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Making a Life By What We Give

By Nedda Ghandi, Esq.

On March 31, 2022, the CCBA honored and recognized volunteers who actively supported the various CCBA's committees, activities, and member services throughout 2021 at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. I am writing to you all before this event but this letter will be published after the event occurs. Having been involved in the CCBA for well over a decade, this event always makes me pause to reflect upon volunteerism and a personal commitment to giving back to our Clark County community. There are so many ways to give back and I encourage each of you to reflect upon your interests and passions to assess ways to serve.

One option is to serve our legal community through participation in the CCBA. The CCBA has committees that focus specifically on the practice of law and give back to our legal community, such as the CLE Committee, the New Lawyers Committee or the Publications Committee. Service on one of these committees or participating in their events is one way to support others in our practice. Through the CLE Committee, members can serve by promoting educational growth and development of fellow attorneys. The New Lawyer Committee is a great way to mentor the newest members of the Nevada Bar. Publication is also a great way to promote the practice of law and give back by sharing knowledge with others in the legal community. The *Communique* is frequently looking for contributors to write content for upcoming issues. See page 4 for the editorial calendar and submission instructions.

The CCBA also has committees that focus on the broader community such as the Community Service Community and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee for Equity. These committees tend to focus both on giving back to the legal community as well as Clark



Will Sykes and Annette Bradley

County or the state of Nevada. These committees are an amazing way to grow personally while giving back.

For example, our newest board members, William Sykes and Annette Bradley, are wonderful examples of attorneys who have found a work-life balance that includes volunteerism. They are active members of the bar and giving back to their communities in Southern Nevada. Learn more about Will and Annette by reading the announcements on pages 14 and 16.

Another important and critical form of volunteerism is, of course, *pro bono* work. The CCBA encourages its members to participate in *pro bono* representation per the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct (NRPC 6.1 through 6.5) and offers links to numerous agencies and resources on its "Pro Bono Opportunities" page on the CCBA website.

I want to personally thank each and every one of you who have volunteered for the CCBA through 2021. I also recognize that there are many ways to share your time and give back. I encourage all of our members to find time for our community in a way that works into your life and that promotes growth, opportunity, and development of your self and others.

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." —*Winston S. Churchill* 🇺🇸



Nedda Ghandi, Esq. is a partner with Ghandi Deeter Blackham Law Office. Nedda's primary practice area involves bankruptcy for both individual and business debtors. She also litigates complex family law cases that often involve family-owned businesses or complicated financial battles. Nedda serves as the president of the Clark County Bar Association through December 2022.

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Special Event

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23rd Annual CCBA Moot Court Competition

- **Friday, April 22, 2022**
 - Check-in: 5:15 PM
 - Preliminary Rounds: 6 PM - 9 PM
- **Saturday, April 23, 2022**
 - Check-in: 8:15 AM
 - Semi-final rounds: 9 AM – 12 PM
- **UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law**
- **About:** Nevada attorneys and judges are needed to judge law students' performance in this competition. To qualify to judge at the moot court competition, the volunteer must be a law school graduate. Judges act as an appellate court judge hearing oral argument for the case, asking questions, and scoring students on their appellate advocacy skills.
- **Did you know?** Judging the competition qualifies as pro bono service (pursuant to NRPC 6.1).
- **Most volunteers will be needed to judge the rounds on Friday, April 22, 2022.**
- **Sign up now:** Contact CCBA New Lawyers Committee Co-Chair Josh Dresslove at jdresslove@dresslovelaw.com.



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C CBA members are invited to join one or more committee and help the CCBA to enrich the lives and careers of our members and community. See below for a short description about the activities, when they meet, and who leads each committee:

