



# STATE BAR OF NEVADA

Annual Report **2013**

## BY THE NUMBERS

Active Members .....	8,599
Inactive Members .....	2,037
Certified Members .....	137
Suspended Members .....	716
Average age .....	47
Percent male .....	66
Percent female .....	33
Percent practicing in Clark County .....	60
Percent practicing in Washoe County .....	16
Percent practicing in Carson City .....	3
Percent practicing in Rural Counties .....	3
Percent practicing out-of-state .....	18

**2,753** Ethics Hotline calls received

**14,551** Lawyer Referral Service calls received

**12,231** students in law-related education programs

**\$172,000** in advertising revenue and sponsorships

**\$292,893** donated to civil legal aid through members' dues check off

**2,519** members reported **139,646** hours of service to the community, improving the law or law-related education

**3,511** members reported **98,190** hours of direct pro bono representation to persons of limited means

**33,253** attorney volunteer hours to state bar programs

**4,896** members belong to sections

**1.2%** increase in number of applicants sitting for bar exam

**6%** increase in female and student bar exam applicants

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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## EX OFFICIO

Daniel W. Hamilton

Richard Trachok



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## ETHICS/PROFESSIONALISM

- Reviewed 720 lawyer advertisements
- 140 lawyer ads referred to the Office of Bar Counsel
- Admitted 343 new licensees
- Offered 51 seminars/conferences and 14 webinars for a total of 65 live programs
- Offered 202.5 CLE credits in live programming comprised of 156.5 general, 41.5 ethics and 4.5 substance abuse, addiction disorders and mental health (a.a.mh.)
- Partnered with state bar sections in producing 17 CLE programs
- 295 speakers delivered the most timely and relevant CLE programming
- The number of CLE attendees during the 2013 Annual Meeting in Tahoe more than doubled since the last meeting in Tahoe in 2009
- Transitioning into Practice (TIP) mentorship program successfully “graduated” 73 newly admitted attorneys from its Fall 2012 Pilot cycle and 155 from its Spring 2013 Pilot cycle
- 90 newly admitted attorneys are currently enrolled in the TIP program
- To date, the Supreme Court of Nevada has appointed 284 qualified attorneys to serve as mentors in the TIP mentorship program. An additional 32 attorneys are pending appointment as mentors.
- TIP mentors represent 13 Nevada cities and more than 35 areas of practice
- Hosted the first roundtable on Professionalism and Civility
- Produced programs to train mentors for the TIP program
- Published 6 *Nevada Lawyer* magazine articles for CLE credit

## PROTECTION

- The Clients’ Security Fund Committee reviewed 77 claims for reimbursement involving 15 attorneys removed from practice
- Client Security Fund reimbursed clients wronged by lawyers for awards totaling \$592,595, the highest amount approved since 2008
- The Fee Dispute program received more than 180 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

- The Fee Dispute program continued to effectively resolve fee disputes through arbitration or mediation within four months on average
- More than 200 volunteer attorneys and laypersons continue to serve as mediators and arbitrators statewide
- Office of Bar Counsel received 1,842 complaints about attorneys and opened 387 attorney grievance files
- Discipline imposed or recommended consisted of 8 disbarments, 24 suspensions, 28 private reprimands, and 8 public reprimands
- Office of Bar Counsel recovered \$45,000 from attorneys for discipline costs
- Assisted in 4 practice takeovers of attorneys who had died or became disabled

## SUPPORT

- Partnered for the first time with Bank of Nevada and First Independent Bank in offering CLE programs to benefit pro bono. Proceeds of \$29,750 were distributed to area legal services providers statewide
- Offered and/or promoted CLE programming in conjunction with legal services providers which resulted in the placement of over 70 pro bono cases and more than 230 clinic hours volunteered across the state
- Developed CLE programs to TIP mentors and mentees offered at a special discounted tuition
- Kicked off One Promise Nevada pro bono campaign
- 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
- Supported the initiative to establish an Appellate Court in to help speed up individual cases while giving the Supreme Court more time to consider substantive matters
- The Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) referred 14,551 callers to 349 panel attorneys
- The LRIS Public Service Grant program awarded \$350,600 to 15 Nevada nonprofit organizations, including \$15,500 to One Promise Nevada, the Access to Justice and State Bar pro bono campaign
- LRIS served all 17 counties in Nevada
- 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

