

Lawyers Lead the Legislature, 2025: Meet the Lawyers in the Legislature

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Six state senators and nine members of the state assembly are lawyers who will be serving during the 83rd session. In alphabetical order, the senate lawyers are Nicole Cannizzaro, Edgar Flores, Rochelle Nguyen, James Ohrenschall, Lori Rogich, and Melanie Scheible. They are all from Clark County. Five are members of the Democratic Party; Rogich is a Republican.

In the assembly, the lawyers are Shea Backus, Lisa Cole, Venicia Considine, Joe Dalia, Elaine Marzola, David Orentlicher, Erica Roth, Steven Yeager, and Toby Yurek. Eight are from Clark County, while Roth is from Washoe County. Seven members are in the Democratic Party, while Cole and Yurek are Republicans.

On November 5, 2024, the voters re-elected Majority Leader Cannizzaro to the senate, while electing Nguyen to the senate (appointed in 2022, she was required to run in 2024). The voters also elected Rogich in November 2024. Flores, Ohrenschall, and Scheible were elected in 2022, so each has two more years to serve in their current terms.

In the assembly, all members are up for election every two years. Backus, Considine, Marzola, Orentlicher, Yeager, and

Yurek were re-elected in 2024, while Cole, Dalia, and Roth were elected to their first terms. Yeager has been the speaker for two legislative sessions and served as Speaker Pro Tem in 2019-21.

Lawyers/Legislators Became Nevadans

The lawyer/legislators are Nevadans by birth or choice. Some had parents who lived in Nevada when they were born. These native Nevadans include Majority Leader Cannizzaro, Senators Ohrenschall and Flores, and Assemblymember Backus. Four other lawyers had parents who moved their families to Nevada when they were children. Senator Scheible and Assemblymember Roth grew up in Washoe County and Assemblymembers Dalia and Yurek grew up in Clark County.

Seven of the other attorneys visited Nevada, discovered what a wonderful state it is, and decided to settle here. For example, in 1998, Cole, 24 at the time, drove herself cross-country from Pennsylvania to Clark County. She arrived to manage a distribution facility for a manufacturing company in her home state. When the company decided to close the operation, she stayed on as water resources manager for the Apex Industrial Park.

In 1999, Rogich briefly visited Las Vegas while attending law school and working for Sills Cummis Zuckerman Radin Tischman & Gross, the largest law firm in New Jersey at the time. The firm represented gaming establishments, including Bally's Corp. and Hilton Hotels. Later, Hilton's gaming operations and Bally's were spun off into Park Place Entertainment.

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During her first visit, Rogich immediately fell in love with the city because of the sunshine, joyful people, city buzz, open skies, and favorable tax structure. A year later, she moved to the city and never looked back.

Likewise, Orentlicher moved to Nevada for work. He learned that the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas was expanding its health law program. The idea of joining the law school faculty and living in Las Vegas was appealing, so he made the move about eight years ago. Here to stay, he enjoys teaching students, serving with other faculty members, and living in the southwest.

Two other legislators moved to Las Vegas to attend school. In 1999, Nguyen drove to Las Vegas from Washington state with a group of friends. She remembers the trip as a long, hot ride in a Honda Prelude with no air conditioning. While they were in Las Vegas, they toured the new Boyd School of Law, where she ran into Jason Frierson, the first lawyer she ever met. He encouraged her to apply to the law school; she did and was accepted. Later, he became the Speaker of the Nevada Assembly, and he continued to play a role in her future. Years after they first met, he recommended her to the Clark County Commission for appointment to the assembly in 2022. He also most recently served as the U.S. Attorney for Nevada.

Considine briefly lived in Las Vegas during high school. She returned in the 1990s to attend UNLV to study for a degree in hospitality management. She planned to return to work at Disney World after graduation, but she soon changed her mind and stayed. She graduated from UNLV with a B.A. and M.A. in American history before graduating from Boyd.

Like many other tourists, Yeager frequently visited the state for fun. An amateur poker player, he regularly attended and participated in Las Vegas poker tournaments. Not thrilled with his law practice in Arizona, he liked what he saw during his visits, so he moved to Nevada. In 2009, he joined the Clark County Public Defender's Office.

Whether these lawyer/legislators were born in Nevada or elsewhere, some of them were educated in the state. Three senators, who are Nevada natives, received their undergraduate degrees from a Nevada institution—Cannizzaro from the University of Nevada-Reno, and Flores and Ohrenschall from UNLV.

