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Celebrate Black History Month: Nevada Supreme Court Justice Michael Douglas
By Kimberly Buchanan

In 1976, as part of the United States bicentennial, Black History Month was officially recognized by the United States Government and is celebrated in February. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”


To this end, I, on behalf of the Clark County Bar Association, would like to recognize the accomplishments of Justice Michael L. Douglas, Nevada’s first African American Supreme Court Justice.

A native Californian, Justice Douglas had been working in private practice in Philadelphia prior to his moving to Las Vegas in 1982. He began his Nevada career as a legal aid attorney representing low income clients with Nevada Legal Services. Two years later, he accepted a position with the Clark County District Attorney’s Office and served in the Civil Division. In November 1995, he was appointed to the Eighth Judicial District Court. In January 1996, Justice Douglas was sworn in as a District Court Judge and was retained in an election later that year. In March 2004, Justice Douglas was appointed to the Supreme Court of Nevada.

On the District Court, Justice Douglas served as Chief Judge and Business Court Judge, and also served on District Court committees. Justice Douglas currently co-chairs the Supreme Court of Nevada Bench-Bar Committee, the Supreme Court of Nevada Access to Justice Commission, and the Supreme Court of Nevada Specialty Court Funding Committee. Justice Douglas served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada in 2011.

Justice Douglas would like to remind the bar that we have been given a special gift to practice law, which gives us a chance to help those less fortunate. He believes that an attorney’s day job is to be a zealous advocate for his clients. In performing that job, Justice Douglas reminds us to maintain a high level of civility as our practice is a profession. He encourages us, upon conclusion of our day job, to take advantage of opportunities to go the extra mile to help those in need. He explains that the goal to help the less fortunate may be accomplished in variety of forms from talking to groups about the law or taking a pro bono case. He cautions to never sell ourselves short by not using the gift we’ve been given to help the less fortunate or those in need.

Justice Douglas has been a long-time supporter of the Clark County Bar Association and often attends our annual Meet Your Judge’s Mixer. I would urge you to attend our next Meet Your Judge’s Mixer so that you are afforded the chance to meet Justice Douglas and the other esteemed members of the Supreme Court of Nevada.

Lastly, should you wish to become further involved in legal issues faced by African Americans in the Las Vegas area, a specialty bar, the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association may be of interest to you. It should be noted that Justice Douglas is a past President of the LVNBA (1987-1989). The primary focus of the LVNBA is to promote civil rights legal issues, particularly those that are faced by African Americans living in and around Las Vegas. Should you wish to become involved in the LVNBA, please contact Rachel Anderson, President of the LVNBA, P.O. Box. 1236, Las Vegas, NV 89125-1236 or at info@lasvegasnba.org.  

Kimberly Buchanan is Senior Deputy Attorney General in the Public Safety Division at the Nevada Office of the Attorney General, representing the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Public Safety. She serves as President of the Clark County Bar Association through December 2014.
Bar Briefs

Check out this calendar of events and legal news:

- **Feb. 3:** Deadline for *Communiqué* (March)
- **Feb. 4:** Publications Committee Meeting (Work on *Communiqué*)
- **Feb. 5:** CLE Seminar (Lawyers: Don’t Neglect to Plan Your Own Estate)
- **Feb. 6:** CLE Seminar (Hidden Assets: Techniques for Collecting Evidence)
- **Feb. 12:** CLE Seminar (Bailment and Subrogation Law in Nevada)
- **Feb. 13:** New Lawyers Committee Meeting (Work on bar events!)
- **Feb. 14:** CLE Committee Meeting (Produce a seminar!)
- **Feb. 17:** President’s Day – (CCBA office closed.)
- **Feb. 21:** Downtown Cultural Series Performance
- **Mar. 3:** Deadline for *Communiqué* (April)
- **Mar. 4:** Publications Committee Meeting (Work on *Communiqué*)
- **Mar. 6:** New Lawyers Committee Meeting (Work on bar events!)
- **Mar. 7:** Deadline for applications to Howard D. McKibben Chapter of the American Inn of Court
- **Mar. 12:** CLE Seminar (The Simple Mechanics of Mechanic’s Liens)
- **Mar. 13:** CLE Seminar (Think Before You Post: Ethical Concerns and Social Media for Lawyers)
- **Mar. 14:** CLE Committee Meeting (Produce a seminar!)
- **Mar. 20:** 40 Year Club Induction Ceremony & Luncheon
- **Mar. 21:** Downtown Cultural Series Performance
- **Apr. 1:** Deadline for *Communiqué* (May)
- **Apr. 1:** Publications Committee Meeting (Work on *Communiqué*)
- **Apr. 10:** New Lawyers Committee Meeting (Work on bar events!)
- **Apr. 11:** CLE Committee Meeting (Produce a seminar!)
- **Apr. 18:** Downtown Cultural Series Performance
- **Ongoing:** Open enrollment for Clark County Lawyer Finder

RCBA CLE seminars are sponsored by Bank of Nevada and Depo International.