- **Community Service Committee** – Organizes opportunities for CCBA’s members to provide outreach services to the community at large in southern 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.
- **Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Committee** – Creates high quality, low-cost CLE seminars for the benefit of bar members and legal community. Participation on the CLE committee is limited to current attorney and JD members of the CCBA. Committee members plan and/or develop live CLE seminars for the CCBA. These active committee members are entitled to attend CCBA CLE seminars at no cost. This committee meets at noon on the second Wednesday of the month. Chair: Robert Telles, Esq. of Clark County Nevada Public Administrator’s Office.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Committee on Equity** – Promotes and supports diversity, inclusion, and equity within the Nevada Bar, the profession, and the legal community. The committee’s mission is to organize educational programs that facilitate constructive discussion and enhance understanding of diversity issues. The committee promotes diversity, equity, inclusion, and the removal of barriers to success within the CCBA and the communities we serve. This committee meets at noon on the last Friday of the month. Chair: Annette Bradley, Esq.
- **New Lawyers Committee** – Coordinates and participates with the William S. Boyd School of Law to produce student competitions. The New Lawyers Committee is for attorneys admitted to practice in Nevada within the last seven years, regardless of age. This committee meets at 12:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month. Co- Chairs: Josh Dresslove of Joshua S. Dresslove Attorney at Law and Christena Georgas-Burns of Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada.
- **Publications Committee** – Produces *Communiqué*, the official publication of the Clark County Bar Association. Committee members write articles themselves as well as solicit articles from other professionals on assigned topics. Participation on the Publications Committee is limited to current attorney and JD members of the CCBA. This committee meets at noon on the second Friday of the month. Chair Alia Najjar, M.D., Esq. of Ladah Law Firm, PLLC.

For more information about each committee, reach out to the committee chair or contact the CCBA office at 702-387-6011.

Spring Pub Crawl in Las Vegas Arts District on April 21

The CCBA's New Lawyers Committee is hosting the Spring Pub Crawl on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

This special event is for CCBA members to network and visit local bars in the Las Vegas Arts District. The event will feature complimentary drink tickets available at each venue and snacks at select locations (while supplies last) for CCBA members. No minors allowed. Crawl, network, and visit responsibly.

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Liberty Bell Award Ceremony Set for April 29

On Friday, April 29, 2022, the Clark County Law Foundation will present the Liberty Bell Award during a ceremony at the Historic Fifth Street School's Centennial Plaza, 401 South 4th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89101. The event is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The recipient of the award is an individual in the community who upholds the rule of law, contributes to good government within the community, and stimulates a sense of civic responsibility, and encourages respect for the law in the courts. The recipient's contribution should speak to the mission of CCLF, which is to empower Nevada, especially our youth, through service to the community and education about the legal system and its history.

For more information, contact Patrick Montejano at (702) 333-8277, or director@clarkcountylawfoundation.org.

Walk with CCBA's Team to Support American Suicide Prevention on April 9

The CCBA's Community Service Committee is walking to support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. AFSP Nevada will be hosting the Out of the Darkness Las Vegas Walk on Saturday, April 9, 2022. The walk begins at 9 a.m. at Sunset Park. The Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, and support. It unites our communities and provides an opportunity to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental health conditions have affected our lives and the lives of those we love and care about.

Join team captain Tiffany Doctors and register to walk, join our team, and help to support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's mission to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. Learn more and sign up at <https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=8001>.



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Walk with CCBA's Team to Support Children's Heart Foundation on April 23

The CCBA's Community Service Committee is walking to support the efforts of the Children's Heart Foundation, a non-profit organization in Southern Nevada, in the 19th Annual Walk with the Heart of a Child on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

The walk begins at 9 a.m. at Craig Ranch Regional Park. This event is held in celebration or in remembrance of the young lives affected by heart conditions.

Join team captain Benjamin Gordon and register to walk, join our team, and help to support the charitable and heartwarming efforts of the Children's Heart Foundation. Learn more and sign up at <https://p2p.onecause.com/chf-walk2022/team/clark-county-bar-association>.



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In Memoriam: Ben Graham

Ben Graham was born and raised on a farm in the Willamette Valley of Oregon. He spent a year at Oregon State University before moving to Washington D.C. to attend American University. After graduating, he returned to Oregon and earned his law degree from Willamette University School of Law in Salem, Oregon. In 1977, Ben moved to Las Vegas to become a prosecutor with the Clark County District Attorney's Office. He served as a Chief Deputy District Attorney and the lobbyist for the District Attorney's Association. In that position, which he held for 30 years, Ben was instrumental in shaping much of Nevada's current criminal law and received numerous awards for his work. It was also during this time that Ben perfected his famous chocolate chip cookies. Together with his wife, Elana, Ben baked between 5,000 to 10,000 cookies per year to give as gifts to friends and loved ones. One of Ben's proudest and most notable achievement was co-founding the Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) program of the State Bar of Nevada with Coe Swobe, Esq. and Retired Justice Michael Cherry. This program assists lawyers with addiction issues. Over the years, LCL has quietly assisted countless Nevada attorneys and Ben received several awards from the state bar for over 30 years of volunteer service with the program.