Moreover, Senators Cannizzaro, Flores, Nguyen, and Ohrenschall received their J.D. degrees from Boyd, as did Assemblymembers Considine and Yurek.



Nicole Cannizzaro* **Majority Leader**

Born: Las Vegas
Family: Husband, Nate; son, Case
Education: William S. Boyd School of Law, J.D.; University of Nevada-Reno, B.A., Business Administration

Current Law Practice: Richard Harris Law Firm, partner, criminal defense

Party: Democratic

Electoral History: Senate District 6, elected 2016, re-elected 2020 and 2024, majority leader (2019-present); assistant majority leader (2018)



Edgar Flores*

Born: Las Vegas
Family: Parents in Las Vegas, one brother in Texas, and one in Mexico
Education: William S. Boyd School of Law, J.D.; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.A., English

Current Law Practice: Gonzalez and Flores Law Firm, personal injury, immigration, and family law
Party: Democratic

Electoral History: Senate District 2, elected 2022; Assembly District 28 elected 2014, re-elected 2016, 2018, and 2020.



James Ohrenschall

Born: Las Vegas
Family: Wife, Riana Durrett, and three sons
Education: William S. Boyd School of Law, J.D.; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.A., Economics

Current Law Practice: Deputy Public Defender, Juvenile Division

Party: Democratic

Electoral History: Senate District 21, elected 2018 and re-elected 2022; Assembly District 12, elected 2006, re-elected 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016

Appointments: National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Commissioner

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Rochelle Nguyen

Born: Vancouver, Washington
Family: Husband, Matt Lay; son, Henry; and daughter, Hannah; father, Thang Nguyen; and dog Neil
Education: William S. Boyd School of Law, J.D.; University of Puget Sound,

Washington, B.A. Comparative Sociology

Current Law Practice: Retired

Party: Democratic

Electoral History: Senate District 3, elected 2024; appointed December 2022; Assembly District 10, appointed 2019, elected 2020, and re-elected 2022

Appointments: National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Commissioner



Lori Rogich

Born: Union, New Jersey
Family: Husband, Sig Rogich, former U.S. Ambassador to Iceland, and advisor to U.S. presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. Five children: Olivia, Sig Jr., Christian, Britten, and Erin.

Education: Rutgers Law School, J.D.; Rutgers University, B.A. History, Phi Beta Kappa, college honors, magna cum laude

Current Law Practice: Rogich Law Firm, PLLC

Party: Republican

Electoral History: Senate District 11, elected 2024



Melanie Scheible*

Born: Sacramento; grew up in Reno

Family: Husband, Greg Bailor

Education: Columbia Law School, New York, J.D.; Stanford University, California, B.A., Public Policy

Current Law Practice: Craig P. Kenny &

Associates, Attorney at Law, criminal defense

Party: Democratic

Electoral History: Senate District 9, elected 2018, and re-elected 2022

All the lawyer/legislators have lived in Nevada for years, if not their whole lives. They care about the state and opt to live here to enjoy all Nevada has to offer them and their families. Meanwhile, in the Legislature, they expect to make a difference for the people of Nevada.

Legal Experience Helps Lawyer/Legislators

Because of their education and life's work, the lawyer/legislators have an advantage serving in their respective houses. Ohrenschall attributes his success in the Legislature to what he learned at Boyd. He believes the school provided him with a solid foundation in legal principles and critical thinking. In his work as a Clark County Public Defender, his education deepened his understanding of the impact of the legal system on individuals, especially on vulnerable populations. He believes his educational background and work experiences are important aids to crafting legislation that helps Nevadans address systemic discrimination issues and protect their civil rights. He is deeply committed to juvenile justice reform and advocates for children facing instability due to abuse and neglect.

Alternatively, Rogich learned a lot about business law when she started her own law firm, but she also learned how to work with government agencies and about regulations. For the past 10 years, she represented one of Nevada's largest cannabis companies. As its regulatory compliance lawyer, she fostered strong relationships with industry regulators, lawyers, and operators. She expects her knowledge, skills, and experiences will be helpful in the Legislature.

In her pro bono work, Rogich has supported children with special needs. For example, she successfully sued the Clark County School District (CCSD) for failing to provide services for her youngest daughter. Rogich is involved in a federal class action lawsuit against the CCSD and the Nevada Department of Education for failure to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. In the Legislature, she will continue to advocate for the education of children with special needs relying on her knowledge, skills, and experiences in this area.