*All dates, locations, and event details are subject to change without notice. Dates in red are official CCBA events. Contact CCBA for details, (702) 387-6011.

Court Changes

**Clark County Detention Center to Enforce Prohibition of Portable Telecommunication Devices**

On December 24, 2013, the Clark County Detention Center announced that it will begin enforcement of NRS 212.165. Prior to a contact visit at the CCDC, attorneys will have to secure all portable telecommunications devices. Although there is locker space in the public lobby, the space is limited.

**Eighth Judicial District Court Redistributed Over 600 Cases on January 6, 2014**

Effective January 6, 2014, over 600 cases were redistributed amongst many judicial departments at the Eighth Judicial District Court serving Clark County, Nevada.

Per Administrative Order 13-06, the cases come from Department 1’s open civil caseload and Department 9’s entire criminal caseload. Affected cases from Department 1 were randomly “selected, transferred to, and equitably distributed among Departments 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 through 32.” Affected cases from Department 9 will be transferred to Department 1. In addition to this redistribution of cases, Department 1 replaced Department 9 in Track 59 of the Criminal Caseflow Model.

Get all the details, a list of affected cases, and the new Criminal Caseflow Model in Administrative Order 13-06 available at http://www.clarkcountycourts.us/clerk/rules/AO1306filestamp.pdf.

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Las Vegas Justice Court Case Reassignments

The Las Vegas Justice Court has released Administrative Order 13-04, which addressed the following inter-departmental case transfers and assignments:

- **Effective on December 20, 2013,** any Probable-Cause (PC) Case or Criminal Complaint which includes DUI as a charge will be re-tracked to Department 9 or Department 13, based upon existing procedures relating to the department of origin.
- **Effective on December 30, 2013,** the cases currently assigned to Department 8 shall be assigned to Department 5, and the cases currently assigned to Department 5 shall be assigned to Department 8.

For more information, contact Joe Tommasino, Staff Attorney, Las Vegas Justice Court, (702) 671-3424.

Medical/Dental Malpractice Status Check Calendar Scheduled at Clark County Court

On Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., the Eighth Judicial District Court will hold the Medical/Dental Malpractice Status Check Calendar at the Complex Litigation Center, 333 South Sixth Street. Endoscopy cases will not be included in the Status Check Calendar.

The calendar will be heard in numerical case number order with the oldest case being heard first, as follows:

- **February 4, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.**: Case No. 07A541294 through A-12-667258-C
- **February 4, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.**: Case No. A-12-667301-C through A-13-693028-C

The Discovery Commissioner, Bonnie Bulla, will be available to address any discovery issues. Attorneys should bring a list of the cases for which they plan to appear.

The court will work to enforce NRS 41A.061(l)(b), and will attempt to set all medical/dental malpractice trials (not already scheduled) within 2 years of the date that the Complaint was filed. Bar members with questions regarding the status check calendar can contact Tatyana Ristic 702-671-0591 or 702-671-3633.

Supreme Court of Nevada to Amend the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 30 and 34

Effective March 1, 2014, the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure will be amended per the order of the court filed on December 19, 2013 and cataloged as ADKT 0487. The order can be downloaded from http://supreme.nvcourts.gov/Su-preme/Rules/Rule_Amendments/.

Supreme Court of Nevada Elevates Gibbons to Chief Justice

On January 6, 2014, Chief Justice Mark Gibbons began leading the state's judicial branch. He took over responsibili-

ties for this year after Justice Kristina Pickering presided as chief last year.

U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada Elevates Navarro to Chief Judge

Effective January 1, 2014, the Honorable Gloria M. Navarro was elevated to Chief Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. Chief Judge Navarro is located in the Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse in Las Vegas, Nevada. This elevation marks the first time the United States District Court for the District of Nevada has been led by a female Chief Judge. Chief Judge Navarro replaced the Honorable Robert Clive Jones, who served as Chief Judge from May 27, 2011 to December 31, 2013. Judge Jones remains an active Article III Judge in the District.