Ben had four children and ten grandchildren. To his children and their spouses, Ben was a true hero, close confidant, and constant source of support and unending love. His warm smile and embrace always brought comfort. He was incredibly close with his children and was a loving grandfather, developing a special and unique relationship with each of his grandchildren.

Ben will be missed dearly by the Clark County Bar, but his legacy will live on through his contributions to the practice, the example he set for his fellow attorneys, and, of course, his chocolate chip cookies.



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The Clark County Bar Association (CCBA) holds a limited number of tickets to select **home** games for the 2022 Las Vegas Aviators season schedule. CCBA is pleased to offer* use of our available tickets to current and paid CCBA members on a first come, first served basis. To request use of the CCBA tickets, CCBA members need to submit a request, via email to DonnaW@clarkcountybar.org, with the following information:

- CCBA member name
- Email address
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices of home game day (select from list below)

Las Vegas Aviators Schedule (Home games)

(All times PST – Times subject to change)

April - May 2022

April

April 5	Tue	RENO	7:05PM
April 6	Wed	RENO	7:05PM
April 7	Thu	RENO	7:05PM
April 8	Fri	RENO	7:05PM
April 9	Sat	RENO	7:05PM
April 10	Sun	RENO	12:05PM
April 19	Tue	EL PASO	7:05PM
April 20	Wed	EL PASO	7:05PM
April 21	Thu	EL PASO	7:05PM
April 22	Fri	EL PASO	7:05PM
April 23	Sat	EL PASO	7:05PM
April 24	Sun	EL PASO	12:05PM
April 26	Tue	TACOMA	7:05PM
April 27	Wed	TACOMA	7:05PM

April 28	Thu	TACOMA	7:05PM
April 29	Fri	TACOMA	7:05PM
April 30	Sat	TACOMA	7:05PM

May

May 1	Sun	TACOMA	12:05PM
May 10	Tue	SALT LAKE	7:05PM
May 11	Wed	SALT LAKE	7:05PM
May 12	Thu	SALT LAKE	7:05PM
May 13	Fri	SALT LAKE	7:05PM
May 14	Sat	SALT LAKE	7:05PM
May 15	Sun	SALT LAKE	12:05PM
May 31	Tue	SACRAMENTO	7:05PM

More game days are included in the home game schedule; however, this is all we have room to list in this issue of the *Communiqué*.

*Restrictions apply to the CCBA Baseball Tickets Offer. Use of tickets are restricted to paid CCBA members. CCBA's tickets are not available for use by persons with a free membership type (e.g. law student members). Participating members may only attend one game per season. 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 <https://am.ticketmaster.com/aviatorslv/>. For more information about accessing tickets, see digital guide at <https://www.milb.com/las-vegas/tickets/digitalticketguide>. Be sure to stay up to date on the Las Vegas Ballpark's health and safety guidelines. Learn more at <https://www.milb.com/las-vegas/ballpark/health-safety-guidelines>.



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Will Sykes Joins Clark County Bar's Board of Directors

Las Vegas personal injury attorney William Sykes recently accepted an invitation to join the board of directors of the Clark County Bar Association (CCBA).

William, who goes by "Will," is a partner at Claggett & Sykes Law Firm and vigorously represents the firm's clients in state and federal courts. His bar admissions include State Bar of Nevada; the U.S. District Court, District of Nevada; and the District of Columbia Bar Association. He currently focuses his practice on catastrophic injury and wrongful death, including serious injuries and deaths caused by defective products, commercial trucking wrecks, automobile/motorcycle/bicycle collisions, slip and falls, drowning and aquatic injuries, assault and battery, negligent security, residential treatment center abuse and neglect, and general premises liability.

Will has been an active member of the CCBA since 2017. Will has contributed to the organization by volunteering to present continuing legal education programming and writing for *Communiqué*, the official publication of the Clark County Bar Association. He currently serves on the CCBA's newest committee—Diversity & Inclusion Committee for Equity (DICE). Will is the third black attorney to serve on the CCBA's board of

directors in the association's 88-year history.

CCBA President ('22) Nedda Ghandi shared: "I am excited about Will's involvement in our bar's leadership. I believe he has relevant and important perspectives to share with our organization that he has developed through his personal life, practice, and involvement in Nevada's legal community."


