

STATE BAR OF NEVADA

Annual Report 2012



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BY THE NUMBERS

Active Members	8,472
Inactive Members	1,953
Certified Members	113
Suspended Members	662
Average age	47
Percent male	68
Percent female	32
Percent practicing in Clark County	59
Percent practicing in Washoe County	16
Percent practicing in Carson City	3
Percent practicing in Rural Counties	4
Percent practicing out-of-state	18

2,555 Ethics Hotline calls received

19,682 Lawyer Referral Service calls received

16,686 students in law-related education programs

\$194,014 in advertising revenue and sponsorships

\$140,952 donated to civil legal aid through members' dues check off

860 members reported **33,112** hours of service to the community, improving the law or law-related education.

2,349 members reported **94,901** hours of direct pro bono representation to persons of limited means

33,298 attorney volunteer hours to state bar programs

9.3% increase in number of applicants sitting for bar exam

8.3% increase in female and student bar exam applicants

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ETHICS/PROFESSIONALISM

- Fielded more than 2,500 Ethics Hotline calls
- Reviewed 724 lawyer advertisements
- 188 lawyer ads referred to the Office of Bar Counsel
- Coordinated information with the Attorney General's office on at least six prosecutions
- Admitted 349 new members
- Offered 39 live seminars/conferences and three webinars totaling 155 CLE credits
- State bar sections produced 13 specialized CLE programs
- 15 programs were presented by sections at the 2012 Annual Convention
- Annual Convention attendance up 55% compared to 2011
- Introduced Transitioning into Practice (TIP) mentorship program for newly admitted Nevada attorneys
- Developed CLE programs for TIP mentors and mentees offered at a special discounted tuition
- Produced programs to train mentors for the TIP program
- Coordinated 263 speakers to assist in delivering the most timely and relevant CLE programming
- Offered CLE programming in conjunction with legal services providers that resulted in 84 pro bono cases and 48 clinic hours volunteered across the state.
- Kicked off “Say Yes to Pro Bono” campaign
- Published 4 *Nevada Lawyer* magazine articles for CLE credit
- Petitioned the Court resulting in CLE requirement that makes mandatory one CLE every three years on the subject of abuse, addiction and/or mental health issues in the profession
- Supported Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers with CLE programs

PROTECTION

- The Fee Dispute program received more than 170 fee dispute claims and assisted more than 200 clients and attorneys resolve their disputes through the voluntary Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee, at no cost to either party
- Reduced timeframes for resolution of fee disputes through arbitration or mediation to within four months on average
- Established a time limitation for filing a fee dispute claim

- The Clients’ Security Fund Committee reviewed 95 claims for reimbursement involving 24 attorneys removed from practice
- Clients’ Security Fund reimbursed clients wronged by lawyers for awards totaling \$371,040, the highest amount approved since 2008
- Received 1,878 complaints about attorneys
- Opened 582 attorney grievance files
- Discipline imposed consisted of 14 disbarments, 14 suspensions, 30 private reprimands, and 10 public reprimands
- Office of Bar Counsel recovered \$5,000 from attorneys for discipline costs
- Assisted in five practice takeovers of attorneys who had died or became disabled
- Developed a relationship with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in an effort to protect against the unauthorized practice of immigration law

SUPPORT

- 179 newly admitted attorneys completed the pilot cycle of the Transitioning into Practice (TIP) mentorship program and an additional 84 attorneys enrolled in the second cycle
- Recruited 174 qualified attorneys for appointment by the Supreme Court of Nevada as mentors in the TIP mentorship program.
- TIP mentors represent 13 Nevada cities and more than 35 areas of practice
- Hosted more than 250 TIP participants at kickoff events in Las Vegas and Reno highlighting services and benefits offered through the bar and providing a networking opportunity for mentors, new attorneys, and members of the judiciary
- The Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) referred 19,682 callers to 328 panel attorneys
- The LRIS Public Service Grant program awarded \$285,810 to a record 18 Nevada nonprofit organizations, bringing the total amount awarded over the last 5 years to more than \$1.4 million
- The Diversity Committee awarded two \$5,000 diversity scholarships to Boyd Law School students as part of an ongoing commitment to diversity within the profession, funded by the LRIS Public Service Grant program
- 16,686 students, 194 schools and more than 395 volunteer attorneys participated in state bar law-related education programs

