

STATE BAR OF NEVADA

Annual Report 2018

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BY THE NUMBERS

9,056 Active attorneys

2,462 Inactive attorneys

195 Certified attorneys

926 Suspended attorneys

50 Average age

66 Percent male

34 Percent female

47.05 Percent in Clark County

17.14 Percent in Washoe County

2.64 Percent in Carson City

2.94 Percent in rural counties

30.23 Percent out-of-state

1,752 Ethics Hotline calls received

11,227 Lawyer Referral Service (LRIS) calls received

\$88,645 Donated to civil legal aid through members' dues check-off

12 Therapists and physicians supporting attorney wellness

2,426 Members reported **117,132** hours of direct pro bono representation to persons of limited means

980 Members reported **59,500** hours of reduced-rate service to the community, improving the law or law-related education

33,500 Attorney volunteer hours to state bar programs

4,038 Members belong to **24** sections

335 Attorneys serve as Transitioning Into Practice (TIP) mentors

3,572 Volunteers serve on boards, panels and committees

1,485 Grievances received by the Office of Bar Counsel

65 Hearings held by discipline panels



Our MISSION:

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

Service

- The Access to Justice Commission completed the 2018 Statewide Study of Legal Needs and Economic Impacts of Low Income Nevadans. Designed to improve legal aid delivery, it is the first such study to be completed in Nevada in a decade.
- To facilitate paying annual license fees to the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education, collected dues on behalf of the board, resulting in significantly increased compliance.
- \$88,645 was donated to civil legal aid through members' dues check-off.
- 2,426 members reported 117,132 hours of direct pro bono representation to persons of limited means.
- 2,663 members reported taking a pro bono case through one of five legal aid providers.
- 980 members reported 59,500 hours of reduced-rate services to the community, improving the law or law-related education.
- Through the Access to Justice Commission, continued to help out-of-state victims of the Oct. 1 Las Vegas shooting making pre-arranged pro bono referrals.

Administration

- Processed 690 pro hac vice applications.
- Registered 196 MJP firms pursuant to RPC 7.5A (multijurisdictional law firms).
- Website visits totaled 428,388, with 180,325 unique users.
- The State Bar of Nevada's Facebook page's total lifetime likes increased from 968 at the end of 2017 to 1,208 at the end of 2018. Its number of total followers increased from 1,023 at the end of 2017 to 1,312 and the end of 2018.
- The State Bar of Nevada's Twitter followers increased from 1,711 in 2017 to 2,176 in 2018 and average daily impressions have grown from 988 to 1,800 in 2018.
- Bar leadership continued to collaborate with specialty and local bar leaders to promote events, share ideas, and to foster programs that promote diversity and inclusion.

Protection

- The Clients' Security Fund Committee reviewed 44 claims for reimbursement involving 20 attorneys who had been removed from practice.
- This year, the Clients' Security Fund Committee approved reimbursements totaling approximately \$9.8 million (capped at \$582,720 with the per-claim cap). Client reimbursements resulted primarily from three suspended attorneys.
- The Clients' Security Fund received \$171,465 in restitution from attorneys who have returned to practice.
- More than 150 volunteer attorneys and laypersons serve on the statewide Fee Dispute Committee statewide. The program's free services resolve more than 100 matters annually.
- The Fee Dispute program successfully resolved nearly 60 claims through mediation or settlement, reducing the timeframe for resolution. Fee Dispute claims are resolved within four months on average.
- The Office of Bar Counsel (OBC):
 - » Received 1,485 grievances;
 - » Screened 343 grievances for discipline; and
 - » Issued 60 Letters of Caution.
 - » Court-imposed discipline resulted in:
 - › 13 Public Reprimands
 - › 31 suspensions and
 - › Four disbarments.
 - » Processed 35 resignations
 - » Monitors 43 attorneys on probation and 16 conditional admittees
 - » Assisted in 10 practice takeovers from deceased or disabled attorneys and
 - » Recovered \$175,271.92 from attorneys for discipline costs and fines.
- There are currently 39 members of the Northern Disciplinary Board Committee and 74 members of the Southern Disciplinary Board Committee – they presided over 63 hearings and 25 screening panels this year.

Support

- Established a new wellness program that provides three free therapy sessions; confidential therapy for issues related to stress, anxiety and depression offered through contracted providers statewide.
- Mental health therapy and clinical assessment services now available through Nevada Lawyers Assistance Program (NLAP) via secure videoconference, providing confidential assistance to attorneys located in rural Nevada or for those who prefer online services.
- Conducted more than 25 NLAP outreach activities, including CLE presentations and articles statewide.
- Began holding newly formed 12-step meeting at state bar's Las Vegas office after hours; attorneys seeking support attend weekly.

