

Gaming Law Section's

PRO BONO Program



For more than a decade, the Gaming Law Section (“GLS”) has had a pro program designed to assist indigent individuals in exercising their appeal rights to be registered as “gaming employees” with the Nevada Gaming Control Board. The program, developed under the leadership of Scott Scherer, works with the various legal aid agencies in the state to assign cases to those lawyers who have volunteered to provide legal assistance. If you are interested in donating your time to accept a case, please email Judi DeMarco, Diversity & Programs Manager and Liaison to the GLS at judid@nvbar.org. To assist those in accepting a case, the GLS has published a brochure that provides an overview of what to expect during the representation including helpful hints. The digital brochure is available at <https://www.nvbar.org/content/gaming-law-section>.

Additionally, from February 1st through June 1st, the Board of Governors challenged each section of the State Bar of Nevada to get more involved in pro bono matters. To this end, the “Section Pro Bono Challenge” was created to award points on the following basis:

- 3 points for taking a case from a legal aid center in Nevada;
- 2 points for participating in Ask-A-Lawyer; and
- 1 point for every \$500 donated in lieu of pro bono service.

Below are the final results of the competition:

- Total participating attorneys – 198
- Total donations – \$6,335 (100% donated directly to legal aid based on IOLTA formula)
- Total challenge points – 1,451
- All sections with points (total points):
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution (22)
 - Appellate Litigation (32)
 - Cannabis (11)
 - Family (382)
 - Gaming (5)
 - LGBT (196)
 - Litigation (22)
 - Probate and Trust (264)
 - Public Lawyers (160)
 - Real Property (19)
 - Solo & Small Practice (12)
 - Young Lawyers (89)
 - Non-participating sections, unknown (237)

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