

## State Bar of Nevada 2021 BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTION

Name Date of admission to practice in Nevada: 2013 Employer: City of North Las Vegas Present position: Senior Deputy City Attorney Practice area of law: Municipal law, civil litigation, transactional, and employment law.



## Affiliations:

Las Vegas Latino Bar Association, Hispanic National Bar Association, Howard D. McKibben Chapter of the American Inns of Court, Las Vegas National Bar Association, Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys, Clark County Bar Association, and American Bar Association.

# **Biography/ Candidate's Statement**

#### **Biography:**

Marisa is a Senior Deputy City Attorney at City of North Las Vegas (City), where she oversees all aspects of the City's business, including litigation, transactions, labor and employment issues, ordinance drafting, code enforcement, and business licensing.

Prior to joining the legal team at the City, Marisa was a member in Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial's nationally-recognized litigation group. Her practice focused in all phases of complex commercial litigation, premises liability, products liability, catastrophic injury, and healthcare law.

Marisa served as a judicial law clerk for the late Honorable Susan Scann of the Eighth Judicial District Court in Clark County. She received both her B.S. and J.D. from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV.

In 2019, Marisa was recognized as a Top Attorney Under 40 by the Hispanic National Bar Association. In 2020, Marisa received the William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV, Alumna of the Year award. She serves on the advisory board for the Justice Michael L. Douglas PreLaw Fellowship Program.

### **Candidate's Statement:**

The Board of Governors' mission is to govern the legal profession, serve the Nevada State Bar members, and protect the public interest. Given my experience practicing law in both the public and private sector and passion for wellness and health, I would bring to the board a unique perspective and strong work ethic to help achieve its goals.

My top priorities as a Board member would include:

- Expanding member benefits to address issues affecting our profession such as anxiety, depression, and
- stress, and ensuring our members understand that these benefits are available to them.
- Identifying and creating opportunities in the legal profession for the Bar's minority members.

As a proud Boyd alumna (2013) and someone who has called Nevada home for the past 29 years, I am dedicated to the service of our community and legal profession. Along with my practice experience, my leadership roles in several organizations have prepared me to perform as your representative on the Board of Governors. For example, as President of the Latino Bar Association, I founded the ¡Andale! 5K, a scholarship fundraiser centered around a 5k race, which has raised over \$100,000 in two years for Latinos aspiring to attend law school.