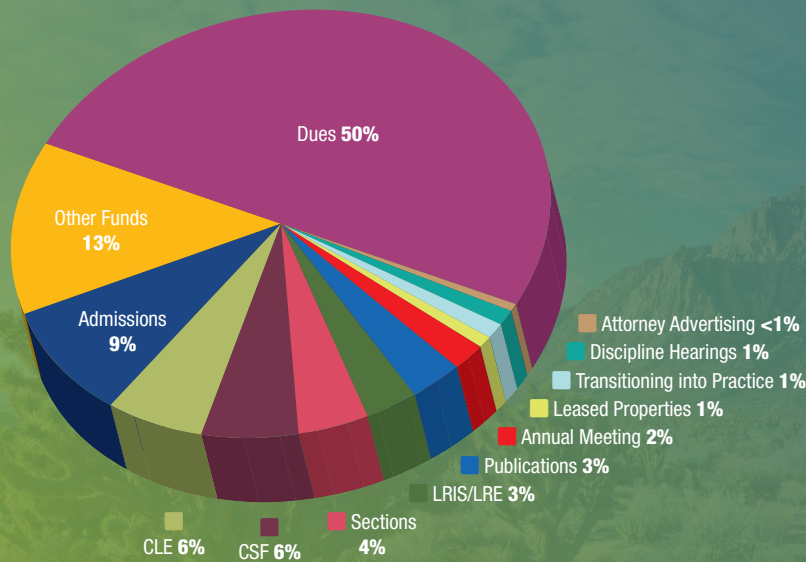
Support

- Partnered with the Access to Justice Commission, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Nevada Legal Services, Southern Nevada Senior Law Program, VARN, Washoe Legal Services and UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law in support of more than 70 statewide events in observation of Pro Bono Celebration 2018.
- The Nevada Bar Foundation granted \$3.4 million in IOLTA dollars to statewide legal aid programs serving low-income Nevadans in need of legal services.
- Using dollars received from the Bank of America settlement, the Nevada Bar Foundation distributed more than \$920,000 to fund legal aid programs supporting community redevelopment and foreclosure prevention.
- The Access to Justice Commission and the Nevada Bar Foundation partnered in bank liaison efforts to build relationships with Nevada IOLTA-participating financial institutions. As a result, Bank of Nevada, First Independent Bank and Meadows Bank voluntarily raised interest paid on IOLTA accounts, which is projected to increase funding for legal aid annually by \$600,000.
- In partnership with the Nevada Bar Foundation, hosted the 2018 National High School Mock Trial Championship in Reno, Nevada, raising more than \$228,000 in donations to host the competition.
- Hosted the 2018 National High School Mock Trial Championship, and recruited 250 attorneys and 125 community volunteers to serve as competition judges and courthouse officials; volunteers donated 7,315 hours of time to the event.
- Two Nevada high school teams advanced to the We the People national competition, taking home two of six available unit awards.
- The Lawyer Referral and Information Service received 11,227 calls and referred callers to 200 panel attorneys.
- Career Center, a member benefit provider, posted 247 jobs and received 577 resumes. More than 470 employers and 1,277 job seekers accessed the site.
- Fastcase, a member benefit provider that provides a free legal research database, had 120,043 log-ins through November with 61,965 cases searched and 332,145 documents viewed.
- A combined 90 law firms and solo practitioners are using Clio, a member benefit provider that offers practice management software.
- Conducted a Pro Bono Survey designed to seek data regarding pro bono participation and recognition.
- Released two new editions of reference manuals: the Nevada Appellate Practice Manual and Nevada Jury Instructions: Civil.
- Produced a new update to the Nevada Civil Practice Manual's Sixth Edition in partnership with LexisNexis, working with more than 40 volunteer attorney editors, authors and reviewers.
- Worked with the Family Law and Real Property Sections, and the Paralegal Division to publish six custom digital newsletters and journals, featuring recent developments in the law and section activities.
- Published 12 issues of *Nevada Lawyer* magazine, covering items of interest and importance to the Nevada legal community, including issues on attorney wellness, technology, admissions, sports law, the First Amendment, and more.
- Published a new regular column in *Nevada Lawyer* featuring perspectives on the Rule of Law from notable attorneys across the state.
- Published 51 issues of the state bar's weekly eNews, providing news to engage bar members and help improve their practices. In 2018, the "click-through" rate of the eNews increased from 4.99 percent to 7.2 percent – significantly higher than the national all-industries average of 4.19 percent.