Scheible brings a broad experience in criminal law to her work in the Legislature. She began her legal career as a prosecutor and later transitioned to represent defendants. Her experience includes handling hundreds of cases, including major felonies, jury trials, and federal cases.

Yeager stated his legal experience helped him to appreciate how laws are written, about legislative intent, and the use of regulations to implement laws. Backus learned the importance of mediation to resolve differences to get a bill passed and enacted into law. Considine, who studied statutory interpretation in law school, said she learned professionalism while working with others with a different point of view. She advocates her position while trying to find common ground for settlement when appropriate.

Two members of the assembly shared the importance of learning substantive laws. Cole, who attended law school "late in life," believes her classes in administrative, energy, and environmental law, and administrative process will help her to succeed in the assembly. Dalia shared that the required coursework on the legislative process will benefit him in Carson City.

On the other hand, Orentlicher uses what he learned in law school while working in his “day job.” As a law school professor at Boyd, he teaches about many of the issues that come before the Legislature. His knowledge and teaching on constitutional law is helpful in the Judiciary Committee meetings when members raise questions on constitutionality of proposed legislation, or when they discuss the requirements to satisfy constitutional standards of a bill. He offers legal explanations in the Health and Human Services Committee on such topics as gun control, reproductive decisions, and health care access, affordability, and quality.

Roth shared that being a lawyer gifted her with a deeper understanding of the practical implications of laws in our communities, the unintended consequences of enacted legislation, and the importance of advocating for common-sense changes that have a real impact, big or small.

Similarly, Yurek cites his legislative successes based on his work before becoming a lawyer. He served as a Henderson police officer for 20 years. During this time, he learned to read the laws and apply the facts to the laws. In law school, he studied more law than he was exposed to in his limited experiences with criminal law. Now as a business owner of his law practice, he better understands regulations and taxes when these types of bills come before the assembly.

Law school and practicing law have long been viewed as assets to the lawyers serving in the Legislature. A law school education includes not only subject-matter classes, but also learning how to effectively argue a point of view. Lawyer/legislators recognize the importance of working with others with different opinions. They acknowledge that negotiation is important to the successful passage of any legislation. Obviously, these skills are important to passing or defeating any bill that comes before them.

Proudest Legislative Accomplishments

The Legislature is known for its caution. Any major change in an important law is generally subject to substantial debate before it is enacted into law. Considine mentioned that successful passage of any valuable bill might take multiple sessions. Understanding the difficulty of passing a bill into law, a few lawyer/legislators mentioned their legislative wins.

For example, Nguyen believes her proudest achievement was the passage of an assembly bill in the 2021 Session. This bill decriminalized minor traffic violations and dismissed any subsequent bench warrants for the violator’s arrest. These pending warrants often prevented a person from getting a job. She understands this law change cleared more than 40,000 bench warrants out of the reporting system.

Likewise, Ohrenschall is proud of sponsoring legislation to help Nevadans address health care challenges. One piece of such legislation mandates medical insurance coverage for children with autism, ensuring those families have access to necessary treatments and support services. Another bill he sponsored informs patients about their risk for breast cancer and allows for alternative imaging, increasing the patient’s chance for survival. Additionally, he is grateful to have been appointed to serve on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform Laws. He has been a commissioner since 2009.



Shea Backus

Born: Las Vegas

Family: Husband, Marc McDermont

Education: Sandra Day O’Conner College of Law at Arizona State University, J.D.

and Certificate in Indian Law; University of California, San Diego, Revelle College,

B.S., Management Science

Current Law Practice: Backus | | Burden, civil and commercial litigation

Party: Democratic

Electoral History: Assembly District 37, elected 2018, lost re-election 2020, elected 2022, re-elected 2024

Recreation: Crafts and travel



Lisa Cole

Born: Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Family: Husband, Dennis Cole; son, Tyler

Education: Mitchell Hamline School of Law in Minnesota J.D. summa cum laude;

Allegheny College, Pennsylvania, B.S. magna cum laude, Environmental Studies,

minor in English Writing

Current Law Practice: Land Development Associates, LLC, vice president, in-house counsel and own law firm LDA Law, Prof. LLC

Party: Republican

Electoral History: Assembly District 4, elected in 2024.



