

# Annual Bar Conference Explores Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion While Reuniting Friends

The first in-person event hosted by the State Bar of Nevada since the pandemic shutdown began in March 2020, the Annual Bar Conference felt like a celebration and reunion, as members enjoyed each other's company at the Hotel Del in Coronado, California, from June 17-19, 2021.

Conference programming centered on the "Waves of Change" theme, providing timely CLE programming on topics such as social justice, diversity and inclusion, and national lessons that may inspire local action. Several networking events also provided guests with the opportunity to reconnect after long months spent social distancing.

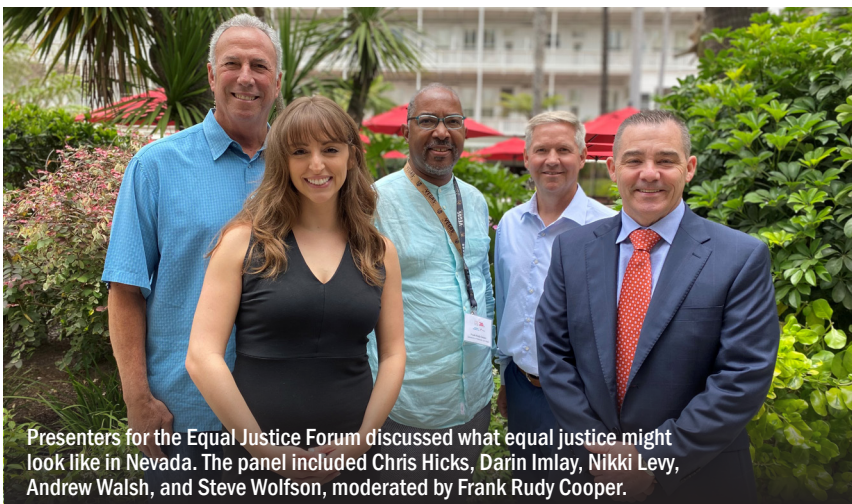
Please consider joining us for next year's Annual Bar Conference, taking place in Sonoma, California, Save the date: June 23-25, 2022!

"Roadmap to DEI" – An expert panel including Uri Clinton (far right), Senior Justice Michael Douglas (far left), Hon. Miranda Du (second from right), Eileen Luttrell (second from left), and Bryan Scott (center left); moderated by Ann Morgan discussed how law firms can implement a comprehensive strategy to build diversity, equity, and inclusion pipelines for their own businesses.



At the final social event at the Del, bar president Ann Morgan reminded us that "We Can Do It" when improving Nevada's legal community.

Presenters for the Equal Justice Forum discussed what equal justice might look like in Nevada. The panel included Chris Hicks, Darin Imlay, Nikki Levy, Andrew Walsh, and Steve Wolfson, moderated by Frank Rudy Cooper.



The state bar recognized the recipients of the 2021 Membership Awards at the President's Dinner in the Hotel Del's historic ballroom. Winners included Volunteers of the Year Augusta Massey (center) and Claudio Aguayo (right), and Trailblazer Award recipient Bryan Scott.



On Thursday, June 17, Nevada Supreme Court Justice Ron Parraguirre (not pictured) administered the oaths of office for state bar President Ann Morgan (right), President-Elect Paola Armeni (left), and Vice President Julie Cavanaugh-Bill (center). This is the first time the State Bar of Nevada has had all of its board officer roles filled by women.



Immediate Past President Eric Dobberstein welcomed guests to the Hotel Del while visitors enjoyed the lovely outdoor setting.



Presenters from the Young Lawyers Section, including Erika Smolyer (left), Caleb Green (center), and Alex Velto (right) offered an insightful survey-based look into the mental health of young lawyers and the help they need to succeed.



Outgoing President Eric Dobberstein (podium) introduced panelists for the Breakfast with the Supreme Court CLE session at the 2021 Bar Conference. The panel included members of Nevada's appellate judiciary, including Justices Elissa Cadish, Abbi Silver, Lidia Stiglich, Ron Parraguirre (table, left), Douglas Herndon (center left), and Kristina Pickering (center right); and Court of Appeals Judges Michael Gibbons and Bonnie Bulla (right)

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