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From the desk of the

ISSUE EDITOR

Long before the lands now known as Nevada became the Battle Born or the Silver State, where you now sit reading this issue of *Nevada Lawyer* was inhabited by the Numa, the Newe, the Nuwuvi, Wasi siw, and Pipa Aha Maca peoples. Present day, the state of Nevada contains wholly or in part 20 federally recognized tribes, comprised of 28 tribal communities.

Not only do tribal communities in Nevada sustain and practice years of tribal traditions and culture reaching back through millennia, but they also administer a myriad of tribal laws and orders. Just like each of the 50 states, each tribe is sovereign, enacting their own constitutions, passing their own laws, and administering justice through their own civil and criminal court systems. I hope that you all learn as much as I did from the authors in this issue, and hope that it inspires you to dig deeper into the culture of our indigenous friends and neighbors here in Nevada.

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- **Rural Practice:** March 15, 2024
- **Medical Malpractice:** April 19, 2024
- **Elder Law:** May 17, 2024
- **Sports & Entertainment Law:** June 21, 2024

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