



Message from the **UNLV Gaming Law Journal**



The William S. Boyd School of Law holds a unique position in gaming’s legal realm. Not only does Boyd house the world’s only gaming-centric LL.M. program, but it features the world’s only student-run academic gaming journal: the *UNLV Gaming Law Journal* (the “Journal”). The *Journal* has enlightened readers, worldwide, on particular matters concerning industry complexities, regulations and its relation to the law. In 2021, articles from the *Journal* were downloaded nearly 26,000 times through May.

Further, the *Journal* serves as a bridge between Nevada’s law school and the State’s gaming industry. Immersion in gaming specific content allows *Journal* staff members to solidify their understanding of material issues related to efficient gaming practices. Numerous staff alums have gone on to make substantive contributions within the industry. Maintaining the relationship between the State Bar of Nevada Gaming Law Section and the *Journal* enables continued growth in our State’s future industry leaders.

As Nevada’s industry transitions from a pandemic into the “Roaring Twenties” (2000s Edition), we reach the Fiftieth-Anniversary of the 1971 Consent Decree. The decree required major Las Vegas gaming establishments to hire more Black workers, at the result of decades-long exclusionary hiring practices. Although casino floors are becoming more diverse, diversification opportunities persist in senior management and board of director representation. Identification and deliberate action regarding these opportunities has benefits, as studies link diversity with increased performance.

Diversity functions as a proponent to a favorable bottom-line. The *Journal’s* twelfth volume features contributions from a number of diverse authors. Certain contributions explore issues regarding industry equity. Equity consideration is imperative as domestic legislation enables accessibility in new markets; all while gaming continues its steady growth globally.

On behalf of our staff, we would like to extend our gratitude to the State Bar of Nevada’s Gaming Law Section, the International Masters of Gaming Law, the *Journal’s* sponsors, as well as the faculty, administration and support staff at the Boyd School of Law, and patrons around the world contributing to the gaming industry.



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Did You Know About the Boyd School of Law...?

Spring 1997

Legislature approved funding in the Spring, and in July, a bill authorized the creation of the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law.

August 1998

UNLV Law welcomes it's first class at a decades-old grammar school by the UNLV campus formerly known as *Paradise Elementary*.



August 2015

UNLV Law enrolls its first class of LL.M. in *Gaming Law and Regulation* students

The number of full-time faculty has grown from the initial nine founding faculty members to its current 41 full-time faculty members

70% of students enrolled are Nevada residents

Students at UNLV Law range from 17 - 75 years of age

UNLV Law has served over 76,000 members of the Las Vegas community through their Community Service Program.

Working with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada and Nevada Legal Services, UNLV Law provides free community information on various legal topics including family law and divorce, small claims, paternity, custody, guardianship, immigration, criminal record sealing, tenants' rights and bankruptcy matters.

UNLV Law enrolls 476 students in their J.D. and LL.M. programs

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