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NOTE FROM THE ISSUE EDITOR

BY STEPHEN F. SMITH, ESQ.

Welcome to the May issue of *Nevada Lawyer*; this month's theme is "Legal Malpractice and Ethics."

The issue's first feature is a very informative interview with the State Bar of Nevada's new Bar Counsel Stan Hunterton, entitled "Taking Responsibility: Bar Counsel Weighs in on Ethical and Disciplinary Issues." Also on the subject of ethics, this issue contains an article that qualifies bar members for 1 hour of CLE ethics credit: Don't forget to take the quiz after reading Joe Garin's "The Rules of Professional Conduct in Legal Malpractice Litigation."

What should an attorney do if sued for legal malpractice or upon receiving a notice of claim of malpractice? The answer can be found in attorney Felicia Galati's article, "What to do When Legal Malpractice Arises." Galati represents lawyers in malpractice actions. One of her recommendations is to obtain malpractice insurance, which leads us to the article "Legal Malpractice Insurance," by broker Marcus Cusick. Cusick's article outlines the components of a malpractice insurance policy. Attorney Jeffrey Galliher has written a piece called "Tort Immunity for Employers and Co-Employees in Nevada." The article delves into a thorny area of Nevada law regarding worker's compensation immunity.

Our May issue also contains a report on the Annual Family Law Conference, written by attorney Jessica Anderson, who attended this year's conference in Ely. Former state bar president John Mowbray wrote a heartfelt piece on Justice Cliff Young, who passed away on April 3. Finally, in this month's Back Story, Felicia Galati discusses "Internet Contact with Jurors."

We hope this month's issue will be one that can serve as both a reference and a guide. **NL**

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