



**Joint Meeting Highlights
Supreme Court of Nevada
State Bar of Nevada Board of Governors**

**Via Zoom
January 5, 2022
2:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada and the Supreme Court was convened on January 5, 2022.

The following members were in attendance:

Ann Morgan, President
Paola Armeni, President-Elect
Julie Cavanaugh Bill, Vice President
Eric Dobberstein, Immediate Past President
Seth Adams
Doug Clark
Terry Coffing
Andrew Craner
Richard Dreitzer
Gene Leverty
Catherine Mazzeo
Marisa Rodriguez
Kari Stephens

State Bar staff present:

Lisa Dreitzer
Kimberly Farmer
Dan Hooge
Gale Skala

Members of the Supreme Court:

Chief Justice Parraguirre
Justice Hardesty
Justice Cadish
Justice Herndon
Justice Pickering

Welcome

Chief Justice Parraguirre welcome the members of the Board of Governors. Chief Justice Parraguirre recognized the work the Board of Governors have accomplished for the members of the State Bar of Nevada.

Challenges to Mandatory Bars

President Ann Morgan introduced the members of the Board of Governors. Ms. Morgan presented a synopsis of the pending Unified Bar legal challenges highlighting the McDonald case in Texas, stating how the state bar focuses its activities on only activities that are germane to the bar's mission.

State Bar Strategic Plan

President-elect Paola Armeni spoke to the members of the Court outlining the State Bar's Strategic Plan and measurable goals. Ms. Armeni reviewed the status on achieving the goals in the plan

Nevada Board of CLE Transition

Board member Richard Dreitzer presented an update on the transition of the State Bar of Nevada assuming the operations of the Nevada Board of CLE. Mr. Dreitzer gave a synopsis of the transfer of CLE Board Reserves and Operating Funds highlighting the elimination of the \$40 fee charged to attorneys for MCLE regulations.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Board Member Kari Stephens reported about the Blue Ribbon Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Ms. Stephens highlighted some of the initiatives the committee is bringing to the forefront. These being:

- Hosting roundtable meetings with affiliate bar associations and law firms
- Developing a communications plan and continuing legal education curriculum
- Mentoring and recruiting minority lawyers
- Providing resources for programs that promote and support DEI initiatives

Annual Meeting

Doug Clark gave an overview of the 2022 Annual Meeting in Sonoma, CA. The meeting will be June 23-24 at the Fairmont Mission Inn and Spa in Sonoma. This year's theme is *Cultivating Leadership* and, in addition to relevant CLE programming, we are honoring that theme by providing \$1,500 travel stipends to leaders from each of Nevada's affinity bar associations, as well as leaders from state bar sections.

Program Development Grants

Julie Cavanaugh-Bill discussed the state bar's Program Development Grant initiative. The Board of Governors seeks to support organizations throughout our state to improve diversity, ethics, professionalism, and wellness within the legal profession. That is why the state bar has created the Program Development Grant initiative— to support those creative, inspired programs. Ms. Cavanaugh-Bill gave a synopsis of the grants awarded to date.

Annual Report

Paola Armeni presented the 2021 Annual report of the State Bar of Nevada. Ms. Armeni highlighted the number of volunteers the state bar works with to achieve its mission to serve our members, regulate the legal profession and to protect the public.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.