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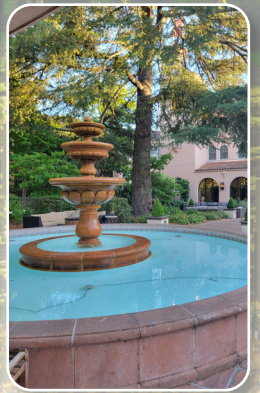
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## Annual Bar Conference Encourages Leadership, Personal Connections in Wine Country

More than 70 attorneys attended the Annual Bar Conference for the first time in 2022, coming together for three days to build leadership skills, make new friends and reestablish existing connections, and relax in the beautiful setting provided by the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa, located in Sonoma, California. The conference, which took place June 22-24, 2022, offered programming from expert speakers centered on the “Cultivating Leadership” theme, exploring topics such as having using persuasion in a leadership role, leading difficult conversations, the future of Nevada’s courts, and more. Several networking events also provided guests with the opportunity to socialize in a breathtaking setting.

And please start spreading the news – next year’s conference will take place in June 2023, in New York City.

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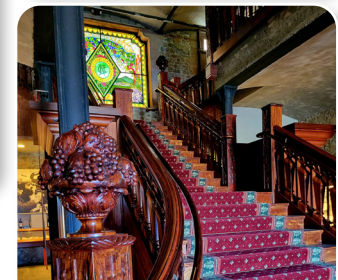
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# Annual Bar Conference

## PHOTO CAPTIONS

- 1.** Incoming state bar President Paola Armeni was sworn in to begin her term of office by Justice Abbi Silver of the Nevada Supreme Court.
- 2.** The 2022 Bryan K. Scott (center) Trailblazer Awards were presented on Friday, June 24, at the bar conference. Recipients included (from left) Judge Gloria Sturman, Elana Turner Graham, Connie Akridge, Kathleen J. England, Judge Nancy Allf, Franny Forsman, Margo Piscevich, and Dr. Ann Bersi. Immediate Past President Ann Morgan presented the awards. Recipient Ann Price McCarthy was unable to attend.
- 3.** State Bar of Nevada President Paola Armeni was honored at a reception showcasing “all the places we will go” with the bar’s incoming leadership.
- 4.** The bar honored the numerous contributions of its past presidents at an evening reception at the bar conference. Attending past presidents included (from left, standing), Judge Gloria Sturman, Dr. Ann Bersi, Connie Akridge, Franny Forsman, Elana Turner Graham, Dan Polsenberg, Larry Digesti, Gene Leverty, (from left, seated) Kathleen J. England, Bryan Scott, Ann Morgan, and Judge Nancy Allf.
- 5.** The state bar’s Board of Governors, including (from left), Joel Locke, Brittnie Watkins, Cathy Mazzeo (front), Jeff Albregts, Paola Armeni, Richard Dreitzer (back), Kari Stephens, Andrew Craner, Marisa Rodriguez, Julie Cavanaugh-Bill, and Seth Adams, began its new term of office June 24.
- 6.** Past bar President Connie Akridge and Dara Goldsmith enjoyed the outdoor olive oil tasting event.
- 7.** Newly re-elected board members (from left) Joel Locke, Kari Stephens, Cathy Mazzeo and Jeff Albregts were sworn in by Chief Justice Ron Parraguirre (not shown) on Friday, June 24, 2022, during the president’s dinner.
- 8.** Nevada’s appellate judges and justices, including (from left) Chief Judge Michael Gibbons, Justice Elissa Cadish, Justice Doug Herndon, Justice James Hardesty, Chief Justice Ron Parraguirre, Justice Lidia Stiglich, and Justice Abbi Silver, shared their insights about the state of Nevada’s courts with attendees.
- 9.** (From left): Nancy Snow, Augusta Massey, and Kendra Bertschy enjoyed an evening cocktail hour at the bar conference.
- 10.** Justice James Hardesty hosted one of the dine around evening events at the bar conference.
- 11.** Members of the Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association joined together to commemorate the 2022 bar conference.
- 12.** Leaders in Nevada’s legal community, including (back row, from left) Chris Newbold, ALPS; Claudia Aguayo, Nevada Latino Bar Association; James Goodenow, Fennemore; and (front row, left) Sarah Bradley, Public Lawyers Section, were led in a candid and inspiring panel discussion by Ann Morgan (front right) in which they discussed the challenges they currently face, and how their organizations have adapted.
- 13.** Judge Johnnie Rawlinson reminded attendees to be bold during her powerful presentation on the role of lawyers as leaders in protecting the Rule of Law, which drew on her wealth of personal experience.
- 14.** Reginald Turner Jr., current president of the American Bar Association (center), shared remarks at a luncheon on Thursday, June 23, alongside Immediate Past President Ann Morgan (left) and incoming President Paola Armeni.
- 15.** Gretchen Leverty (center) and Robyn Digesti (right) reconnected with friends at the bar conference.
- 16.** Elizabeth Brown, clerk of the Nevada Supreme Court, and her husband, Mike Haakinson, joined the bar conference for a cocktail reception at the Inglenook Winery.
- 17.** Attendees got to hear about how emerging technology, like deepfake images, can be used in the courtroom as evidence, thanks to Judge Scott Donaldson.
- 18.** Professor Penny White revised her presentation on U.S. Supreme Court cases to make certain our attendees got the most up-to-date information possible.
- 19.** David Mann, a favorite presenter of the state bar conferences, opened the event with a fascinating session on persuasive leadership.
- 20.** Expert presenter Andy Eninger, from Fairplay Communications, led an energetic and rousing session on leading difficult conversations.
- 21.** Immediate Past President Ann Morgan served as the emcee for the Bar Conference.
- 22.** (From left): Connie Akridge, Elana Turner Graham, and Judge Johnnie Rawlinson explore the barrel room at the Inglenook Winery with Rawlinson’s niece, Traci (center right).
- 23.** Milan Chatterjee (left), Craig Etem (right) and his wife, Greta Jensen, enjoyed a reception at the historic Inglenook Winery.