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Message from the President

Connie Akridge, Esq., State Bar of Nevada President



SO MANY GREAT EVENTS! SO MANY GREAT VOLUNTEERS!

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Section Leadership Meeting with Nevada Supreme Court

Special Thanks to Chief Justice Nancy Saitta and Justices Michael Cherry, Michael Douglas and James Hardesty for joining the State Bar of Nevada (SBN) section leaders at the Section Leadership Luncheon on March 28, 2012. The purpose of the luncheon was to exchange ideas about activities in which the sections may engage, including: pro bono services, legislative activities, amicus briefs, CLE programming and conferences. The Supreme Court Justices, Family Law Section chair Bob Cerceo, Public Lawyers Section chair Brett Kandt, Executive Director Kim Farmer, Access to Justice Director Kristina Marzec and SBN Programs & Services Manager Lori Wolk delivered presentations on projects and activities in which sections may choose to participate.

Transitioning Into Practice (TIP) Update

Thanks to all of our dedicated mentors who, as part of the SBN's TIP program, have stepped up to guide our newly admitted lawyers as they begin to practice law in Nevada. Our first mentor training sessions were held in Reno on March 19, 2012, and in Las Vegas on March 21, 2012. Thanks to TIP's standing committee chair, Gregg Kamer, Judge Linda Marie Bell and Shea Backus for their really terrific work conducting the mentor training sessions.

On April 23, 2012, in Las Vegas and on April 26, 2012, in Reno, Chief Justice Nancy Saitta and Justice Michael Cherry joined the first class of mentors and their mentees for the SBN's first "TIP Kickoff!" Thanks again for the support from Chief Justice Nancy Saitta and the Professionalism Summit Committee, the Nevada Supreme Court, the TIP Standing Committee, and Executive Director Kim Farmer and her staff members, Stephanie Hirsch and Lisa McGrane, for their excellent work as they rolled out the TIP program in record time.

Las Vegas National Bar Association (LVNBA) Celebration

It was a pleasure for the SBN to partner with the LVNBA to produce the SBN's February 2012 *Nevada Lawyer* issue celebrating Black History Month. The issue brilliantly details the history of African-American attorneys and their practice of law in Nevada. Those responsible for this exceptional effort are former SBN president Kathleen England, LVNBA President Elect and Boyd Law School professor Rachel Anderson, along with the SBN Editorial Board, Nevada Lawyer February Issue Editor Beau Sterling, Executive Director Kim Farmer, Publications Manager Jenni Smith, Publications staff members Melinda Catren and Christina Alberts, and designer Georgina Corbalan. The SBN joined the LVNBA and its

president Doreen Spears Hartwell along with many members of the judiciary and legal community for celebrations of the work on the issue on February 24, 2012, in Las Vegas and on March 29, 2012, in Reno.

Discipline Panels Training

Bar Counsel David Clark and Office of Bar Counsel (OBC) staff conducted training sessions for the southern and northern discipline panels on Thursday, April 26, 2012 in Las Vegas and Friday April 27, 2012 in Reno, respectively. As part of the proceedings, those disciplinary board members whose lifetime terms expired in 2011, were honored. Office of Bar Counsel staff presented an overview of the discipline process and the issues board members face when serving on screening and hearing panels. Chief Justice Nancy Saitta and Justices Michael Cherry and Mark Gibbons participated. A presentation on the respondent's perspective was covered by William Terry (Las Vegas session) and David Grundy (Reno session). Thanks to all of the good work of our discipline panel chairs Jeffrey Albregts (southern panel) and J. Thomas Susich (northern panel), panel members in both the north and south, David Clark and members of the OBC for service to the SBN. Thanks as well to Chief Justice Saitta and Justices Cherry and Gibbons for their participation in this important program.

Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) Grants

The LRIS Committee recently awarded \$285,810.60 in grants to Advanced Technologies Academy, CASA, Clark County Law Foundation, LACSN, LV National Bar Association Foundation, NFCE, NLS, Project REAL, Rocky Mountain Innocence Project, SN Senior Law project, UNR, VARN, Washoe Senior Law Project, WCBF, Washoe Legal Services, Network Against Domestic Violence, Diversity Scholarships and LRE Winning Mock Trial Team. Thanks to LRIS Chair Christopher Reade and Vice Chair Marisa Guarino for their leadership and LRIS committee members: Gerald Welt, M. Nelson Segel, Kait Flocchini, Lesley Miller, Lance Hendron, Julie Cavanaugh-Bill, Richard Dreitzer and Jennifer Gores for all of their outstanding service to the SBN.

ABA Day in Washington

On April 18 and 19, 2012, SBN President Elect Frank Flaherty and I traveled to Washington, D.C. to join the leadership of the American Bar Association and the leadership of state bar associations across the nation to lobby Congress to support three important pieces of legislation: Legal Services Corporation funding, the Court Fee Intercept Act and the Violence Against Women Act. We sincerely appreciate that each and every member of Nevada's delegation graciously met with us.

Western States Bar Conference – The Spread of the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE)

On March 21-24 the SBN Executive Committee and Executive Director Kim Farmer attended the Western States Bar Conference at the Mirage in Las Vegas. Among other presentations, National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) President Erica Moser and NCBE Chair Rebecca St. Theiem presented a program entitled "Uniform Bar Exam and NCBE's Content Validity Study." The speakers indicated that eight jurisdictions – Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and Washington – have formally announced their adoption of the UBE, which offers portability of test scores across state lines. Montana has adopted the UBE conditionally – that is, subject to final approval of an implementation plan. Six of the states will administer the UBE during 2012, with the rest expected to implement the test during the next year or two. Several jurisdictions are well on their way to adopting the UBE. The NCBE expects to have 20 jurisdictions adopting the UBE by the end of 2013. ■