Venicia Considine

Born: Queens, New York

Family: Husband, Kenn Merrill; daughter, Sydney

Education: William S. Boyd School of Law, J.D.; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, M.A.,

American Western History; B.A.,

American History

Current Law Practice: Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, director of Development and Community Relations, previously practiced in the Consumer Rights Project for nine years.

Party: Democratic

Electoral History: Assembly District 18, elected 2020, re-elected 2022 and 2024

Recreation: Movies, traveling, reading, and hiking

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Similarly, Backus is also honored to be appointed to serve as a commissioner on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

Scheible is proud that she will continue as the chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, senate majority whip, and chair of the LGBTQ Caucus in the 2025 Session. As the chair of the Judiciary Committee, she will be an important influence on any bill that comes before her committees.

Yeager cited his success enacting Assembly Bill 77 in 2023. This law created the first-in-the-country Office of Entrepreneurship in the Governor's Office of Economic Development. The office helps young businesses (open around five years or less), not necessarily small businesses, to get started and relocate to Nevada, enhancing the state's ability to diversify its economy.

Similarly, Orentlicher successfully added a provision in a 2023 bill to improve access to medication treatment for people with substance-use disorders. There are effective drugs to treat opioid addiction; however, only 20-25 percent of people who could benefit from these drugs receive them. His provision authorizes specially trained pharmacists to diagnose substance-use disorders and prescribe medication to treat them. This resource is especially helpful for people who do not have a regular doctor.

Yurek is proud of the passage of Rex's Law (SB322), named after Rex Patchell, who was tragically killed in March 2022 by a reckless driver in Henderson. Yurek teamed up with Senator Jeff Stone to revise the penalties for a conviction of reckless driving in certain situations. For example, if a driver was speeding 50 MPH or more over the speed limit, or driving in a pedestrian safety zone, school, or crossing zone, the new penalties are six to 10 years in prison with no probation or suspended sentence. He expects this law will promote safety for walkers and deter drivers from speeding where walkers are likely to be present.

Finally, Roth believes her career history will help her succeed in the Legislature. As deputy general counsel to Governor Steve Sisolak, she drafted his 2022 executive order protecting patients, providers, and non-profits from out-of-state prosecutions for seeking or providing life-saving reproductive care. This executive order was enshrined in statute during the 2023 Session. She has also been a legislative lobbyist, so she is familiar with and understands the legislative process and procedures.

Passing a bill takes time, skill, and negotiation with other legislators. The above-mentioned lawyers/legislators rely on their legal training to accomplish their legislative goals and successes. They have been persistent in convincing fellow legislators of the worthiness of their proposals.

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Lawyer/Legislators Are Involved with Family and in Other Activities

In their free time, the lawyer/legislators participate in their communities. Nguyen volunteers for HopeLink of Southern Nevada, a nonprofit that helps low-income people in need of food and housing. In her free time, she reads a book a week, mostly futuristic fiction.

Like the other senators, Ohrenschall enjoys spending time with his family and traveling to places he has not visited previously.

Rogich enjoys playing pickleball at Sunset Park and visiting with her children. Some of her children are or have attended the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, and her grandson is studying at Brookdale Community College in New Jersey.

Scheible is a proud board member of the Silver State Equality, a statewide LGBTQ civil rights organization. In addition to her husband Greg, her family includes her beloved pets. Her dog, Zuri, is a Great Pyrenees: a working breed of Basque origin. Zuri is eager to visit the Legislature in 2025 along with Scheible's cat, Harriet. Since 2019, Harriet has attended every session with the senator. With quite a personality, she is beloved by staff, lobbyists, and legislators on both sides of the aisle.

Cole also loves her pets. She spends her free time with her husband Dennis, son Tyler, and their rescue animals: dog, Diogi and orange cats, Oz and Mookie. To stay healthy, she does CrossFit, and to take it easy, she reads.

Considine enjoys quiet time. She is into films and is working though her bucket list of about 600 movies to watch.

In his spare time, Dalia volunteers at the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. There, he likes working with Executive Director Barbara Buckley, who was the first woman Speaker of the Assembly from 2007-10.

Orentlicher spends time traveling with his family. He continues to learn and expand his educational horizons, so he is learning to speak Spanish using an online platform.

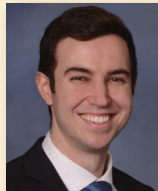
In their free time, several lawyer/legislators run and hike. Roth spends time doing both activities with her rescue dog, Noah. Indoors, she volunteers and sits on the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood Votes Nevada, Emerge Nevada, and the Democratic Women of Washoe County.

