



# STATE BAR OF NEVADA

## ANNUAL REPORT 2019



### BY THE NUMBERS

<b>9,139</b>	Active attorneys
<b>2,525</b>	Inactive attorneys
<b>257</b>	Certified attorneys
<b>979</b>	Suspended attorneys
<b>50.5</b>	Average age
<b>65.7</b>	Percent male
<b>34.3</b>	Percent female
<b>49.6</b>	Percent in Clark County
<b>14.5</b>	Percent in Washoe County
<b>2.95</b>	Percent in Carson City
<b>2.8</b>	Percent in rural counties
<b>30.15</b>	Percent out of state
<b>1,760</b>	Ethics hotline calls received
<b>\$70,463</b>	Donated to civil legal aid through members' dues check-off
<b>2,853</b>	Members reported <b>151,352</b> hours of direct pro bono representation to persons of limited means
<b>721</b>	Members reported <b>66,650</b> hours of direct legal service at a substantially reduced fee
<b>32,716</b>	Attorney volunteer hours to state bar programs
<b>2,911</b>	Attorneys belong to <b>24</b> sections
<b>330</b>	Attorneys serve as Transitioning Into Practice (TIP) mentors
<b>651</b>	Volunteers serve on boards, panels and committees
<b>1,700</b>	Grievances received by the Office of Bar Counsel

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# OUR MISSION:

*To govern the legal profession, serve our members and protect the public interest.*

## Govern & Protect

- The Office of Bar Counsel received 1,700 grievances. It screened 257 grievances for discipline and conducted 54 hearings in 2019.
- Thirty-one Letters of Caution were issued; a Letter of Caution is a dismissal but cautions the attorney regarding specific conduct and/or disciplinary rules.
- Seventeen Letters of Reprimand were issued; Letters of Reprimand are published and a fine is assessed in the amount of \$1,500. They are a lesser sanction than Public Reprimands.
- The Office of Bar Counsel monitored 33 attorneys on probation and 15 conditional admittees; It also assisted in six practice takeovers from deceased or disabled attorneys in 2019.
- Court-imposed discipline included six Public Reprimands, 23 suspensions, and six disbarments; 24 resignations were approved.
- In 2019, the Clients' Security Fund Committee approved reimbursements totaling approximately \$1.4 million (\$395K with the per claim cap). Of the \$395K, more than \$312K was paid out by Jan. 4, 2020.
- The Fee Dispute program successfully resolved nearly 70 claims through mediation or settlement, reducing the timeframe for resolution. Fee Dispute claims are resolved within four months on average.
- The State Bar of Nevada successfully petitioned the court to standardize the requirements for limited admission to the practice of law in Nevada (ADKT 0538).
- The Board of Governors examined the concept of reciprocal admission to the State Bar of Nevada and solicited comments through articles, debate and seminars. The board agreed that more review and consideration of this issue is warranted.
- Of all lawyer advertisements filed, 85 percent were compliant with the lawyer advertising rules. The rates of non-compliant ads are often attributed to an attorney submitting multiple filings with a single repeated issue.
- Bar leadership continued to collaborate with specialty and local bar leaders to promote events, share ideas, and to develop programs.
- The State Bar of Nevada embarked on a campaign to inform members about lawyer advertisement filing requirements. As a result, nearly 400 lawyer advertisements were filed, a 20 percent increase over the previous year.
- The Access to Justice Commission publicized findings from the recently completed Statewide Study of Legal Needs and Economic Impacts of Low Income Nevadans.
- A new IOLTA "Leadership Institution" status was implemented, garnering 1.2 percent or more paid on IOLTA accounts at five Nevada financial institutions.
- The Access to Justice Commission managed the IOLTA activities of 33 financial institutions statewide and worked with banks to encourage voluntarily increasing their IOLTA rate contributions. Currently, six institutions pay premium rates of at least 1 percent under a new Leadership Institution program; two additional institutions pay rates above minimum requirements on select accounts.
- The state bar admitted 288 new licensees; it also processed 735 new pro hac vice applications and registered 191 multijurisdictional practice firms.