"It is an honor to serve on the executive board for the Clark County Bar Association. The Clark County Bar Association is an important organization for attorneys and judges throughout Clark County, and I look forward to assisting the board in carrying out its mission of providing meaningful services to members, providing opportunities for social interaction, performing outreach services to the community at large, and promoting professionalism," Will commented.

Will stepped up to fill a recent vacancy on the CCBA's board of directors. He was sworn-in as a board member during the CCBA's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on March 31, 2022. Will is expected to serve on the CCBA board from 2022 through 2023.

In addition to his activity with the CCBA, Will is the founding chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee of the Nevada Justice As-



sociation and serves on the Board of Governors of the Nevada Justice Association. He is a member of the Board of Governors for Citizens for Justice. He is also a member of the Las Vegas chapter of the National Bar Association, Latino Bar Association, and Nevada Justice Association.

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Annette Bradley Joins CCBA Board of Directors

Corporate attorney Annette Bradley recently accepted an invitation to join the Clark County Bar Association's Board of Directors. Annette has over 20 years' experience as an attorney. She brings with her extensive knowledge in public administration, business management, risk management, employment, contracts, and regulatory, governance, and corporate compliance matters.

Annette has been an active member of the CCBA since 2011. Annette is the founding chair of the CCBA's Diversity & Inclusion Committee for Equity, a member of the CCBA's Community Service Committee, a member of the Las Vegas chapter of the National Bar Association, and a director on the Nevada Senior Games Board.

Annette is the second African-American woman and fourth African-American attorney to serve on the CCBA's board of directors in the association's 88-year history.

CCBA President ('22) Nedda Ghandi shared: "I am personally so grateful to Annette for her years of service in the Clark County legal community and welcome her to the board. I know we are all looking forward to working with her during her term. She will be an incredible asset to the Board for her creative insight, innova-



tion and extensive knowledge."

"The importance of providing quality educational and networking opportunities for our growing legal community cannot be overstated. I am honored to be a part of the board, as they identify and promote such professional opportunities, and look forward to working with them in the service and support of our members." Annette commented.

Annette stepped up to fill a recent vacancy on the CCBA's board of directors. She was sworn-in as a board member during the CCBA's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on March 31, 2022. She is expected to serve on the CCBA board from 2022 through 2023. **©**

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Mental Health CLE Program for Nevada Lawyers Set for April 27, 2022

On Wednesday, April 27, 2022, Las Vegas psychiatrist Aviv Itzhaki, MD will make a special presentation for the continuing legal education of Nevada lawyers in a program produced by the Clark County Bar Association and sponsored by WestPac Wealth Partners.

Dr. Aviv Itzhaki is a Las Vegas native, who attended UNLV for undergraduate education, and St. George's University for medical school. He performed his internship and residency at the University of Florida, where he specialized in psychiatry. He graduated medical school with a dual M.D. and Master's Degree in Public Health. He practiced at the Veterans Administration prior to joining Focus Mental Health Solutions, and currently practices a combination of inpatient, outpatient, and emergency room psychiatry. His major focus these days is education, specifically working with residents and medical student as a faculty member for the Southern Hills Hospital residency program.

Join us for a discussion about improving your mental health in today's stressful climate.

The program will be held online via Zoom, from 12:00 to 1:15 p.m., Wednesday, April 27, 2022. The presentation will offer 1.0 Substance Abuse/Addiction/Mental Health (AAMH) CLE credit (NV) to CCBA members only. Pricing of the event is included with the 2022 CCBA membership. 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.

The event will be recorded for use in the CCBA's audio/visual library. The recorded versions of the program will be offered for rental use at a small fee (to cover administrative costs).

For more information and to RSVP for this event, contact Donna Wiessner at donnaw@clarkcountybar.org, (702) 387-6011 by April 26, 2022. **C**

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Business Bench Bar Meeting on April 21

Members of the bar who practice in the business courts of the Eighth Judicial District are invited to attend the Business Bench Bar meetings. See below for information on the next meeting.

- When: Tuesday, April 21, 2022, noon to 1:00 p.m.
- Where: Courtroom 16A at the Regional Justice Center and streamed on the Clark County Court's website <http://www.clarkcountycourts.us/>.
- What: Presentation on sealing business records in business court cases will be held and a half hour of CLE will be applied for. Panel chair: Maria Gall. Questions for the panel should be sent to Maria Gall at Ballard Spahr.
- Lunch sponsor: Ballard Spahr. Lunch will be served for the first 25 participants.