Yurek appreciates Nevada's vast outdoors and spending time there with his family, camping, hunting, fishing, and riding his ATV.

Outside of work, the lawyer/legislators know how to play. They are outdoors running, hiking, or exploring the breathtaking Nevada landscape or inside volunteering in community activities or enjoying quiet time reading and learning new things.

Remarkable Facts about the Lawyer/Legislators

Every life is unique, and the lawyer/legislators' lives are no different. They have had interesting and exceptional experiences. For example, Ohrenschall uniquely holds a distinctive connection to the state Legislature. He is in the second generation in his family to serve in the Legislature. His mother, Genie Ohrenschall, served in the assembly from 1995-2004. He was elected to succeed her in the same Assembly District 12 that year. The



Joe Dalia

Born: Boston; family moved to Clark County when he was in grade school
Family: Wife, Marina Dalia-Hunt;
Children: Vivian, Audrey, and Sloane
Education: University of Michigan Law School, J.D., magna cum laude; Stanford

University School of Engineering, Certificate, Energy Innovation and Emerging Technologies; Brown University, B. A. Political Science, magna cum laude

Party: Democratic

Current Law Practice: AI and software attorney for Facebook

Electoral History: Assembly District 29, elected in 2024

Recreation: Bowling, fitness, writing, watching television and movies



Elaine Marzola*

Born: Rio de Janeiro
Family: Son, Troy; mother; twin brothers in Las Vegas

Education: Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Michigan, J.D.; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.A., Women's Studies

Current Law Practice: Marzola & Ruiz Law Group, LPPC, personal injury, family law, bankruptcy, and criminal record sealing

Party: Democratic

Electoral History: Assembly District 21, elected 2020, re-elected 2022 and 2024

Recreation: Family, yoga, meditation, and travel



David Orentlicher

Born: Washington, D.C.
Family: Wife, Judy; children: Cy and Shay
Education: Harvard Law School, Massachusetts, J.D.; Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, M.D.; Brandeis University, Massachusetts,

B.A., Economics

Current Law Practice: Professor, William S. Boyd School of Law and director, UNLV Health Law Program

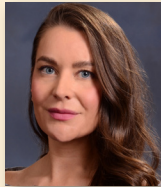
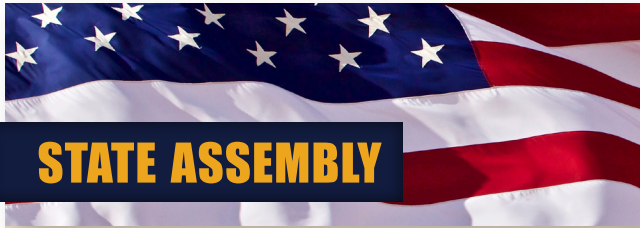
Party: Democratic

Electoral History: Assembly District 20, elected 2020, re-elected 2022 and 2024; Indiana House of Representatives (2002-08)

Recreation: Reading, writing, and Cajun dancing

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Erica Roth

Born: San Francisco; grew up in Reno
Education: University of San Francisco School of Law, J.D.; University of California, Santa Cruz, B.A., Sociology
Current Law Practice: Washoe County Public Defender's Office

Party: Democratic
Electoral History: Assembly District 24, elected 2024



Steven Yeager

Born: Brooklyn Center, Minnesota
Family: Wife, Bitia Yeager, an Eighth Judicial District Court Judge, Department 1
Education: Cornell Law School, J.D., cum laude; University of Michigan, B.A.,

History and Spanish with high distinction
Current Law Practice: Partner, Battle Born Injury Lawyers, personal injury and premises liability
Party: Democratic
Electoral History: Assembly District 9, elected 2016, re-elected 2018, 2020, 2022, and 2024 (elected Speaker 2023-25)
Recreation: Running, hiking, reading, writing, and traveling



Thaddeus "Toby" Yurek, III

Born: Anchorage, Alaska; family moved to Clark County when he was in high school
Family: Wife, Carrie Yurek; children: T.J., Tyler, and Trey
Education: William S. Boyd School

of Law, J.D.; Boston University, M.S.,
Criminal Justice: Hope International University, Fullerton, California, B. A., Church Growth with Emphasis in Preaching
Current Law Practice: GGRM Law Firm, managing partner; judge pro "tempore," City of Henderson Municipal Court
Party: Republican
Electoral History: Assembly District 19, elected 2022 and re-elected 2024
Recreation: Camping, hunting, and spending time with family

voters re-elected him until 2018, when they elected him to State Senate District 21. They re-elected him to his senate district in the following election.