# Serve

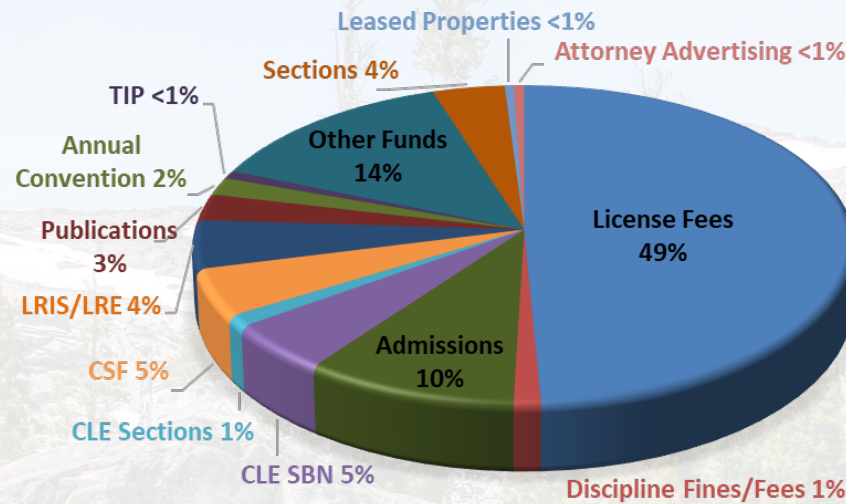
- The state bar's Admissions department held 22 character and fitness hearings in 2019.
- The state bar hosted the "Let's Talk" Summit on lawyer well-being, concentrating on issues such as abuse/addiction, secondary trauma, aging and anxiety and depression.
- The Nevada Lawyers Assistance Program presented more than 30 outreach activities, including CLEs and statewide judicial conferences and bench bar meetings.
- The state bar provided more than 60 confidential therapy sessions at no cost to 24 lawyers seeking assistance with issues affecting their ability to practice.
- The Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) matched more than 10,000 clients seeking legal services with qualified attorneys in their area. In 2019, attorneys enrolled in the LRS program earned approximately \$1.65 million in fees.
- The state bar approved Insurance Marketplace, a new benefit, to provide health insurance plans for lawyers and law firms, providing health insurance options for Nevada attorneys.
- Fastcase, a member benefit provider that provides a free legal research database, had 106,706 log-ins in 2019 with 43,689 cases searched and 5,345,306 documents viewed.
- LawPay, a member benefit provider that provides attorneys with a secure way to accept online payments in their practice, processed more than \$19 million in credit card transactions for 140 client accounts.
- A combined 105 law firms and solo practitioners are using Clio, a member benefit provider that offers practice management software.
- CLE live programming offered 111.5 CLE credits comprised of 81 general; 21 ethics; and 9.5 substance abuse, addiction disorders and mental health, including a free substance abuse CLE in August and September.
- The state bar partnered with 10 sections to produce 15 CLE programs.
- The Transitioning into Practice (TIP) mentorship program had 176 newly minted attorneys complete the program in 2019; another 107 attorneys are currently enrolled.
- More than 330 attorneys serve as court-appointed TIP mentors, responsible for guiding newly admitted attorneys through the six-month program and spending an average of 25 hours together.
- The State Bar of Nevada converted its membership database to a platform provided by ClearVantage; the new system provides enhanced convenience to members, including the ability to renew membership paperlessly online, to search and register for CLE seminars, and more.
- The state bar produced a special supplement to the Nevada Civil Practice Manual in partnership with LexisNexis providing a timely and comprehensive reference tool informing attorneys about the changes to the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure.
- Trust Accounting in Nevada, a free online publication that provides attorneys the tools to help them manage their trust accounts, was published in 2019. The state bar also released a new edition of the Nevada Business Entities reference manual.
- The state bar's Communications department published four section newsletters; published a new regular column in *Nevada Lawyer* featuring Nevada's rural district courts; and redesigned the State Bar's weekly eNews to accommodate mobile phone viewers.
- "Brief Moments," the state bar's official podcast, provided information and advice to state bar members from expert practitioners. The state bar released 16 episodes in 2019, with more than 500 total downloads.
- The State Bar of Nevada's website page views totaled more 2.6 million views. The state bar's Facebook page content reaches more than 300 users every day, while its Twitter page impressions were 904 per day in 2019.
- The state bar hosted the 2019 regional and statewide high school mock trial competitions involving more than 30 teams, 270 student competitors and 35 attorney coaches. Approximately 150 attorneys volunteered to score and preside over the student competitions.



