

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Three "C's" Will Guide My Term as President

BY PAOLA ARMENI,
PRESIDENT, STATE BAR OF NEVADA

Twenty years ago, I was the Student Bar Association president at the William S. Boyd School of Law. I would have never known my journey and love for service and our profession would lead me here. It is with great honor and privilege that I am the 98th (and first Boyd alum) president of the State Bar of Nevada. In addition, I am also the managing partner of the Las Vegas office of Clark Hill, where I practice primarily in criminal defense and civil rights litigation.

During my presidency, I will continue to honor our mission statement, which consists of three components:

1. governing the profession;
2. protecting the public; and
3. serving our members.

We accomplish our goals through our strategic plan, which guides us and ensures that we accomplish the goals we set out. Our current strategic plan outlines our priorities as:

1. Diversity, equity, and inclusion;
2. Wellness; and
3. Serving bar members.

While following the bar's strategic plan, my personal focus is going to be



on *communication, community, and commitment.*

Communication is the key to all successful relationships. The Board of Governors will continue to communicate through our website, social media, *Nevada Lawyer*, our weekly bar emails (check your emails on Thursday), and through our sections and affinity bars. In addition, we will have some time reserved at all board meetings for public comment, and I also intend to send emails to the entire membership after every board meeting.

Community: I intend to strengthen our relationships with the public, judiciary, county and affinity bars, Boyd School of Law, and the National Judicial College. This goal involves expanding programs to include mentorship and legal education to our youth, exceptional legal education for our members, and ensuring that our relationships with our partners in the community continue to blossom.

Lastly, but certainly not the least important, is my *commitment* to you, the members of the state bar. I really want to explore the services the bar provides, so that every member feels a tangible benefit by being part of our amazing bar.

Communication, community, and commitment will guide me in this upcoming year. I look forward to what we can all accomplish together.

But I can't do this alone – I am one of 15 members of your Board of Governors representing the state of

Nevada. The state bar's board is diverse in practice areas, gender, age, race, and of course, opinions.

I would like to introduce you to the rest of the Board of Governors:

District 1, Clark County:

- **Jeffrey Albrechts, jalbrechts@albrechtsw.com:** sole partner of Jeffrey R. Albrechts, LLC.
- **Terry Coffing, terry@facetec.com:** chief legal officer for Facetec, a 3D face verification software company.
- **Andrew Craner, nvesq@cox.net:** a mediator, court-appointed arbitrator, and a short trial judge pro tempore in the Eighth Judicial District Court and alternative judge for Las Vegas Municipal Court.
- **Richard Dreitzer, rdreitzer@fclaw.com:** a partner at Fennemore who practices in the area of civil litigation.
- **Catherine Mazzeo, catherine.mazzeo@swgas.com:** vice president/general counsel and compliance officer at Southwest Gas Corp.
- **Marisa Rodriguez, rodriguezma@cityofnorthlasvegas.com:** deputy city attorney for the city of North Las Vegas City Attorney's office (civil division).
- **Kari Stephens, karis@jeffreymburr.com:** of counsel at Jeffrey Burr Ltd. and the managing partner of the firm's Las Vegas office. She practices in the areas of wills and trusts.
- **Brittanie Watkins, brittanie.watkins@gmail.com:** board member of the Gaming Control Board.

District 2, White Pine, Elko, Eureka, Churchill, Lander, Humboldt, Lyon, Lincoln, Douglas, Mineral, Nye, Esmeralda, Pershing and Storey counties:

- **Julie Cavanaugh-Bill, state bar president-elect, julie@cblawoffices.org:** sole partner of Cavanaugh-Bill Law Offices, LLC. in Elko, where she primarily practices family law.

District 3, Carson City:

- **Joel Locke, jlocke@allisonmackenzie.com:** with the law firm of Allison MacKenzie. He practices in the areas of estate planning, probate, trust, and guardianships; and employer-side labor law, collective bargaining, and arbitration.

District 4: Washoe County:

- **Seth Adams, sadams@woodburnandwedge.com:** a shareholder with Woodburn and Wedge. He practices in bankruptcy law and business law.
- **Doug Clark, doug@jdouglasclark.com:** sole partner of J. Douglas Clark Attorney at Law, Ltd., where he practices in the areas of trusts and estates.
- **Patrick Leverty, Pat@levertylaw.com:** an attorney at Leverty and Associates, where he practices in the areas of personal injury and insurance bad faith.
- **Alex Velto, avelto@hutchlegal.com:** an associate at Hutchinson Steffen, where he practices in the areas of litigation and employment/labor law.

I have included the board members' emails to encourage you to reach out to any of us, including me (**parmeni@clarkhill.com**) with concerns, questions, and most importantly ideas about how we can make the bar better for you. I particularly encourage you to share what services, benefits, or assistance you would like us to provide.

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