Rogich has achieved at least two remarkable milestones. Energetic, she ran and completed a marathon. If that was not enough, she also skydived from 10,000 feet.

Equally active in extreme spots is Yeager. In May 2021, he ran in an extreme competition, a 62-mile race. It took him between 17-18 hours to complete the course. The event took place in the hot Clark County sun, no less.

Backus has a different passion. She is engaged in Native American federal law endeavors. She is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation on her mother's side of the family. Backus is the third Native American to serve in the Nevada Assembly. The first was Dewey Sampson, a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, who served one term in 1939-40. The second was John Ocegquera, a member of the Walker River Indian Tribe, who served from 2000-12. During that time, the assembly elected him speaker in 2011.

Backus was not just born in Nevada; on her father's side, she is a third-generation Nevadan. She is also following in her grandfather's footsteps as a lawyer. His brother-in-law was Humboldt County Assemblyman Phil Tobin, who introduced the bill to legalize gaming in Nevada in 1931.

When Considine is looking for outdoor activities, she goes fishing, a mostly peaceful experience. Her favorite fishing hole is the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge in northeastern Nevada.

On the other hand, Dalia programmed computer games during his grade school years. He studied for and received a certificate from the Stanford School of Engineering. While he enjoyed these activities, he says they also contributed to his success as a lawyer.

A different kind of experience boosts Orentlicher's success in the assembly. Before he moved to Nevada, he was elected to and served in the Indiana House of Representatives for six years. Thus, he was an experienced legislator when the Nevada voters elected him to the assembly.

Joining the other lawyer/legislators who run as a hobby and/or to keep fit, Roth is also accomplished as a runner. She is a three-time junior olympian in cross-country running.

Yurek learned to drive a stick shift at age 5. Sitting in the right front seat, he constantly observed his mother driving and shifting. After a while, he pestered and begged her to let him drive. When he wore her down, she drove to a dirt parking lot and let him try to drive. He found it hard to see over the wheel and reach the pedals, but he managed to do both and drove for miles, properly shifting to prove he could drive. His mother conceded he could indeed drive.

The lawyer/legislators are an amazing group with a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences that will contribute to their successes in the Nevada Legislature.

No matter whether the lawyer/legislators were born in Nevada or chose to live here, they love the state and seek to make it a better place for all who live here. Nevadans will be represented by experienced and knowledgeable lawyers in the 2025 Legislative Session.

** At the time this article was written, the lawyer had not responded to requests for information in the article. The information is from the 2023 Session.*



LAWYERS IN LEADERSHIP

Lawyers in Leadership

Senate

Majority Leader: Nicole Cannizzaro
Chief Majority Whip: Melanie Scheible

Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members:

Finance: Rochelle Nguyen, vice chair;
Nicole Cannizzaro, member

Commerce and labor: Melanie Scheible, member;
Edgar Flores, member; Lori Rogich, member

Education: Lori Rogich, member

Government Affairs: Edgar Flores, chair; James
Ohrenschall, vice chair; Lori Rogich, member

Growth and Infrastructure: Rochelle Nguyen, chair

Judiciary: Melanie Scheible, chair; Edgar Flores, vice chair;
Rochelle Nguyen; member; James Ohrenschall, member

Legislature Operations and Elections:
James Ohrenschall, chair; Nicole Cannizzaro, member

Natural Resources: Melanie Scheible, vice chair

Assembly:

Speaker: Steve Yeager

Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs:

Commerce and Labor: Elaine Marzola, chair

Government Affairs: Venicia Considine, chair

Judiciary: Elaine Marzola, vice chair

Revenue: Shea Backus, chair; Venicia Considine, vice chair

Ways and Means: Shea Backus, vice chair



PATRICIA D. CAFFERATA received her J.D. from Southwestern School of Law. In 1981, she served in the Nevada Assembly, representing Assembly District 25 in Southwest Reno. Her committee assignments were Judiciary, Taxation, and Labor and Management. When she was elected Nevada State Treasurer in 1982, she became the first woman elected to any constitutional office in the state. Cafferata has also served as district attorney of Lincoln, Lander, and Esmeralda counties at different times between 1992-2010.

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