- Supported section conferences including Family Law, Gaming Law, Public Lawyers and Intellectual Property Law with a total of 564 attendees
- Established two new sections bringing the total number of sections to 22
- Partnered for the first time with the Nevada Guardianship Association, Nevada State Medical Association and Reynolds National Center for Courts & Media to deliver continuing education programs
- Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers expanded its online presence to include information about closed door support group meetings and links to local and national abuse and addiction recovery resources
- Twenty-seven volunteer attorneys joined the Young Lawyers Section and legal aid staff to assist Nevada’s Veterans in Project Salute, a special Ask-A-Lawyer event launched statewide on Veterans Day

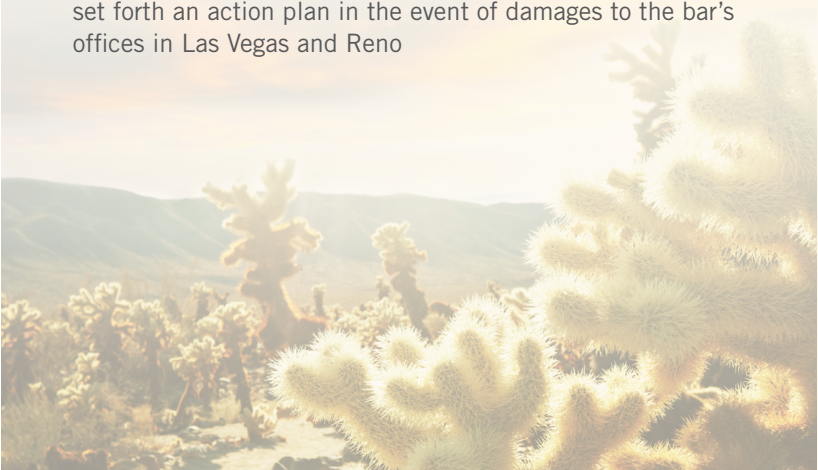
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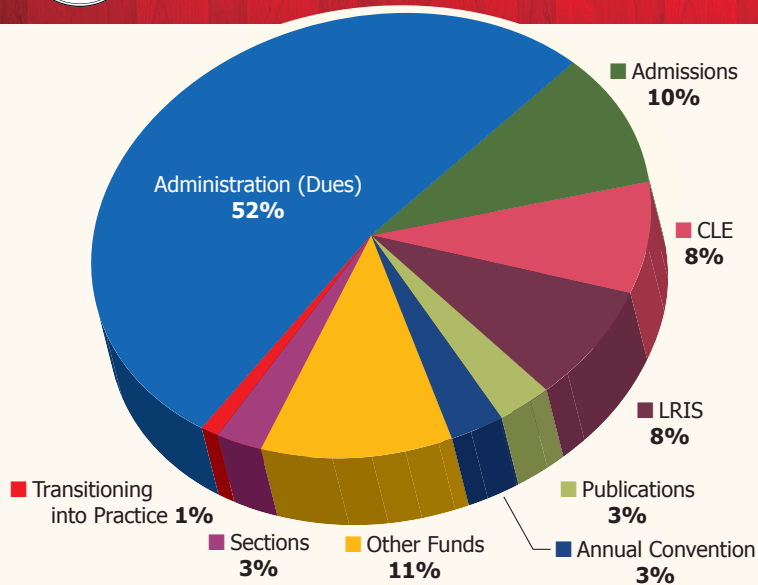
- *Nevada Lawyer’s* special Black History Month issue, a collaborative effort between the state bar and the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association, received the state bar’s 2012 Medal of Justice Award
- Received the Luminary Award from the National Association of Bar Executives Communications section for the “It’s Your Bar” new member packet
- Released a new digital publication – *Guide to Tribal Courts*
- Published 12 issues of *Nevada Lawyer* magazine covering items of interest and importance to the Nevada legal community
- Nevada Lawyer focused on diversity in the profession, publishing two issues on the topic
- Increased the number of Nevada Lawyer articles available exclusively online
- Aided more than 300 members with questions about IOLTA compliance
- Partnered with the Access to Justice Commission and the Justice League of Nevada to support pro bono programs
- Partnered with Access to Justice and Legal Aid of Southern Nevada, Nevada Legal Services, Southern Nevada Senior Law Program, Washoe Legal Services, Washoe Senior Law Project, Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans and UNLV Boyd School of Law to support and promote a successful Pro Bono Week

- IOLTA revenue increased over 2011 revenues thanks to member compliance
- Continued to offer Fastcase, the free online legal research benefit
- Members expanded Fastcase usage resulting in 80,000 logins, 250,000 searches, 500,000 document views, 50,000 prints and 750,000 total transactions
- Added new member benefit Clio, a web-based practice management system specifically designed for solo practitioners and small firms