## Our MISSION: To govern the legal profession, serve our members and protect the public interest.

- 12,231 students involved in law-related education, 171 schools and 479 volunteer attorneys participated in state bar law-related education programs
- LRE Consortium celebrated Law Week with 17 programs
- Supported section conferences including Family Law, Gaming Law, Public Lawyers and Intellectual Property Law with a total of 591 attendees
- Established the LGBT section bringing the total number of sections to 23
- Approved Nevada Lawyers Assistance Program for members seeking assistance with addiction and other psychiatric illnesses
- 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

## SERVICE

- Published the Third Edition of the Family Law Practice Manual, which includes three new chapters on: military divorce, domestic partnerships and artificial reproductive technology law
- Partnered with the Latino Bar to publish *Nevada Lawyer's* special Hispanic Heritage Month magazine in both English and Spanish – the first time the magazine has been published in a multilingual format
- Increased the number of reference manual publications available to bar members as instantaneous digital downloads
- Expanded the state bar's social media presence to include Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter, providing news and networking information to more than 500 subscribers
- Published 12 total issues of *Nevada Lawyer* magazine, covering items of interest and importance to the Nevada legal community
- Published six *Nevada Lawyer* magazine articles for CLE credit
- Earned more than \$114,000 in advertising revenue for *Nevada Lawyer* magazine
- Earned more than \$30,000 in reference publications sales revenue
- Continued to publish 13 consumer brochures in both English and Spanish
- Fielded more than 2,700 Ethics Hotline calls
- Partnered with the Access to Justice Commission and the Justice League of Nevada to support pro bono programs
- Partnered with the Access to Justice Commission, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Nevada Legal Services, Southern

Nevada Senior Law Program, Washoe Legal Services, Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans and UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law in support of more than thirty statewide events during Pro Bono Celebration 2013

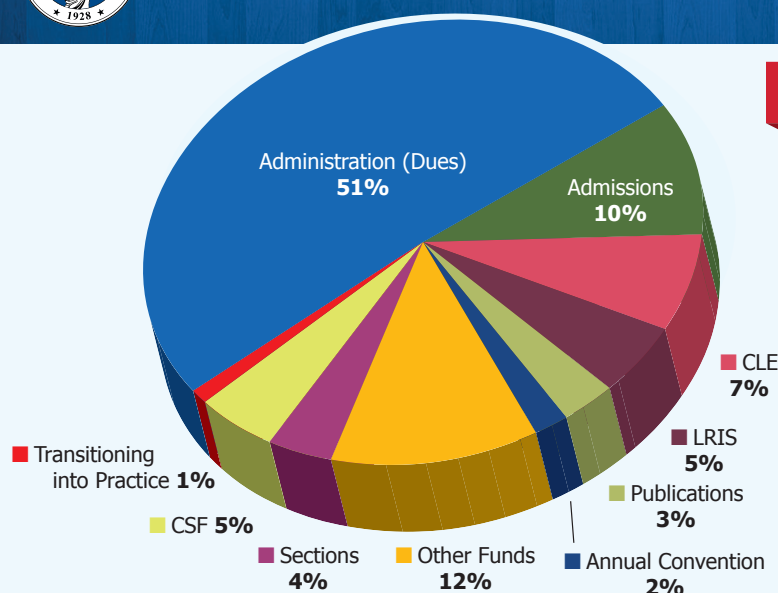
- Partnered with the Access to Justice Commission in the development of the Subcommittee on Rural Concerns
- Partnered with the Access to Justice Commission to launch the ONE Promise Nevada Campaign, a peer to peer campaign that encourages every attorney in Nevada to take one pro bono case.
- Funded the recording of the ONE Promise Nevada video and the development of a website, both for the support of the ONE Promise Nevada campaign
- IOLTA revenue increased over 2011 revenues thanks to member compliance
- Members expanded Fastcase usage resulting in 112,000 logins, 384,000 searches, 61,000 document views, 68,000 prints and 1,060,000 total transactions
- Renewed Fastcase contract ensuring online legal research will continue to be offered free of charge to active members
- The bar's Career Center sent out 103 job notices and received a total of 177,458 hits on their website