Ethics/Professionalism

- Admitted 267 new licensees.
- Produced a total of 43 different live seminars and conferences.
- Offered 144.5 CLE credits in live programming comprised of 117.5 general, 15 ethics and 12 substance abuse, addiction disorders and mental health.
- Welcomed more than 2,000 attendees at live CLE programs throughout the year.
- Partnered with 13 state bar sections to produce 23 CLE programs.
- Published six new CLE articles in *Nevada Lawyer* including one ethics topic and two on substance abuse, addiction or mental health topics.
- More than 200 speakers delivered timely and relevant CLE programming.
- Partnered with the Family Law Section for the 29th Annual Family Law Conference in Bishop, California, generating 44 pro bono cases and raising \$1,500 for the One Campaign.
- CLE Committee members and seminar speakers volunteered approximately 500 hours of time throughout the year to deliver relevant and practice-specific programs.
- The Litigation Section held a five-part seminar series in 2018 that focused on trial skills.
- The Transitioning into Practice (TIP) mentorship program had 230 newly admitted attorneys complete the program in 2018; another 88 attorneys are currently enrolled.
- The Nevada Supreme Court appointed 22 qualified attorneys to serve as TIP mentors in 2018, with an additional 17 pending appointment. Also, an additional 225 TIP mentors were re-appointed by the state bar's Board of Governors this year. The State Bar now has more than 335 attorneys serving as TIP mentors.
- Implemented online filing for lawyer advertising and successfully petitioned the court (ADKT 0527) to charge a filing fee, offsetting the state bar's regulatory expenses.
- The Advertising Committee received nearly 330 filed advertisements, including eight requests for advance opinions, up from prior year requests.
- Successfully petitioned the court (ADKT 0531) to provide temporary certification for attorney spouses of active duty military personnel stationed within the State of Nevada.
- Filed an ADKT with the Nevada Supreme Court that would have made professional liability insurance mandatory for all private-practice attorneys and engaged in dialog regarding the benefits and potential consequences of such a program.
- Filed an ADKT with the Nevada Supreme Court that would have put in place random trust account audits as a public protection measure. In its place, educational guidance materials are in development.
- Evaluated the rules for limited practice certification and filed ADKT 0538 with the Nevada Supreme Court that streamlines for consistency and clarifies requirements for limited practice certification rules.
- Formed a taskforce to review the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure and submitted comments to the Nevada Supreme Court (ADKT 0522) regarding issues specific to practice in Nevada.
- Formed the Past President's Council, which will explore concepts related to professionalism, history of the profession in Nevada, diversity and pro bono legal service support.

INCOME*

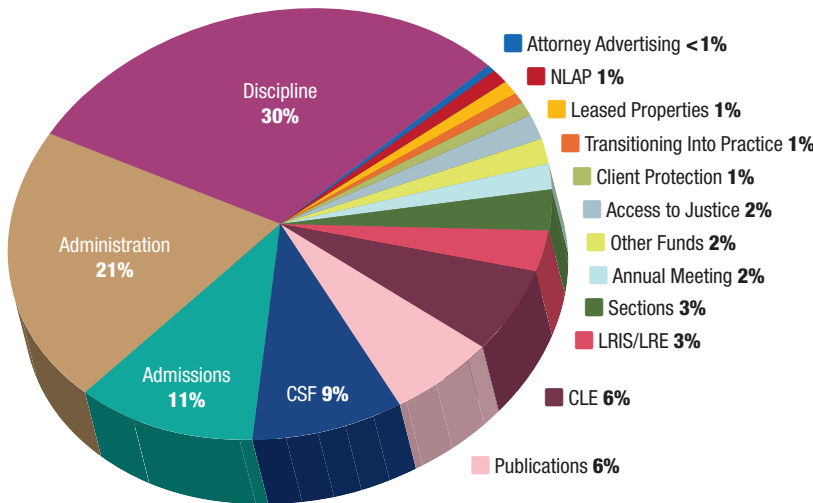


*This chart does not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

Dues	\$3,749,250
Other Funds	\$977,600
Admissions	\$709,500
CLE	\$449,300
CSF	\$415,900
Sections	\$306,400
LRIS/LRE	\$253,200
Publications	\$196,100
Annual Meeting	\$178,400
Discipline Hearings	\$101,800
Transitioning Into Practice	\$78,300
Leased Properties	\$61,700
Attorney Advertising	\$25,100

TOTAL INCOME **\$7,502,550**

EXPENSES



Discipline	\$2,051,600
Administration	\$1,469,800
Admissions	\$777,400
CSF	\$583,100
Publications	\$400,300
CLE	\$396,500
Sections	\$238,800
LRIS/LRE	\$237,800
Annual Meeting	\$166,800
Other Funds	\$132,400
Access To Justice	\$108,900
Client Protection	\$83,800
Transitioning Into Practice	\$71,100
NLAP	\$65,300
Leased Properties	\$37,600
Attorney Advertising	\$20,900

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$6,842,100**

*Not including depreciation

ASSETS, LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Assets	Cash, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, investments <small>*note that approximately \$2,300,000 are designated funds and not intended to be used for general operations of the State Bar of Nevada. \$2,000,000 are 2019 deferred dues.</small>	\$6,197,000
Land, Buildings, Property & Equipment	Land and buildings in Las Vegas and Reno, building improvements, furniture, equipment and software less depreciation	\$6,322,000
Other Assets		\$0
TOTAL ASSETS		\$12,519,000

Current Liabilities*	Accounts Payable, deferred revenue, payroll accruals	\$3,039,000
Long-Term Liabilities	Notes Payable	\$0
Total Liabilities		\$3,039,000
Net Assets		\$9,480,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		\$12,519,000

Based on unaudited 2018 year end financial statements.