ADMINISTRATION

- Developed Find-a-Lawyer app for iPhone and Android
- Processed 671 *pro hac vice* applications
- 1,240 members opted in to receive bar dues notices electronically
- 4,688 members paid their annual bar dues online
- 3,432 members submitted their annual reporting forms electronically
- Moved the Reno bar exam site to UNR resulting in more optimal test-taking conditions and an incidental savings of \$6,000, and continued to offer the Las Vegas bar exam at UNLV
- Automated TIP process by creating online program completion tracking forms and participant surveys
- Launched the state bar’s first social media page on Facebook providing the public and attorneys with news updates each week, and includes photos, links to online videos and more
- Implemented organization Business Continuity Plan to prepare for emergency situations, outline evacuation procedures, and set forth an action plan in the event of damages to the bar’s offices in Las Vegas and Reno



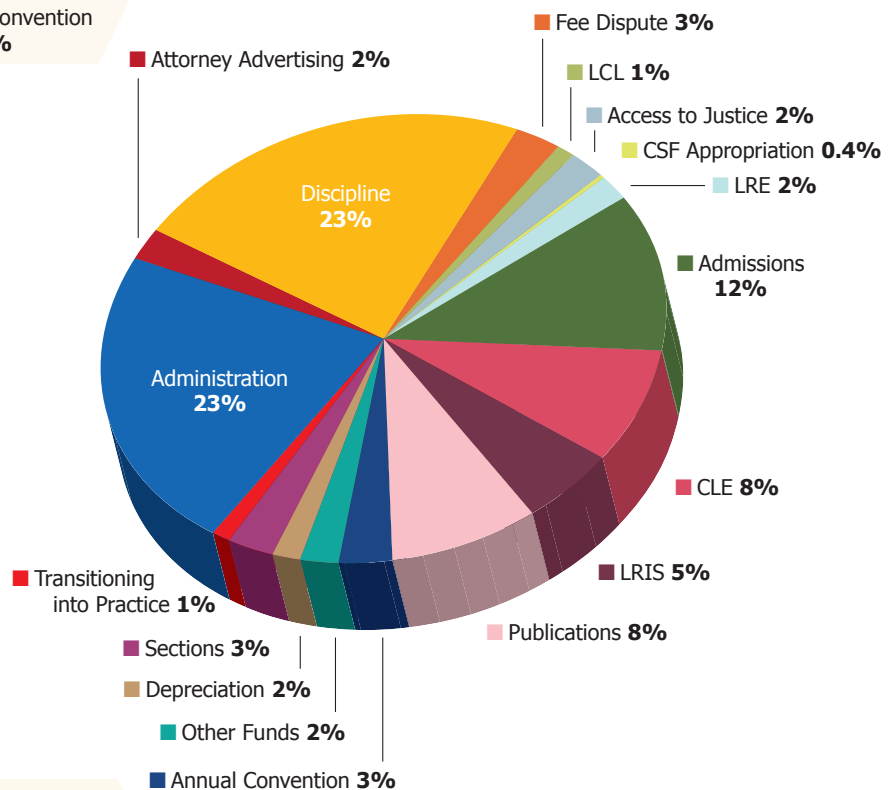


INCOME

Administration (Dues)	\$3,514,600
Admissions	\$702,400
CLE	\$566,300
LRIS	\$546,000
Publications	\$188,400
Annual Convention	\$214,600
Transitioning Into Practice	\$33,060
Other Funds	\$735,200
Sections	\$223,235
Total Income	\$6,723,795

EXPENSES

Administration	\$1,338,500
Attorney Advertising	\$122,520
Discipline	\$1,352,200
Fee Dispute	\$167,300
LCL	\$68,800
Access To Justice	\$125,400
CSF	\$23,150
LRE	\$110,000
Admissions	\$689,200
CLE	\$492,700
LRIS	\$307,800
Publications	\$487,000
Annual Convention	\$187,900
Transitioning Into Practice	\$57,240
Other Funds	\$125,600
Depreciation	\$97,000
Sections	\$180,290
Total Expenses	\$5,932,600



ASSETS, LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Assets	Cash, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, investments *note that approximately \$4,500,000 are designated funds and not intended to be used for general operations of the State Bar of Nevada.	\$7,870,000
Land, Buildings, Property & Equipment	Land and Buildings in Las Vegas and Reno, building improvements, furniture, equipment and software less depreciation	\$2,335,000
Other Assets		\$0
Total Assets		\$10,205,000
Current Liabilities	Accounts Payable, deferred revenue, payroll accruals	\$2,302,500
Long-Term Liabilities	Notes Payable	\$30,000
Net Assets		\$7,872,500
Total Liabilities & Net Assets		\$10,205,000