

Message from Ann Morgan,

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At Boyd Law School, both inside and outside the administrative offices of Interim Dean Sarah Gordon, there are two revolving magazine racks. Both are completely filled with copies of the *Nevada Gaming Lawyer* magazine. That the Gaming Law Section publication should be prominently displayed at the state's only law school is not an accident. Rather it is a reflection of the importance the Gaming Law Section and the subject in our state's and our state Bar's history. As then Governor Brian Sandoval noted in the *Nevada Gaming Law Practice and Procedure Manual* (1st ed. 2016), "Nevada has always been the epicenter for global gaming entertainment, regulation, and innovation, and the gaming industry continues to be a critical component of our state's economic success."

The Gaming Law Section is lead by a Who's Who of internationally recognized gaming attorneys: Jeff Rodefer, its long time Chair, Greg Giordano, Vice Chair, and the other members of its Executive Committee; A.C. Ansani, Jaime Black, Michael Brunet, Lou Dorn, Erica Okerberg, Maren Parry, Jennifer Roberts, Karl Rutledge, Scott Scherer and Robert Ziems. Together these attorneys and the members of the Gaming Law Section enhance the role and skills of lawyers engaged in the practice of gaming law through study, collection, development and dissemination of material on subjects of interest to the gaming practitioner. The Gaming Law Section not only plays an important role in the education of gaming attorneys at the law school and in the continuing education of long established gaming attorneys in the State, it is a leader in serving the mission of the State Bar of Nevada; to serve its members, administer the profession and protect the public. To further aspirations of this mission, the State Bar has set as one of its Strategic Priorities "to develop and enhance relationships within the legal profession to identify and work to eliminate barriers in the legal profession for minority members."

A review of this 2021 edition of the *Nevada Gaming Lawyer* shows that the Gaming Law Section is leading the way in our profession in the area of diversity and inclusiveness as witnessed by the strong female presence on the cover which features the Nevada Gaming Commission's first female majority. Walking and talking the values of our State Bar does not happen by accident but by the persistent and consistent effort of leaders. I want to thank the Executive Committee and members of the Gaming Law Section not only for your efforts to raise the caliber of the gaming law practice in the State of Nevada but for ensuring that such efforts reflect a diverse, inclusive section membership.



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