## ADMINISTRATION

- Processed 645 *pro hac* vice applications
- 1,255 licensees opted in to receive bar dues notices electronically
- 4,531 licensees paid their annual bar dues online
- 5,154 licensees submitted their annual reporting forms electronically
- Automated TIP process by creating online program completion tracking forms and participant surveys
- Member Services scanned approximately 11,000 attorney files in continuing efforts to digitize all member records
- Admissions launched new online database
- LRIS launched new referral management software
- Website visits totaled 449,459 with 193,351 unique users
- Purchased new Las Vegas State Bar office building at 3100 W. Charleston Blvd for \$3.3 million





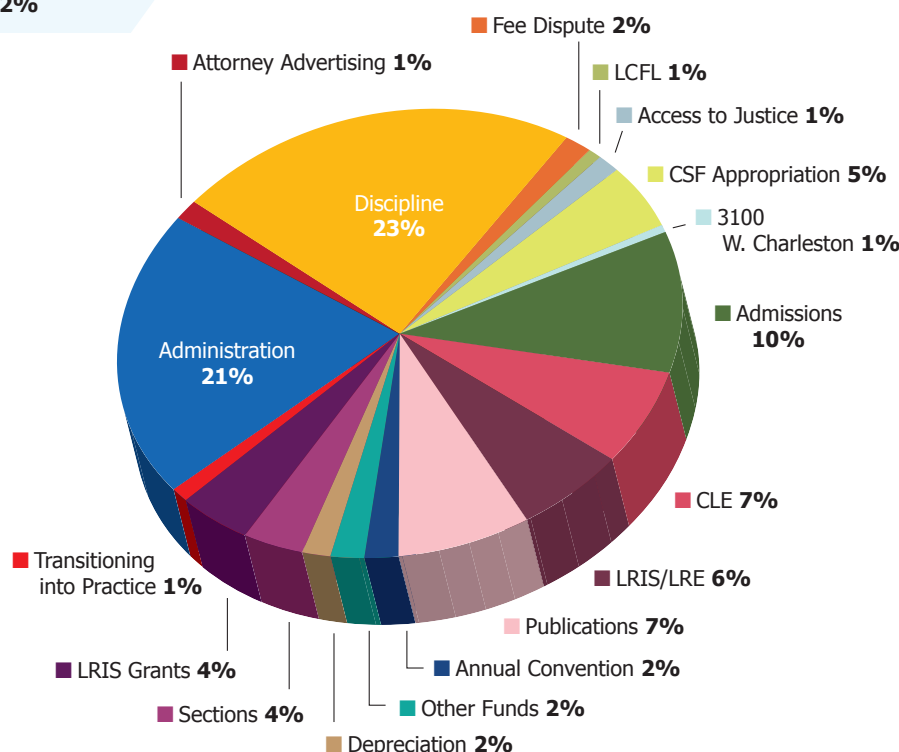


## INCOME

Administration (Dues)	\$3,643,450
Admissions	\$692,850
CLE	\$524,400
CSF	\$348,000
LRIS	\$396,000
Publications	\$201,000
Annual Convention	\$153,700
Transitioning Into Practice	\$80,500
Other Funds	\$830,400
Sections	\$265,729
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,136,029</b>

## EXPENSES

Administration	\$1,395,100
Attorney Advertising	\$95,570
Discipline	\$1,564,900
Fee Dispute	\$113,300
LCFL	\$63,900
Access To Justice	\$80,850
3100 W. Charleston	\$33,800
CSF	\$348,000
Admissions	\$691,100
CLE	\$450,500
LRIS/LRE	\$412,125
Publications	\$500,300
LRIS Grants	\$286,793
Annual Convention	\$139,900
Transitioning Into Practice	\$82,559
Other Funds	\$122,600
Depreciation	\$122,000
Sections	\$253,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,756,297</b>



## 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.	\$5,585,046
Land, Buildings, Property & Equipment	Land and Buildings in Las Vegas and Reno, building improvements, furniture, equipment and software less depreciation	\$5,671,097
Other Assets		\$0
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$11,256,143</b>
Current Liabilities	Accounts Payable, deferred revenue, payroll accruals	\$2,943,964
Long-Term Liabilities	Notes Payable	\$48,690
Net Assets		\$8,263,489
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>		<b>\$11,256,143</b>