



State Bar of Nevada

2024 BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTION

Benjamin C. Gaumont

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

Employer: Ben Gaumont Law Firm, PLLC

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

Practice area of law: Criminal Defense and Civil Citation Defense

Affiliations: President, Elko County Bar Association



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).
- (9) Phi Beta Kappa induction.
- (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!