

# Meet Caleb Green:

## Young Attorney Has Already Made Tangible Impact on Nevada Law

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**When meeting Caleb Green, his Midwestern roots are immediately apparent. His unassuming charm, humble demeanor, and manners all point to his upbringing as a “Michigan boy.”**

Green grew up in Lansing, Michigan. He is the oldest of four children, and the only boy.

“As the older brother, I was often acted as the third parent my little sisters never signed up for,” Green said with a smile.

His parents met at Michigan State University and their children’s education was always a top priority.

Green’s childhood was dominated by school, sports, and church. With the family’s strong focus on education, straight As were expected (and attendance at Michigan State was strongly encouraged). He was always happy to work hard in school, partly because he knew he could do well, and partly because he knew sports were off the table if he did not. He was an MVP of his soccer team (primarily to cross-train for basketball) and played basketball. He grew up in church at Immanuel’s Temple, where his father is a preacher. When Green was 14, the senior pastor of their church decided to open a church in Las Vegas. As dedicated members of the church, his family packed up and moved west to help start the church.

Las Vegas felt like home almost immediately, and Green was excited to engage and start investing in his new community. In high school, he was in student government. He interned for the Clark County Government Center as an IT intern and former Clark Commissioner Lawrence



Weekly introduced him to the commission. He graduated as valedictorian at his high school. Green chose to stay home and attend college after earning a full ride to attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas as a Phillip J. Cohen scholar.

Green was a computer science major and earned a minor in economics. During college, he worked for the IT department and has crawled through UNLV’s vents to help install the campus’ Wi-Fi. He was also an associate justice in student government and was community service director for the UNLV Student Academic Advisory Board.

In college, Green collected a host of accolades, including being awarded the Thomas E. Wilson Award and the Roosevelt Fitzgerald Award from the UNLV Alliance of Professionals with African Heritage. He was also named one of Nevada’s inaugural Congressional Black Scholars from the U.S. House of Representatives Congressional Black Caucus, and Ronald E. McNair Scholar from the UNLV Center for Academic Enrichment, just to name a few.

After multiple conversations with his great uncle, who was a lawyer, Green began considering law school. His college thesis, Technology and the Fourth Amendment,

honed his focus, and he knew law school was the next step.

Once accepted to law school, Green did not waste any time getting involved at the William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV. In law school, he was a Saltman Fellow for the Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution, president and chapter advocate of the Black Law Students Association, and a member of the Black Law Students Association Mock Trial Team. He was also on the Student Advisory Board for the UNLV Multicultural Center, and immigration law instructor for the Community Service Program.

After law school, Green accepted a position as intellectual property strategist and technology attorney at Dickinson Wright, where he had spent his 1L and 2L summers. Since starting at Dickinson Wright, he has been an avid author, publishing articles in everything from *Communique* and *Nevada Lawyer* magazines to *The Trademark Lawyer* magazine and *Cyber Defense* magazine. He has also an ardent speaker, presenting at the National Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Center for Intellectual Property.

Green is highly involved in the state and local bars, and in the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association (LVNBA). He was first introduced to the LVNBA through an invitation to attend its yearly gala by former Speaker of the Assembly Jason Frierson. He was inspired by all of the Black attorneys in the room and their ability to make a difference. He knew contributing to the LVNBA would be an important part of his legal career.

He is treasurer, fundraising chair, the legislative liaison for the LVNBA, and is on the scholarship committee. He is running for president in the LVNBA's August election.

"I was a scholarship kid, and so many people helped me get to where I am today, so ensuring we're giving back to future generations has always been important to me," Green said.

Since law school, Green has been intensely interested in the law's impact on social issues and how he can impact change for good. His latest project took him to the Nevada Legislature. After the murder of George Floyd, there was a noticeable increase in on-duty police officers playing copyright-protected music while being recorded by bystanders. This behavior is problematic because whenever you post content that has copyright-protected music in it, social media sites like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc., have automatic tools that will detect the protected music and restrict or remove the content entirely.

This session, Green worked with state Senator Dina Neal to draft and present Senate Bill 362 before the Nevada Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill addresses matters of public safety related to copyright law and requires law enforcement agencies to adopt written policies preventing peace officers from misusing copyright law to prevent recordings of officers from being shared online.

"In my opinion and the opinion of various copyright scholars, this is a gross misuse of copyright law and falls outside the scope of the intent of the U.S. Copyright Act," Green said. "More importantly, it is a direct attempt to curbe the transparency of law enforcement, which should alarm everyone. This bill would prevent this gross misuse of copyright law and prohibit peace officers from engaging in these tactics."

At the time of publication, the bill passed out of the Senate and is headed to the Assembly.

Green's impactful contributions have not gone unnoticed.

"Caleb has accomplished so much as a young lawyer," said Brittne Watkins, a member of the State Bar of Nevada's Board of Governors and a member of the Gaming Control Board. "He has made significant contributions to Boyd, the legal community, and the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association. Our community will forever benefit from his volunteerism and his activism. There is no limit to what he can accomplish. I cannot wait to see what he will do next."

Green was also recently awarded the Leadership Recognition Award at the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law Annual Spring Conference in Washington, D.C., and is the Young Lawyer of the Year for the State Bar of Nevada's annual meeting in New York City.

When Green is not in the office, he loves taking in musicals and symphony concerts at The Smith Center. He is also an adjunct professor at Boyd, and when he retires from practicing law, he would like to be a professor at UNLV.



A young Caleb Green takes a family portrait with his sisters.



Caleb Green is sworn in as an attorney into the federal courts by U.S. District Court Judge Richard Boulware II.



Caleb Green, Berna Ford and Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford pose for photo during the 42nd annual Mid-Year Conference and Gertrude Rush Award Dinner in Houston.



Caleb Green speaks during the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association's annual Scholarship Gala.



Caleb Green (far right) enjoys the holiday season with his family.