Local Inn of Court Accepting Applications

The Executive Committee of the Howard D. McKibben Chapter of the American Inn of Court is accepting membership applications from attorneys, law students, and recent law school graduates for the 2014-2015 year commencing in September 2014. The Inn is comprised of judges, attorneys, academicians, and students who meet monthly to network and hold programs and discussions on matters of ethics, skills, and professionalism. Attendees are eligible to receive CLE credit.

Persons who are interested in joining the Inn of Court may e-mail a brief letter of interest addressed to The Honorable Susan Holland Johnson, Eighth Judicial District Court, Department XXII, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155 and a curriculum vitae to Andrew Craner at acraner@bremerwhyte.com. Please address the letter to Judge Johnson but e-mail the letter and curriculum vitae to Mr. Craner.

The application deadline for new members is March 7, 2014.

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Ward Bower is a principal at Altman Weil, Inc. He leads consulting assignments in law firm strategy, partnership planning and compensation-related issues and has facilitated some of the largest law firm mergers in the world. He is a key adviser on a retainer to a number of major law firms. Mr. Bower is a frequent speaker in the legal profession. He also taught for many years at the ABA/ICLE Strategic Planning Institute.

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On January 16, 2014, CCBA held the Volunteer Appreciation Awards at Morton’s The Steakhouse. Past President (’13) Kari Stephens thanked bar members who worked hard to produce bar events, programs, and publications during the past year. In addition to the awards, several attorneys took their oath of office as members of executive board, the association’s governing body.

Volunteer of the Year: 
Dennis L. Kennedy, Esq.

For many years, Dennis L. Kennedy of Bailey Kennedy, LLP has volunteered his time in support of Clark County Bar activities. For the CLE Committee, Dennis produced and presented the “10th Annual Ethical Issues” CLE seminar. He also produced the CLE seminar, “Annual Solo & Small Firm Ethical Traps” for the fourth year in a row. The seminar was so well-received that the CCBA Publications Committee asked Kennedy to write a corresponding article for the Law Practice Management issue. See “Solo and Small Firm Ethics Traps” by Dennis L. Kennedy(Communiqué, December 2013).

Not only does Dennis support the organization by producing and presenting CLE’s, his firm sponsors the Annual Meet Your Judges Mixer.

Bailey Kennedy, LLP has encouraged their staff attorneys to partipate in CCBA activities. To wit, the New Lawyers Committee Co-Chair Kelly Stout currently calls Bailey Kennedy home while two of CCBA’s board members, Kimberly McGhee and Brandon Kemble, began volunteering on committees while beginning their careers at Bailey Kennedy.

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For many years now, the Bank of Nevada has taken a vested interest in the overall success of CCBA with 2013 as no exception. In 2013, the Bank of Nevada sponsored every major event, every bar luncheon, the entire CLE seminar program, and supported Communiqué with paid advertisements. This year has just begun and the Bank of Nevada has stepped up again to support the non-profit member organization. Special thanks to President and Chief Operating Officer John Guedry and Regional Vice President Mark Larson for their continued support of CCBA.

Board Member of the Year 
Tami D. Cowden, Esq.

Tami D. Cowden of Greenberg Traurig, LLP has been a tremendous asset to the bar’s governing body, CCBA Executive Board. In November 2013, Tami produced and presented the well-attended CLE seminar, “Dispositive Motions” with featured speakers Eighth Judicial District Court Judges Nancy Allf, Elissa Cadish, and Susan Scann.

Tami has been on the Publications Committee nearly 10 years. She served as Chair & Editor-In-Chief of Communiqué (2007-2009) and Associate Editor (2005-2006, 2010-2014). Throughout last year, Tami provided copy edits to

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All 11 issues of the publication. In addition to her regular editing assignments, Tami provided considerable amounts of editorial insight, grammatical tips, and assisted with matters of policy and procedure for the publication.

In December 2013, Tami spent many hours preparing the gift baskets presented at the CCBA’s “President’s Luncheon and Annual Meeting.” Special thanks to Tami for her time, talents, and dedication to our non-profit member organization.

**Circle of Support Awards**

**CLE Committee**
Stephen Smith, Esq.

Stephen Smith volunteered many hours to ensure the continued success of CCBA’s CLE program. Stephen has been on the CLE Committee for over 14 years and served as chair for three of those years, as well as interim chair in 2010 and again during part of last year. Also last year, he produced a seminar and assisted the committee with several other seminars. Stephen is a true asset to the committee and we greatly appreciate his leadership and support.

**New Lawyers Committee**

Kelly B. Stout, Esq.

