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This issue was curated by MICHAEL KILPATRICK MORTON, ESQ., the senior policy counsel for the Nevada Gaming Control Board. He provides the board with legal and policy advice. Prior to his tenure in the executive branch, Morton served as senior deputy legislative counsel to the Nevada Legislature.

During the past 18 months, members of the bar have coped with, pivoted from, or persevered over the COVID-19 pandemic in different ways. However, the mental health of many attorneys – and that of the clients in the communities that we serve – has been ravaged by the pandemic. Unfortunately, my work during the pandemic took my mental state to a dark and scary place – and I know that I'm not alone in the journey back from that condition.

That's why I'm proud to bring this issue of *Nevada Lawyer* to you, with insightful articles about how the justice system addresses the mental health of our clients, and healthy avenues by which lawyers can proactively care for their own well-being. And, if any of you find yourself needing to speak with someone about how current events, your practice, or other personal struggles are affecting you, please reach out to the Nevada Lawyer Assistance Program, confidentially, at 1-866-828-0022. Let this magazine be the push that you need to make the call. The State Bar of Nevada is here to help its members thrive both personally and professionally. Please enjoy this issue.

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Nevada Lawyer is the official publication of the State Bar of Nevada. Our mission is to publish items of interest and importance to the Nevada legal community and to provide a forum for thoughtful and respectful commentary on current issues affecting our members.

Upcoming Issue Themes and Deadlines:

Submissions from Nevada lawyers on the following topics are welcome as early as possible in advance of the following deadlines:

- **Insurance Law & Coverage:** Aug. 27, 2021
- **Tax Law:** Sept. 24, 2021
- **General Topics With Focus on Family Law:** Oct. 24, 2021
- **Benefits of Bar Membership:** Nov. 19, 2021

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- Unsolicited submissions should be 1,500 words or less.
- Please keep endnotes to a minimum – 10 or less.
- Articles authored by Nevada attorneys are strongly preferred.

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