



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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MY 27 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING

The State Bar of Nevada's Annual Meeting will take place June 29 – July 1, 2017, at the Westin Hotel in downtown Austin, Texas. Each year, the state bar president has the privilege of selecting the Annual Meeting's location. Austin holds a special place in my heart for several reasons: my late mother, Minnie Scott, and my late sister, Gwen Paulk, were both born there; I have several aunts, uncles and many cousins who live in the area; I will be attending my family reunion in Austin in June prior to the Annual Meeting; my best friend from law school, Judge Leonard Saenz, and my goddaughter (his daughter), Lucia Saenz, and their family live there; and Austin is a beautiful, lively and dynamic city, which I hoped would attract more young lawyers to the Annual Meeting. Its live music scene is second to none. Austin's motto is "Keep Austin weird."

The Annual Meeting is a gathering of bar members as required by Nevada Supreme Court Rule 94. In addition to swearing-in new and returning Board of Governor members, at the upcoming meeting, I will officially become a "former state bar president" and ex officio member of the Board of Governors.

While I have always found the state bar Annual Meetings to be fun and informative, I have listed 27 reasons why you should attend this year's Annual Meeting. They are in no particular order of importance.

1. You can get **all** of your required Continuing Legal Education credits in just a few days.
2. How often do you get to see a Nevada Supreme Court justice in short pants?
3. You will have the opportunity to not only "MEET" your colleagues and judges from various courts in a relaxed, congenial atmosphere, but you can also "ROCK OUT" on Sixth Street to some amazing live music and "REPEAT" those activities for three days. How often does that occur?
4. Barbeque, barbeque, barbeque, barbecue: Austin has some of the best rib joints in Texas.
5. Meet your new and incumbent state bar Board of Governors members, and talk to them about any questions or concerns you might have about your state bar.
6. Learn to line dance.
7. Witness thousands of bats flying into the sky at dusk from their

home under the Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge.

8. Develop valuable legal contacts and even more invaluable friendships.
9. See first-hand why its residents want to "keep Austin weird."
10. Food trucks, food trucks, food trucks are waiting all over the city for you to enjoy. A couple of years ago, I ate the best catfish po' boy that I've ever had at one of them.
11. Meet with and learn about the fine legal products and services offered by all of our great sponsors.
12. Participate in a presidential photographic scavenger hunt.
13. Get your learn on and hear dynamic speakers discuss a myriad of topics from marijuana to U.S Supreme Court updates, to ethics, to drone technology, and more.



14. Explore the capital of Texas.
15. Win awesome prizes!
16. Visit the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library.
17. The fun and great live music of Sixth Street is only two blocks from the Westin Hotel.
18. Enjoy fine southern hospitality.
19. Witness President-Elect Gene Leverty being sworn in as your 2017-2018 state bar president.
20. Attend your first Annual Meeting.
21. Watch one of the most spectacular sunsets you've ever seen from the tiered balconies of a tasty Mexican restaurant overlooking Lake Austin.
22. Support YOUR state bar association.
23. Did I mention great barbeque, barbeque, barbeque?
24. Vacation with the family while earning CLEs and a possible tax deduction.
25. Experience true humidity – LOL!
26. Austin is the least Texan city in Texas.
27. Say farewell to me as your 2016-2017 state bar president. I promise I won't cry. Maybe I won't cry. No promises.

I hope to see you all there! Let's make this year's Annual Meeting the best ever! Be well. **NL**



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