Kelly Stout has been an active member of the New Lawyers Committee since 2010. Because of her leadership qualities, she became co-chair of the committee in 2013. Kelly is a creatively dedicated spokesperson for the New Lawyers Committee and a great ambassador for the Clark County Bar Association. Kelly volunteered at various events, including CCBA’s Meet Your Judges and William S. Boyd School of Law’s competitions. She has helped to organize the Boyd Law School’s Moot Court Competition, In-House Negotiation Competition, and the Client Counseling Competition. Kelly even baked and bagged cookies for the Boyd Law School’s “Welcome Back BBQ.” Special thanks to Kelly for her leadership and professionalism.

**Publications Committee**

Heather Anderson-Fintak

Heather volunteered a lot of time and hard work to the production of the bar journal Communiqué. She recruited several attorneys to write articles and wrote two practical articles. She also helped to evaluate articles during committee meetings. When the publication lost the services of a copy editor, she stepped up to take on the additional monthly responsibilities to be an Associate Editor of Communiqué. She gave the extra time for last minute requests for help from the bar staff. Special thanks to Heather for her eye for detail and a penchant for professionalism. ♦

**Donna Wiessner is CCBA’s Operations Manager. In addition to overseeing the daily operations of the bar, managing bar events, seminars, and member services, Donna is the liaison to the CLE Committee and the New Lawyers Committee.

Steph Abbott is the Communications Coordinator for the Clark County Bar Association. In addition to desktop publishing of the bar journal and mastering both of the bar’s websites, she serves as liaison to the Publications Committee.**
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Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (“LACSN”) is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to providing free community legal services to those in need since 1958. The Consumer Rights Project of LACSN handles a wide variety of consumer-related matters including unfair debt collection, used car scams, deceptive trade practices, payday loans, bankruptcy, and foreclosure. The Children’s Attorneys Project gives children who have been abused and/or neglected their own voice in court through legal representation. The Children’s Attorney Project also helps parents fight for the rights of their special needs children who have been denied the educational accommodations guaranteed under federal law. The Domestic Violence Project represents victims of violence and crime and helps them obtain protective orders against their abuser, divorce and custody orders, and child support payments. Since 1999, in conjunction with the William S. Boyd School of Law, LACSN provides free legal information on topics such as divorce, paternity/custody, small claims, bankruptcy, guardianship, collection proof, and foreclosures. LACSN also teaches family law, small claims, and bankruptcy in Spanish. The Pro Bono Project supplements the efforts of each of our programs through local attorneys who volunteer their time representing individuals, especially on cases that LACSN is not able to handle. The Pro Bono Project also administers a number of Ask-A-Lawyer programs in which attorneys donate their time providing free counsel and advice in family law, landlord/tenant, foreclosure, and federal issues, as well as through its Small Business Project and Homeless Assistance Project. Finally, LACSN operates both the Civil Law Self-Help Center and the Family Law Self-Help Center where pro se litigants can get assistance with legal information and court forms. For further information about LACSN programs and services offered, visit www.lacsn.org or call (702) 386-1070. Lawyers wishing to volunteer may contact Melanie Kushnir, Pro Bono Project Director, at (702) 386-1070 ext. 1429 or mkushnir@lacsn.org or probono@lacsn.org.

Nevada Legal Services

Nevada Legal Services (“NLS”) is the Federal Legal Services Corporation grantee for Nevada, providing legal services to low-income individuals within the entire state of Nevada. With offices in Las Vegas, Reno, and Elko, NLS provides legal representation in federal, state, and tribal courts. NLS has represented clients in administrative hearings, sponsored legal clinics and community educational seminars, and provided outreach to both rural and urban areas of Nevada for the past 30 years. In addition to representing clients in housing, consumer law, public benefits, family and health law, NLS also maintains special projects such as our Low Income Tax Clinic, Mortgage Foreclosure Program, and Indian Law Program. In addition, NLS’ Pro Bono Program has become a vital aspect of the services provided for NLS clients. Through the Pro Bono Program, NLS places cases from both rural and urban areas in public benefits, housing, consumer law, family law, estate planning, records sealing, and more with Nevada attorneys, and offers support, mentoring, and guidance to all volunteer attorneys. For additional information, please contact Pro Bono Coordinator Carmela Reed at creed@nlslaw.net or at (702) 386-0404 ext. 140.

