State Bar of Nevada

2024 BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTION

Benjamin C. Gaumond

Date of admission to practice in Nevada: October 11th, 2002

Employer: Ben Gaumond Law Firm, PLLC

Present position: Owner and Founder, Ben Gaumond Law Firm, PLLC

Practice area of law: Criminal Defense and Civil Citation Defense

Affiliations: President, Elko County Bar Association

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Biography/ Candidate’s Statement

Here’s what I bring to the table:

1. 21 years of law practice in the State of Nevada.
2. 19 years of dedication to rural Nevada.
3. President, Elko County Bar Association since 2023 and a CLE presenter for 3 classes.
4. 16 years as a public defender for both the State of Nevada and the County.
5. Experienced litigator with 61 jury trials as first chair.
6. 4 appearances in the Nevada Supreme Court for oral argument.
7. J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin.
8. B.A. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (graduated magna cum laude).
10. Pro bono practitioner for both criminal and civil cases.

Here’s what I will do as a member of the Board of Governors:

1. Support rule changes to give out-of-state lawyers more leeway to move to rural Nevada.
2. Support efforts to incentivize out-of-state lawyers to move to rural Nevada and local lawyers to stay here.
3. Deal with the severe shortage of attorneys in rural Nevada so as to work with the various counties and the State to find solutions – especially when it comes to indigent defendants and the long waits that they incur to be appointed counsel.
4. Advocate for rural Nevada to members of the legislature as well as to individuals in the executive branch.
5. Maintain fiscal responsibility in the Board of Governors so as to stall any increase in bar dues as long as possible.
6. Maintain the integrity of the Bar and advocate for appropriate measures for attorneys who threaten that integrity – including disciplinary measures.

Why is Ben running? Here’s why:

1. After starting my own law practice and becoming a businessman, I felt it was time to give back to the community.
2. Rural Nevada is in crisis with the severe shortage of attorneys. Many litigants are being denied justice as a result. I can’t sit on my hands and do nothing!
3. I love this state. I’ve been here 21 years. I was not born here, but I’m here to stay!