Bar members who are interested in proposing topics for future meetings can contact Business Bench-Bar Committee members Maria Gall, Ismail Amin, Tye Hanseen, Duane Frizell and Emily Buchwald.

Civil Bench Bar Meeting on April 12

Members of the bar who practice in the civil division of the Eighth Judicial District Court (EJDC) are invited to attend the Civil Bench Bar meetings. See below for information on the next meeting.

- When: Tuesday, April 12, 2022, noon to 1:00 p.m.
- 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.

Las Vegas Justice Court Orders Policies for Pro Tempore Justices of the Peace

On February 17, 2022, the Las Vegas Justice Court filed an order in the administrative matter regarding justices of the peace pro tempore. See Administrative Order 22-02 (Order). Per the Order, signed by Chief Justice of the Peace Melissa Saragosa,

All justices of the peace pro tempore are authorized to perform judicial functions for the category in which they were selected by the Board of County Commissioners and for which they subscribed the official oath making them subject to the Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct as set forth in Part IV of the Application section.

Id. The Order includes specific detail as to some of the judicial functions, including:

- Making appearances and being listed as attorney of record
- Recusal
- Election restrictions

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See id. Additionally, the Order states, “the Administrative Order 16-04 is rescinded in its entirety, and previous Administrative Order 11-10 remains rescinded.”

For more information about the Las Vegas Justice Court’s rules and orders, visit the court’s website at http://www.lasvegasjusticecourt.us/faq/laws_and_rules.php.

Lawyer Representatives for United States District Court

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada is accepting applications for lawyer representatives. Lawyer representatives provide vital input to the court on a myriad of issues affecting the operations of the federal courts including, but not limited to, rule changes; development of new programs; planning of conferences; and the expenditure of funds from the non-appropriated account. A full public notice for Lawyer representatives is available on the court’s website (www.nvd.uscourts.gov). Letters of interest must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022. Questions can be directed to the Clerk of Court at 702-464-5456.

Proposals Sought for Public Attorney for Indigent Defendants

The City of Las Vegas Municipal Court invites qualified firms or individuals to submit written proposals for consideration as a public attorney for Indigent Defendants. The City of Las Vegas intends to award multiple contracts for public attorneys for each of seven municipal court departments located at the Las Vegas Municipal Courthouse, 100 E. Clark Avenue. If you are interested, please send an email to Pamela Hoffman, Purchasing Division, City of Las Vegas, phoffman@lasvegasnevada.gov.

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Commissions & Committees: Another Aspect of The Supreme Court of Nevada

By Justice Ron Parraguirre

When people think of the Supreme Court of Nevada, generally they think of the court's role in resolving appeals. However, another function of the Court has been to establish both committees and commissions to study and address specific issues and concerns raised both by members of the bar and the community at large. These committees and commissions are taking on a wide variety of tasks, including standardizing court practices and procedures, improving litigants' access to justice, and improving judicial administration. I take this opportunity to provide an update on three commissions that may be of particular interest.

First, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, much of the state's court-related business moved to a virtual setting. To best capture what we have learned, the Supreme Court of Nevada established a commission to study the best practices for virtual advocacy. Although the judiciary is striving to return to all in person proceedings, we recognize, as expressed by members of the bar, the value of having the virtual option as an alternative. This commission is currently in the process of evaluating applicable rules to govern the unified use of remote technology in Nevada's courts. The commission's goal is to evaluate alternative methods for conducting court business and maintaining litigants' access to justice.

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Justice Ron Parraguirre began his third term as Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court in 2022. He has served on the state's highest court since 2005.

Second, consistent with this Court’s goal of improving litigants’ access to justice, including ensuring litigants receive timely and efficient resolution of their pending cases, the Supreme Court of Nevada recently formed a committee to study amendments to Nevada’s rules concerning arbitration, alternative dispute resolution, and short trials. The committee, in considering amendments to the rules for each of these proceedings, is working with people from across the state including members of the bench, state bar, and public. It is the goal that updates to these rules will help alleviate ever-increasing dockets and improve litigants’ access to justice.

Third, turning to an issue that effects all Nevadans, last spring the Supreme Court of Nevada established a commission to study the adjudication of water law cases. It cannot be emphasized enough the importance of water rights with respect to Nevada’s past, present, and future. Issues concerning water disputes are often complex and require a considerable amount of time and judicial resources. Thus, to ensure efficient, timely, and more consistent resolution of water law matters, the commission is working to improve education, training, and specialization relating to water law cases in the jurisdictions throughout Nevada.