Southern Nevada Senior Law Project

The Southern Nevada Senior Law Program (“SNSLP”) offers free legal services to Clark County residents 60 years and older.Founded in 1978 by the City of Las Vegas, the SNSLP transitioned into an independent, free standing 501 (c)(3) organization to continue providing free legal services to persons 60 years and older. Since its inception, the SNSLP has provided free advocacy and representation to over 100,000 Clark County seniors. The SNSLP is the only legal service provider in Clark County to exclusively serve senior citizens.

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Seniors receive legal assistance with simple estate planning, wills, consumer, guardianship, probate, long-term care planning, advance directives, Social Security, asset protection, elder abuse protection and document preparation. Legal assistance is also provided in numerous senior centers throughout Clark and Nye Counties.

Many seniors requesting assistance face catastrophic medical issues or loss of a loved one. In addition to preparing legal documents to assist seniors and their families, SNSLP visits seniors in nursing homes, adult day care facilities, hospices, and in their homes if disabled.

Seniors, unfortunately, are too often the victims of scams and exploitation. SNSLP attorneys work closely with law enforcement to educate seniors to prevent being victimized by unscrupulous merchants, financial advisors, and caregivers.

With the senior population living longer, it is not unusual to provide legal services to both a 65 year old daughter and her 90 year old mother. Both are eligible for free legal services from SNSLP, so the need is great for the assistance of pro bono attorneys. If you would like to support our organization with a tax-deductible donation or direct pro bono services, please contact Sugar Vogel, Executive Director at (702) 229-6644.

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On October 23, 2013, Nevada Legal Services, the Legal Service Corporation grantee for Nevada, sponsored the Champions of Justice Award Luncheon in Las Vegas, in conjunction with the American Bar Association’s Pro Bono Week. The luncheon is held annually to recognize attorneys and community leaders for their contributions to the cause of equal justice in Nevada.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid was honored as the 2013 Champion of Justice. Terry Johnson, Esq. was honored as Pro Bono Attorney of the Year. The firm of Gordon Silver was honored as the 2013 Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year. The Southern Nevada Senior Law Program was honored with the 2013 Special Recognition Award.

For additional information about pro bono opportunities, contact Carmela Reed, Esq. at creed@nls.law.net or 702-386-0404 ext.140.
Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada Pro Bono Project 2013 Award Recipients

Pro Bono Attorney of the Year:
Andrew L. Kynaston

Lied Awards
- Lied Award for Most Hours for Law Firm: Hutchison & Steffen (1042) and Lee, Hernandez, Landrum, Garofalo & Blake (1049)
- Lied Award for Most Cases for Law Firm: Kunin & Carman (34)
- Lied Award for Most Hours for Attorney: Cindie D. Hernandez (499)
- Lied Award for Most Cases for Attorney: Israel “Ishi” Kunin (24)

Lied Awards are given in recognition to the Lied Foundation which gave Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada a Challenge Grant in 2000 to pay off its building mortgage. The grant was based on how many pro bono hours lawyers donated on a yearly basis.

Law Firm of the Year:
Gordon Silver

Justice Nancy Becker Pro Bono Award of Judicial Excellence:
Justice James W. Hardesty and Justice Michael L. Douglas
This award is given in honor of Nancy Becker, one of the founders of the Pro Bono Project and a strong advocate for access to justice, to recognize a member of the judiciary who has given his or her time, energy, and influence to encourage pro bono work and support access to justice.

Vince A. Consul Memorial Pro Bono Award:
Dan R. Waite
This award is given in memory of Vince Consul, a long-time advocate for access to justice. Each year it will recognize an attorney who devoted time to a client with a civil law matter.

Louis Wiener Service Award:
Laura A. Deeter
This award is given in memory of Louis Wiener for his dedication in helping victims of domestic violence and honors someone who has made substantial contributions in representing victims.

Myrna Williams Children’s Pro Bono Award:
Paola M. Armeni
This award is given in honor of Myrna Williams, who was instrumental in helping children who have been abused and neglected obtain representation in court by lawyers, and recognizes an attorney who has done an extraordinary job in giving a voice to our communities’ most vulnerable victims.

Public Interest Law Student of Distinction:
Shannon Phenix
This award recognizes a law student who has made a substantial commitment to the community by doing public interest law and promoting access to justice.

Ask-A-Lawyer Community Commitment Award:
Amber Robinson
This award is given to a volunteer whose tremendous commitment week after week makes the Ask-A-Lawyer Program possible.

Volunteer Surrogate Award:
Marti Ford
This award recognizes a non-attorney volunteer who has made a difference in the life of a child with special education needs.
2013 was an incredibly successful year for the Pro Bono Project. Thanks to the generous donation of time by lawyers in Southern Nevada, over 2,000 individuals who could not otherwise afford legal assistance received pro bono representation and another 2,600 people received free counsel and advice.

