attorney's Office Recorded: 7/19/2018

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#### 40. Evictions Practice & Process

Speaker: LVJC Hearing Master Da-

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#### 41. Designating Your Employee as a Non-Retained Expert-Are You Waiving the Attorney-Client Privilege?

Author: John M. Naylor, Esq.
Date: July 2018 (Communiqué)
Format: PDF (article and test)
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#### 42. Federal Income Tax Considerations in Divorce Cases

Speakers: Chris J. Sheldon and Suzanne M. Warren of Silver Law PLC

Recorded: 5/18/2018

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### 43. Ethics: Current Topics for New (and Not So New) Lawyers

Speaker: Dennis Kennedy, Bailey

Kennedy LLP Recorded: 5/9/2018

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Calendar Year Deductible (C	YD)	•	•	•	•			
Individual	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$7,000	\$1,000/\$1,500	\$4,000/\$4,000	\$7,500/\$7,500	\$6,900	
Family	\$3,000	\$8,000	\$14,000	\$2,000/\$3,000	\$8,000/\$8,000	\$15,000/\$15,000	\$13,800	
Coinsurance								
	20%	30%	50%	20%/20%	30%/30%	30%	0%	
Out-of-Pocket Maximum								
Single	\$4,000	\$7,100	\$8,150	\$4,000/\$6,500	\$7,300/\$8,000	\$8,550/\$8,550	\$6,900	
Family	\$8,000	\$14,200	\$16,300	\$8,000/\$13,000	\$14,600/\$16,000	\$17,100/\$17,100	\$13,800	
Provider Office Visits		, , , , , ,	, ,,,,,,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	, , , ,	, ,,,,,,	
Telemedicine - Teladoc	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	CYD/\$0 copay	
Primary Care Provider (PCP)	\$25 copay	\$35 copay	\$35 copay	\$15/\$30 copay	\$30/\$60 copay	\$30/\$60 copay	CYD/0%	
wellPortal Primary Care	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	\$0 copay	N/A	
Specialist	\$50 copay	\$70 copay	\$70 copay	\$30/\$60 copay	\$60/\$90 copay	\$60/\$90 copay	CYD/0%	
Emergent/Urgent Care								
Ambulance – Ground & Air	\$250 copay per trip	\$500 copay per trip	\$1,000 copay per trip	\$250 copay per trip	\$1,000 copay per trip	\$1,500 copay per trip	CYD/0%	
Emergency Room	\$500 copay	\$1,000 copay	\$1,000 copay	\$500 copay	\$1,000 copay	\$1,500 copay	CYD/0%	
Urgent Care	\$50 copay	\$70 copay	\$70 copay	\$50/\$100 copay	\$50/\$100 copay	\$50/\$100 copay	CYD/0%	
Hospital/Facility/Surgical	, ,	, ,		. ,				
Outpatient Surgical	\$250 copay	\$1,000 copay	\$1,000 copay	\$250 copay/ CYD 20%	\$1,000 copay/ CYD 30%	\$1,500 copay/ CYD 30%	CYD/0%	
Inpatient Hospital	CYD/\$1,000 copay	CYD/30%	CYD/50%	CYD \$1,000/ CYD 20%	CYD 30%/CYD 30%	CYD 30%/ CYD 30%	CYD/0%	
Pharmacy								
FDA-approved Preventive Generic/Brand/Non-Brand Specialty	No Charge \$25/\$50/\$75 20%	No Charge \$25/\$50/\$75 20%	No Charge \$25/\$50/\$75 20%	No Charge \$25/\$50/\$75 20%	No Charge \$25/\$50/\$75 20%	No Charge \$25/\$50/\$75 20%	No Charge CYD/0% CYD/0%	
Radiology	2070	2070	2070	2070	2070	2070	C1D/0/0	
Routine X-Ray & Diagnostic	\$25 copay	¢25 copov	\$35 copay	\$15/\$30 copay	\$30/\$60 copay	\$30/\$60 copay	CYD/0%	
CT Scan & MRI	\$25 copay \$250 copay	\$35 copay \$1,000 copay	\$35 copay \$1,000 copay	\$250 copay/ CYD 20%	\$1,000 copay/ CYD 30%	\$1,500 copay/ CYD 30%	CYD/0%	
Complex Diagnostic	\$250 copay	\$1,000 copay	\$2,000 copay	\$250 copay/ CYD 20%	\$1,000 copay/ CYD 30%	\$1,500 copay/ CYD 30%	CYD/0%	
Maternity				C1D 20/0	C1D 30%	C1D 30%		
Prenatal Care & Delivery	\$200 copay per delivery	\$200 copay per delivery	\$200 copay per delivery	\$200 copay/CYD 20% per delivery	\$200 copay/CYD 30% per delivery	\$200 copay/CYD 30% per delivery	CYD/0%	
Delivery Room & Well-baby Hospital	CYD/\$1,000 copay	CYD/30%	CYD/50%	CYD \$1,000 copay/ CYD 20%	CYD 30%/CYD 30%	CYD 30%/ CYD 30%	CYD/0%	
Mental Health/Alcohol & Dr	ug Abuse Services							
Inpatient	CYD/\$1,000 copay	CYD/30%	CYD/50%	CYD \$1,000/ CYD 20%	CYD 30%/CYD 30%	CYD 30%/ CYD 30%	CYD/0%	
Outpatient	\$250 copay	\$1,000 copay	\$1,000 copay	\$250 copay/ CYD 20%	\$1,000 copay/ CYD 30%	\$1,500 copay/ CYD 30%	CYD/0%	
Office Visit	\$25 copay	\$35 copay	\$35 copay	\$15/\$30 copay	\$30/\$60 copay	\$30/\$60 copay	CYD/0%	
Lab and Pathology								
	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	CYD/0%	
Pediatric Dental & Vision - D	iagnostic and Prev	entive (up to age 1	9)					
	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	No Charge	

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# **Change Your Life As Well**

By Alison Brasier, Esq.

n 2011, I felt a calling to give back to our community and so I applied to be a CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer for kids in foster care.

CASA volunteers serve a unique function in the foster care system in that the CASA's role is to advocate in the "best interests of the child." CASA volunteers do not have a "client" or a position that they must advocate for. Instead, CASA volunteers build relationships with the child/children, family services and support professionals, attorneys for the child and parent(s), and foster and biological family members to advocate for what the volunteer thinks is best for the child/children.

Over the past 10 years, I have worked to ensure a group of six siblings – who were in separate foster care placements – had consistent visits with each other to maintain their sibling relationships. I supported foster parents of a drug-addicted newborn to ensure that they

had proper resources to care for the child who they ultimately adopted. I worked with a sibling group of three to obtain the therapy and support they needed to regain normalcy in their lives after being abused. And, in my most recent assignment, I had the privilege of working with an amazing young lady who eventually "aged out" after being in foster care for 7 years — and who against all odds graduated high school and is starting her first semester of college this fall.

As a CASA volunteer in each of these cases, I was able to be a voice for "my kids" and to speak up for their needs – in a system where all too often they are left voiceless and powerless.

CASA volunteers are often the only role model or supportive adult that kids in foster care have ever — or will ever — encounter. Providing that support and positivity can change a child's life forever, and it will certainly change yours as well. **G** 



Alison Brasier is a founding partner of Hicks & Brasier, a Plaintiff's Personal Injury law firm. She loves representing injured individuals and giving them a voice in our civil justice system. She has been a CASA volunteer since 2011.

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