



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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## GEAR UP FOR SUCCESS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

This is a great time to finalize your plans to attend the 2015 State Bar of Nevada Annual Meeting. This year, we'll be in Seattle from July 9-11 at the Motif Seattle hotel. This boutique hotel is located downtown in the midst of many of Seattle's most popular attractions, offering easy access to the Space Needle, Pike Place Market and Pioneer Square. It's a wonderful place to stay with family and colleagues from all over Nevada.

The theme of this year's meeting is "Gear Up for Success." The excellent educational opportunities feature several topics currently of interest to Nevada attorneys. Just a few of the seminars directly related to recent events include:

- Stormy or Clear? The Forecast for Cloud Computing in Your Practice, presented by the Real Property Law Section;
- Tips for Practicing in the Nevada Court of Appeals, presented by the Appellate Litigation Section;
- Marriage for All: What Marriage for Same-Sex Couples Means in Nevada, presented by the LGBT Law Section;
- Clearing the Smoke: Medical Marijuana in the Workplace, presented by the Labor & Employment Law Section; and
- Another Tool in the Belt: What Every Practitioner Needs to Know About Recent Construction Cases and Statutory Changes, presented by the Construction Law Section.

The Trial Academy will also be back offering trial practitioners an opportunity for hands-on training from judges and experienced lawyers.

There will also be several general sessions, including:

- Burning the Midnight Oil: Tips for Building Client Relationships and Getting a Good Night's Sleep;
- Nevada Supreme Court: Big Case Review, presented by all the Nevada Supreme Court Justices;

- A View from the Inside: How to Solicit & Attract Work from In-House Counsel;
- When Bias Rears its Ugly Head: Consequences in Litigation and to the Profession; and
- U.S. Supreme Court Year in Review with Prof. Erwin Chemerinsky.

The State Bar of Nevada's sections contributed to this year's lineup of breakout sessions. These breakout sessions allow attendees to tailor their CLE time to best suit their own practices. A draft of the convention schedule is available at [www.nvbar.org/annualmeeting](http://www.nvbar.org/annualmeeting).

Of particular value are the social and networking events offered at the Annual Meeting. Many attorneys find that the professional connections they build at the Annual Meeting (and maintain long afterward) improve their skills as attorneys. The Annual Meeting offers an opportunity to find other attorneys in your practice area and also to get to know the justices, judges and state bar leadership. The Board of Governors welcomes the chance to hear your suggestions for improving the ways your bar serves you. The annual banquet will take place at the Seattle Art Museum this year; I hope you will be able to join us there.

Other Annual Meeting networking and social events include a dine-around event on Thursday evening, allowing you to get to know your fellow attendees a bit better; Late Night with Larry, an opportunity to celebrate with the state bar's newly sworn-in president; and a tour on Friday evening, with groups visiting the Seattle Underground and taking the renowned local Ride the Ducks tour. Don't miss the annual awards ceremony, when we recognize the hard work of those who have contributed significantly in the past year. The second annual auction, including both live and silent auctions, will benefit the Nevada Bar Foundation.

Vendors will be at the meeting to display their products and services and to provide outstanding educational opportunities. Legal research provider FastCase will be on site to conduct training sessions during the Annual Meeting. Sponsorship opportunities are going fast, but there are still a few available. To inquire about sponsorship opportunities, send an email to [cle@nvbar.org](mailto:cle@nvbar.org).

Save the date and make your plans to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting now. Registration is open; visit [www.nvbar.org/annualmeeting](http://www.nvbar.org/annualmeeting) for links to convention registration, hotel reservations and more useful information. **NL**