These lawyers, who were recognized at our annual Pro Bono Awards Luncheon in December, not only served more individuals than in any previous year, but also reported the greatest number of hours on pro bono cases. Specifically, our pro bono lawyers contributed a record-breaking 19,400+ hours of pro bono services on cases and another 1,390+ hours providing brief counsel and advice through a number of Ask-A-Lawyer programs.

Perhaps the greatest innovation in 2013 was the State Bar of Nevada and the Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission’s launch of the ONE campaign, which encourages every attorney in Nevada to take ONE pro bono case. The campaign’s message is simple: Make One Promise. Take One Case. Help One Client. Imagine the extraordinary difference the thousands of lawyers in Nevada could make if every attorney could make one promise to help one client.

In 2013, the Pro Bono Project established new opportunities for lawyers to serve those in need. In partnership with the Nevada Supreme Court and Appellate Litigation Section of the State Bar, a Pro Bono Appeals Project was developed which guarantees all participating attorneys oral argument before the Supreme Court of Nevada. In addition, the Project began a new Probate Ask-A-Lawyer program in partnership with the Probate and Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Nevada.

The Project also expanded existing programs, such as its Work Card Denial Appeals and Record Sealing projects, as well as its Partners in Pro Bono Mentorship Program with the William S. Boyd School of Law where students and lawyers work side-by-side on pro bono cases. The Project also continued its weekly Family Law and Landlord/Tenant Ask-A-Lawyer programs, quarterly U.S. District Court, Homeless Assistance, and Small Business projects.

The Project’s Pro Bono Advisory Council also helped launch a Volunteer of the Month Program to recognize one special volunteer each month and helped create the Family Law Q & A Panel, comprised of the most reputable local family law practitioners. The Panel members have agreed to mentor new attorneys or those lacking family law experience on pro bono family law cases. The Project also now has a comprehensive Pleadings and Forms Bank available on its website for both family law and Children’s Attorney’s Project volunteers with open cases.

Finally, in 2013, Legal Aid Center staff moved into its new, spacious headquarters, which provides plentiful room for pro bono training and office space for unemployed, inactive or retired attorneys to volunteer with the organization. We look forward to another record-breaking year and invite every lawyer to join the hundreds who have already committed to being the ONE in 2014.

Melanie Kushnir, Esq. is the Pro Bono Project Director at Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada and serves on the Nevada Supreme Court’s Access to Justice Commission. For more information about volunteer opportunities and trainings, please contact Melanie Kushnir at mkushnir@lacsn.org or (702) 386-1070 x 1429.
Most attorneys will represent a client on a pro bono basis at some point during their career. It goes without saying that pro bono representation provides an important service to the community. While pro bono representation can be very rewarding, it also presents unique challenges. These challenges can be better managed if you follow some of the tips for pro bono work outlined below.

Do you have the time?
Before accepting a pro bono case, it is extremely important to be honest with yourself about how much time you have to devote to a non-paying client. Do not over-extend yourself by taking a case that will require more time than you have to offer. If your caseload is heavy, you may not be able to provide the advocacy required for a complicated case.

Advocate zealously
Once you have accepted a pro bono case, you must treat it with the same importance as all of your other cases with paying clients. Do not make the mistake of allowing a pro bono case to be less important just because the client does not pay for your time. Not only is this unfair to your client, it can also lead to serious liability issues.

Meet early and often
Make a point of having a face-to-face meeting with your client before starting work on the case. This will give you both an opportunity to discuss your expectations of one another. As the attorney, you will have a chance to fully vet the issues at hand, while also clearly explaining the scope—and limits—of your representation.

Put it in writing
Before you start working on a pro bono case, have the client sign a retainer agreement that fully sets forth the issue for which you will be providing representation and the scope of said representation and that fully describes at what point your representation will terminate.

Seek assistance
You should not be afraid to ask for help. It’s common for a pro bono case to take an unexpected turn or to become much more complicated than appears on paper. If this happens, you should not hesitate to seek assistance from a seasoned attorney in that practice area. The best resource for finding guidance is to ask the organization from whom the case was placed. The pro bono coordinator should be able to locate an experienced mentor if a case goes beyond the scope of your experience.

Finally, you should not let your pro bono cases stagnate. Not only is it important for your client, it also limits your potential liability. When the matter is concluded with the court, you should remember to formally withdraw and send a letter informing the client of the same.

