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The Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association: 2024 Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala

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On November 2, 2024, the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association (LVNBA), an affiliate of the National Bar Association (NBA), celebrated its 43 years of service and commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Las Vegas community and legal profession at its annual scholarship and awards gala at the Aria Hotel & Casino.

The LVNBA is an organization of predominantly Black attorneys, judges, professors, and other legal professionals. The LVNBA was originally incorporated in 1981 by a small, yet mighty, group of 14 attorneys and judges looking to uplift and advance each other and the community. The LVNBA's mission is to promote social dialogue with members of the bar, advance diversity in the legal profession, cultivate leadership and professional development, and improve the science of jurisprudence through education, commentary, and scholarly analysis. The LVNBA is also committed to promoting professionalism, education, the pursuit of equal opportunity, and justice for all.

Each year, the LVNBA hosts an annual gala to award scholarships to law students and recognize individuals and organizations in the legal community who support the LVNBA's mission. At this year's gala, the LVNBA honored the inspiring life of LVNBA's third president, Lizzie R. Hatcher, (February 8, 1954 - August 15, 2024), by creating a scholarship in her name. The LVNBA also expanded its scholarship program by providing scholarships to undergraduate students interested in becoming attorneys to help them prepare for the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). This expansion reflects our commitment to increase diversity in the legal profession.



Las Vegas National Bar Association President Caleb Green (left) poses with award winners Judge Karen Bennett-Haron (Ret.) (from left) Justice Patricia Lee, Angela Cook, representatives from the Las Vegas Raiders, and representatives from McDonald Carano LLP.



Nevada Supreme Court Justice Patricia Lee was the Las Vegas National Bar Association's President's Legacy Award. The award was presented by LVNBA President Caleb Green.

Past presidents of the LVNBA, including Professor Rachel Anderson (from left), Doreen Spears-Hartwell, Cuthbert Mack, Judge Richard Boulware, Augusta Massey, Caleb Green, Justice Michael Douglas (Ret.), Bryan Scott, and Angela Cook attend the 2024 Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala.



The LVNBA Foundation was established to support the fundraising efforts for the annual gala. With the hard work of LVNBA President Caleb Green; the LVNBA Gala Committee; consisting of LVNBA Gala Chair Monique Jammer, Scholarship & Awards Chairs Karyna Armstrong, Zaniah Jordan Kendricks, and Jazmine Thompson; the LVNBA Foundation, consisting of LVNBA Foundation Chair Augusta Massey, Vice Chair Jonathan Lee, Treasurer Karl Armstrong, Secretary Angela Cook, and Board Member Doreen Spears Hartwell; and its generous community partners, members, and volunteers, the LVNBA met and exceeded its fundraising goals.

In addition to the scholarship awards, the LVNBA presented the following awards to the community:

- **Lifetime Achievement Award** – Karen Bennett-Haron, retired judge
- **President’s Legacy Award** – Patricia “Patty” Lee, justice of the Nevada Supreme Court
- **Attorney of the Year Award** – Angela M. Cook
- **Law Firm of the Year Award** – McDonald Carano
- **Organization of the Year Award** – Las Vegas Raiders, Government & Community Relations Department

The LVNBA thanks everyone for their dedication and support, and it looks forward to celebrating with everyone at the LVNBA’s 2025 Annual Scholarship & Awards Gala!

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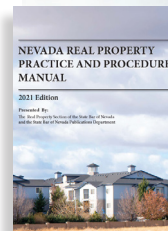
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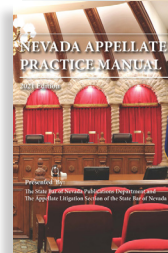
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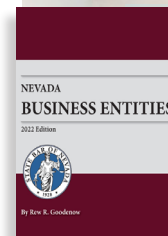
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