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Administrative law is an area that touches upon our lives, yet is shrouded in ambiguity. Agencies must adhere to constitutional principles of due process, though each one has its own procedures and regulatory approaches. Some welcome the versatility, while others question the policy consequences. The articles contained in this issue encapsulate the practical and theoretical aspects of such a fascinating field. "The reason for the law is its soul; when the reason for the law changes, the law changes as well." (*Ratio est legis anima; mutata legis ratione mutatur et lex*). The reasons for administrative law may evolve over time, but its soul remains complex and dynamic.

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Administrative law and processes touch on so much of our lives. Administrative decision-making is the bulk of executive branch work, according to authors Alicia Ashcraft and Jeffrey Barr in their article on page 20. This issue is jam-packed with articles that Nevada attorneys will find useful when their practice crosses paths with the administrative process.

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