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Practice Tips for the Pro Bono Attorney Representing Abused/Neglected Children

By Julie Kruze

An attorney representing a minor child in juvenile court serves as an advocate for the child’s preferred future custodial environment. However, discerning between the child’s preference and obtaining a favorable result can pose a formidable challenge for one accustomed to adult clientele. An attorney must not confuse their own conclusions regarding the child’s best interests with the client’s actual preference. The designated Department of Family Service (DFS) caseworker, the presiding magistrate or judge, and, on occasion, a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) are each responsible for consideration of all relevant factors for the child’s placement. These practice tips are given to help an experienced practitioner with providing pro bono legal services on behalf of minor children.

Develop a strong attorney-client relationship

A client as young as five years old can express a preference and supporting rationale for returning to the care of an offending parent, seeking care from a favored relative, or electing for adoption within the foster family. An attorney should first assess and determine the client’s ability to communicate, which can be done by frequent, and somewhat brief, attorney-client meetings to learn the client’s language and help transition from a stranger to a trusted helper. The first meeting can start with small talk about siblings, favorite classes, or television shows. If communication is lacking with a younger client, an attorney should continue with more general discussion and re-assess every few weeks. Most clients assigned counsel demonstrate adequate language skills at the first meeting, so the attorney can inquire whether the client can identify the caseworker or other involved professionals. The attorney can contrast her role by explaining, “Between you and me, you are the boss and my role is to help you as much as I can.” Prior to substantive discussion, an attorney should gauge the client’s understanding of the process. For example, the attorney can ask, “Pop quiz, do you remember my name? Between you and me, who is the boss? What is my role?” The first meeting can be wrapped up with a few general, open-ended questions followed by time to allow for a response. Although allegations of abuse or neglect may be detailed in the petition, an attorney should avoid leading questions or questions requiring a yes or no response. After a few closely spaced meetings, an attorney should establish a regular schedule with the child client. The attorney should meet the client in person at least on a monthly basis, with supplemental telephone conferences, video conferences, or text messaging sessions.

Ascertain with reasonable certainty the client’s preference

An attorney should start discussion with the child client with open-ended questions about what long-term choices are available to the child. Once the client verbalizes his options, an attorney should prompt discussion about each...
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option. Next, an attorney should have the client write down each option, such as the name of a parent or relative, on a separate card. An attorney should take caution to avoid expressing an opinion. The next step should be to inquire whether the client feels confident to order the cards from most preferred to least favored. Once the client is able to express a preference, at attorney should again inquire as to why one household is preferred over others. This process may end up taking place over the course of several meetings. Throughout this process, an attorney should also inquire whether the client has any other requests, such as visitation with a family member or the need for eyeglasses, braces, or other special assistance.

The court will likely encourage and support a child’s request to sustain meaningful relationships. In addition, DFS, the CASA office, and juvenile court each have discretionary funds available to satisfy various requests by the child. An attorney should periodically confirm the child client’s preference using the cards created for the initial meeting to establish preference. Finally, the attorney should confirm how much or how little information the client wants shared with others. Prepare and present arguments supporting your client’s preference.

A child and family team (CFT) meeting must be held every three months while the case is pending. In addition, a juvenile court status hearing will occur at least once every six months. The CFT includes the child, the child’s parents, foster parents, all attorneys, and the assigned DFS caseworker. The team may also include an occupational therapist, traditional therapist, or CASA when assigned. An attorney should make certain the entire team knows the client’s preference, as well as any supporting reasons for the preference. If the team is unable to reach agreement, an attorney should be prepared to argue before the court. While children rarely testify in court, a particular child may wish to speak with the judge, be present in court, or write a letter.

Ultimately, the entire purpose of an abused or neglected child’s attorney is to ensure that the child’s preference is understood and considered when the court decides the long-term custodial environment. The child’s preference is one of the most influential custodial factors. In fact, it is impossible for the court to make a decision without due consideration of the child’s preference. Although the court may not honor the child’s preference, the client’s voice will be heard.

Julie Kruze is an attorney with more than 12 years of experience. In addition to providing legal service to her clients, Ms. Kruze also believes in giving back to the community, as evidenced by the hundreds of hours of pro bono work performed on behalf of women and children. Julie has also had the privilege of serving as a teacher for exceptional children at Bonanza High School.
Taking Pro Bono to the Next Level

By Anne R. Traum

When Seth Floyd, an associate at MacDonald Carano Wilson in Las Vegas, had the opportunity to take a pro bono appeal last August, he leaped at the chance. Seth had added his name to a list of lawyers willing to accept pro bono appeals for indigent clients with a guarantee of oral argument before the Nevada Supreme Court. He took a family law case and, so far, the experience has been as rich as anticipated: “I have been exposed to every detail of an appeal, from the initial client meeting to compiling the appendix to brief-writing.” And he is looking forward to oral argument, the notch of experience among appellate litigators.