The commission’s membership is comprised of individuals from across the state, including experienced professionals, key stakeholders, and members of both the state bar and Nevada’s judiciary. The findings from this commission will help improve the adjudication of water matters throughout Nevada.

These are just three of the many commissions the Supreme Court of Nevada has established to address pressing issues facing our state. So, the next time you think about the role of the Supreme Court of Nevada, remember the committees and commissions the Court is creating to respond to the needs of practitioners, members of the bar, and the public. 

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Not All News From The Southern Nevada Health District Is COVID-19 Related

By Heather Anderson-Fintak, Esq. and Ed Wynder, Esq.

The Southern Nevada Health District (Health District) was created in 1962 pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes, Chapter 439 to combine the county and the cities' health departments into one organization. Today, the Health District is one of the largest local public health organizations in the United States, serving more than 2.2 million residents with more than 750 employees. While many only know the Health District due to immunizations or food handler cards, the Health District issues over 20,000 food operation facilities permits, more 400 body art facilities, provides a wide variety of health care services, and much more. With the COVID-19 response

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Heather Anderson-Fintak, Esq. has been with the Health District since 2012 and was promoted in 2021 to General Counsel. Previously, she spent ten years working in non-profit legal services in Nevada and Maryland. Heather is a director on the Clark County Bar Association's Executive Board, a Girl Scout Troop leader, and a UNLV, Boyd School of Law, La Voz Huellas mentor.

Edward Wynder, Esq., the Southern Nevada Health District's new Associate General Counsel, is a double UNLV grad with his law degree from William S. Boyd School of Law ('15) and a master degree from the UNLV School of Public Health ('11). Before law school, Edward was a health inspector at SNHD. He enjoys gardening, hiking, and is an avid rugby fan.

entering its third year, Health District staff can refocus on public health, as a whole. To that end, the environmental health division of the Southern Nevada Health District has been diligently working behind the scenes and is ready to make updates to several regulations.

The first regulation update in 2022 are the Regulations Governing the Sanitation and Safety of Body Art Establishment. These regulations have already been publicly workshopped and are moving forward to seek District Board of Health approval, currently scheduled for March 24, 2022. The new version of the regulations is a combination of the prior existing Tattoo Regulations and Body Piercing Regulations, as well as the Model Body Art Code developed by the National Environmental Health Association and input for the regulated community through listening sessions, surveys, and the public workshops. Notable changes include standardization of jewelry, location and type of sanitizing equipment, proper disposal of bio-hazardous waste, size of workstation, sharing of handsinks, and improved documentation. For more details, please visit: <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/permits-and-regulations/body-art/body-art-regulation-revisions/>.

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The last time that the Regulations Governing the Sanitation of Food Establishments were updated was 2010. There have been several substantial changes to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Model Food Code since that time and Health District staff are working on an update that will incorporate some of those changes. One area that Health District staff are working to add is a notice of violation process, which is an administrative hearing to assess penalties for failure to comply with the permitting process.

Public workshops are tentatively planned for June and July. Tentatively, the Health District staff are planning to bring the completed regulations to the District Board of Health for approval at the September 22, 2022 meeting. All permitted food establishments will receive notice of the regulations, business impact survey, and dates of public workshop. Those interested in receiving notices may email environmentalhealth@snhd.org and ask to be placed on the interested parties list for these regulations.

Other regulations that may be brought forward this calendar year include, the Individual Sewage Systems and Liquid Waste Management Regulations (residential sep-

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tic tanks) and Regulations Governing the Sanitation and Safety of Public Accommodations Facilities (hotels/motels). New regulations addressing mobile home parks are also being worked on by staff.

One set of regulations already moving forward that is unrelated to environmental health is the Trauma System Regulations. The last update to the Trauma System Regulations was in 2015. However, in the 2019 Legislative session, a change in NRS 450B altered where a hospital enters the application process if it is seeking a designation as a Center for the Treatment of Trauma. Now, a hospital applies to the State HHS before applying to the Health District. This change, as well as changes for clarity, will be part of the Trauma System Regulations. A public workshop is scheduled for April 8, 2022, with a presentation to the

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Board of Health planned for May 26, 2022. More details available at: <https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/news-info/public-notices/>.

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By Michael Wendlberger, Esq.

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