## Income\*

License Fees.....	\$3,804,096
Discipline Fines/Fees .....	\$93,982
Admissions.....	\$746,200
CLE SBN .....	\$383,575
CLE Sections.....	\$88,430
CSF .....	\$371,800
LRIS/LRE .....	\$379,100
Publications .....	\$208,074
Annual Convention .....	\$140,100
TIP .....	\$61,700
Other Funds.....	\$1,066,352
Sections.....	\$299,283
Leased Properties .....	\$36,800
Attorney Advertising .....	\$43,900

**TOTAL INCOME..... \$7,723,292**

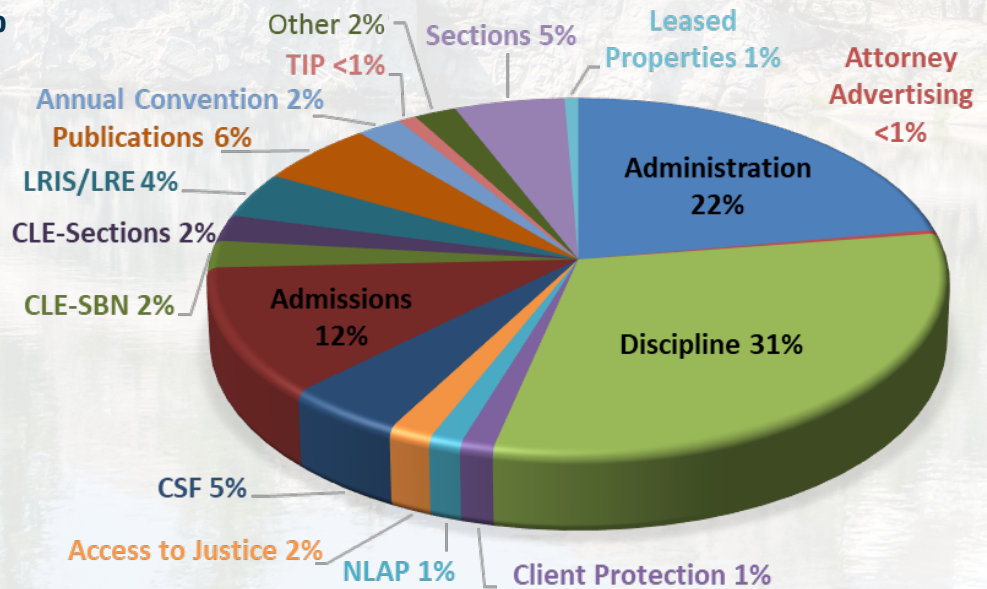


\*This chart does not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

## Expenses\*

Administration .....	\$1,461,970
Discipline.....	\$1,461,970
Attorney Advertising .....	\$20,655
Client Protection .....	\$88,900
NLAP .....	\$85,700
Access to Justice.....	\$115,300
CSF .....	\$313,360
Admissions.....	\$764,410
CLE-SBN.....	\$161,415
CLE-Sections .....	\$156,191
LRIS/LRE .....	\$272,222
Publications .....	\$374,112
Annual Convention .....	\$142,080
TIP .....	\$57,500
Other .....	\$133,570
Sections.....	\$347,950
Leased Properties .....	\$43,029

**TOTAL EXPENSES..... \$6,588,354**



\*Not including depreciation

## Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets\*

\*Based on unaudited 2019 financial statements.

Current Assets	Cash, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, investments*	\$7,648,379
Land, Buildings, Property & Equipment	Land and buildings in Las Vegas and Reno, building improvements, furniture, equipment and software less depreciation	\$6,106,302
Other Assets		\$0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<i>*note that approximately \$2,800,000 are designated funds and not intended to be used for general operations of the State Bar of Nevada. \$2,050,000 are 2020 deferred dues.</i>	<b>\$13,754,681</b>
Current Liabilities*	Accounts Payable, deferred revenue, payroll accruals	\$3,721,538
Long-term Liabilities	Notes Payable	\$0
Total Liabilities		\$3,721,538
Net Assets		\$10,033,143
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		<b>\$13,754,681</b>