Nevada lawyers like Seth now have a new opportunity to handle pro bono appeals in the Nevada Supreme Court. This is because the court in 2013, under the leadership of then-Chief Justice Kristina Pickering, expanded its pro bono program to include more appeals and more lawyers. The Nevada Appellate Pro Bono Program provides the perfect opportunity for lawyers to develop appellate skills while serving a critical need.

For years, the court has appointed appellate experts to represent parties in cases that presented novel or thorny issues. The court has a staggering caseload with some 876 civil appeals cases filed last year. Because there is no constitutional right to appeal in civil cases, with an associated right to counsel, many litigants proceed without counsel and have little chance of framing important issues in the best light.

Under the new program, the Nevada Supreme Court increased the number of pro bono appointments and also guaranteed oral argument. When the court identifies a case in need of appointed counsel, the court refers the case to the Appellate Litigation Section’s Pro Bono Committee, which has partnered with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (LACSN) to find volunteer attorneys. LACSN circulates an e-blast alerting attorneys that a new appeal is available, matches the client to the volunteer attorney, and provides legal malpractice insurance. As a statewide program, any admitted Nevada attorney can sign up to receive the e-blast alerts and volunteer to represent a client. You do not need to be experienced at handling appeals.

The formula is a win-win-win. Volunteers, who handle an appeal from start to finish, including guaranteed oral argument, gain valuable experience. For the litigants in need, the assistance of counsel on appeal is critical. And the court benefits from counseled briefing and argument, and the opportunity to enhance the appellate bar. In 2013, volunteer lawyers were appointed to assist in some twenty appeals on diverse matters, including family, employment, and civil rights law.

Neophytes can also volunteer. For some, the experience of handling a custody or inmate appeal may be new. For others, handling any appeal is uncharted territory. Ryan Daniels, newly barred in Nevada, had no appellate experience when he volunteered and “realized I would need a mentor to help me out.” The Appellate Litigation Section’s Pro Bono Committee, which seeks to provide mentoring to attorneys who request it, paired Ryan with Franny Forsman, a veteran appellate advocate with decades of experience. According to Ryan, Franny “helped me spot some issues, guide me in procedural matters, and understand how to interact with my client while he is in prison.” Ryan is “grateful for the opportunity to learn from such a skilled attorney.”

Gaining this kind of experience is just one lure of the program. Volunteers enjoy serving the client and the court, and welcome the opportunity to develop Nevada law. According to Seth Floyd, one perk is that “the Court picks meaningful, interesting cases for the program. By taking an appeal, I both improved my own skills and will potentially contribute to the development of Nevada law.”

It is easy to get involved. Interested attorneys should contact Anne Traum at anne.traum@unlv.edu, or Melanie Kushnir, the pro bono coordinator at Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, at mkushnir@lacsn.org.

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Bailment and Subrogation Law in Nevada

Wednesday, February 12, 2014
1:00 to 3:15 p.m.
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SPEAKER:
Julie A. Mersch, Esq.
Julie A. Mersch represents individuals with ERISA and insurance bad faith claims. She attended Boston College and received her J.D. from Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This seminar will discuss the ongoing viability of common law bailment theories of recovery in Nevada and the interplay between the common law and NRS §651.010, as applied to hotels and casinos. It will also discuss implications to insureds, insurers, and third-party tortfeasors relating to a) claims for subrogation; b) standing to sue; and 3) “double recoveries.”

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- History of Bailment Law in Nevada
- Holdings of Arguello vs. Sunset Station
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During my tenure as Chief Judge, the Eighth Judicial District Court has accomplished much of the ambitious strategic plan set by the court’s executive committee. As we begin 2014, through strategic management we will continue to make notable progress in the areas of technology, security, communications, assessment, and service to the community.

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The Jury Services Office will see improvements as we make more functions available online and look to add self-service kiosks. Case management will be fine-tuned to give judges a clear and efficient view of the status of their caseloads so they can ensure timely resolution. The computer program Session Works will be rolled out providing touch screen capability to improve the functionality of viewing cases.

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New challenges arise almost daily in the high-intensity environment of the courthouse. In 2014, we will continue to focus on improving access to justice and building public trust and confidence.

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