

NEVADA LAWYER

EDITORIAL BOARD

Michael Morton, Chair
Charles Finlayson, Chair-Elect
Richard Hy, Vice Chair
Patty Walsh, Immediate Past Chair

Dolapo Emmanuel	Stephen F. Smith
Laury Macauley	Phil Su
Jessica Perlick	Laura Tucker
Joseph Riccio	Scott G. Wasserman
Gregory R. Shannon	Hon. Deborah Westbrook
Kristen Simmons	

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The mission of the State Bar of Nevada is “to govern the legal profession, to serve our members, and to protect the public interest.”

President: Richard Dreitzer	
President Elect: Kari Stephens	
Vice President: Catherine Mazzeo	
Immediate Past President: Julie Cavanaugh-Bill	
Seth Adams	Maggie Lambrose
Jeffrey Albrechts	Patrick Leverty
John Aldrich	Joel Locke
Terry A. Coffing	Holly Parker
Andrew Craner	Will Sykes
Tyler Ingram	Alex Velto

Ex Officio:

Leah Chan Grinvald, Dean, UNLV Boyd School of Law
Richard Trachok, Chair, Board of Bar Examiners

NEVADA LAWYER STAFF

Communications Director:
Jennifer Smith-Pulsipher, jennifers@nvbar.org

Communications Manager:
Robert Horne, rhorne@nvbar.org

Graphic Design:
Georgina Corbalan

Nevada Lawyer (ISSN 1068-882X) is published monthly by the State Bar of Nevada. State bar licensees receive *Nevada Lawyer* as part of their annual dues. *Nevada Lawyer* is available to non-licensees at the subscription rate of \$60 per year. Back issues, when available, are \$6 each. Periodicals Postage Paid at Las Vegas, NV, and additional mailing offices. *Nevada Lawyer* is available on Westlaw®, LEXIS®, and on microfilm through the Wm. S. Hein Co. Copyright ©2025, State Bar of Nevada. No part of this publication may be reprinted or otherwise reproduced without the publisher's written permission. *Nevada Lawyer* has the authority to edit letters and other materials submitted for publication. Publishing and editorial decisions are based on the quality of writing, the timeliness of the article and the potential interest to readers. Publication of an article, editorial, feature, column, advertisement or photograph in *Nevada Lawyer* does not constitute an endorsement by *Nevada Lawyer* or the State Bar of Nevada unless specifically identified as the policy of the state bar. The views expressed are those of the authors. Authors are responsible for the accuracy of all citations and quotations.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to:
Nevada Lawyer, State Bar of Nevada
3100 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite 100,
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Ph: (702) 382-2200 Fax: (702) 385-2878

www.nvbar.org



From the desk of the

ISSUE EDITOR

This issue was curated by KRISTEN E. SIMMONS, a founding member of Simmons Freeman LLC, who practices primarily in the areas of estate planning and asset protection. She has been deemed an Estate Planning Law Specialist and Accredited Estate Planner by the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils, she has been named by Best Lawyers as Las Vegas's 2021 "Lawyer of the Year" in Tax Law, and the 2023 and 2025 "Lawyer of the Year" in Trusts and Estates.

Nevada Lawyer Mission Statement

Nevada Lawyer Mission Statement – *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:

- **Work-Life Balance:** February 14, 2025
- **AI Update:** March 14, 2025
- **Niche Law Practice:** April 18, 2025

Submission Requirements:

- 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.

For more information, download our submission guidelines at <https://www.nvbar.org/nevada-lawyer-magazine> > Article Submissions, or contact nvlawyer@nvbar.org with questions.

