More attorneys will serve in the 2013 Legislative Session than in 2011. These legislators are a unique group of individuals from different backgrounds. During the 2011 Legislative Session, seven lawyers served in both houses of the Legislature. The two lawyers in the state Senate were Republicans Greg Brower and Mike Roberson. Brower was appointed to the vacancy created when attorney Bill Raggio resigned. Democrats Lucy Flores, Jason Frierson, William Horne, James Ohrenschall and Richard “Tick” Segerblom were the lawyers in the Assembly.

The 2013 Legislative Session will have 12 attorney members, six in the Senate and six in the Assembly. In the Senate, Brower and Roberson will be joined by fellow Republican Mark Hutchison and Democrats Aaron D. Ford, Justin Jones and Segerblom, who moved up from the Assembly. In the Assembly, Republican Wes Duncan will join Democrats Flores, Frierson, Horne and Ohrenschall, and Lesley Cohen, appointed in December to the vacancy created when April Mastroluca resigned.

**NEVADA STATE SENATE**

Aaron D. Ford, assistant majority whip
- **Party:** Democrat
- **Represents:** Clark County
- **Practice:** Snell & Wilmer, LLP
- **Birthplace:** Texas
- **Law School:** Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law

Justin Jones, assistant majority whip
- **Party:** Democrat
- **Represents:** Clark County
- **Practice:** Holland & Hart, LLP
- **Birthplace:** California
- **Law School:** George Washington University, School of Law, in Washington, D.C.

Richard “Tick” Segerblom
- **Party:** Democrat
- **Represents:** Clark County
- **Practice:** private practice
- **Birthplace:** Nevada
- **Law School:** Sturm College of Law, University of Denver
Meet The Lawyers in The Legislature

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NEVADA STATE ASSEMBLY*

Greg Brower
- Party: Republican
- Represents: Washoe County
- Practice: Snell & Wilmer, LLP
- Birthplace: Wisconsin, grew up in Clark County
- Law School: George Washington University, School of Law, in Washington, D.C.

Lesley Cohen
- Party: Democrat
- Represents: Clark County
- Practice: Pecos Law Group
- Birthplace: New York City, grew up in Clark County
- Law School: DePaul University College of Law, Illinois

William Horne, majority leader
- Party: Democrat
- Represents: Clark County
- Practice: private practice
- Birthplace: Texas, grew up in Clark County
- Law School: William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Mark Hutchison
- Party: Republican
- Represents: Clark County
- Practice: Hutchison & Steffen, LLC
- Birthplace: Nevada
- Law School: Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School

Lucy Flores, assistant majority whip
- Party: Democrat
- Represents: Clark County
- Practice: Maddox, Isaacson & Cisneros, LLP
- Birthplace: California
- Law School: William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

James Ohrenschall
- Party: Democrat
- Represents: Clark County
- Practice: Member of the Howard McKibben Chapter of the American Inns of Court, practices at the Juvenile Division of the Clark County Public Defender’s Office and represents children in delinquency proceedings.
- Birthplace: Nevada
- Law School: William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Mike Roberson, minority leader
- Party: Republican
- Represents: Clark County
- Practice: Kolesar & Lehman, Chrd.
- Birthplace: Missouri; grew up in Kansas
- Law School: University of Kansas, School of Law

Jason Frierson, assistant majority leader
- Party: Democrat
- Represents: Clark County
- Practice: Deputy District Attorney
- Birthplace: California
- Law School: William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Wes Duncan
- Party: Republican
- Represents: Clark County
- Practice: Law Offices of Lee A. Drizin, Chrd.
- Birthplace: California
- Law School: Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law

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The Assembly members are equally interesting. The Vice President of Greyhound Pet Adoptions Las Vegas, Cohen assists retired racing greyhounds in finding permanent homes. Duncan is a former member of the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps. In 2012, Flores won the title of “Best Politician Using Social Media to reach Latino(a)s” at the Latino(a)s in Tech Innovation and Social Media Annual Conference in Texas. Frierson clerked for Nevada Supreme Court Justice Myron Leavitt and was a member of Boyd Law School’s charter class, graduating in 2001. Horne studied Japanese and American Sign Language while in college. An Air Force “brat,” he followed in his family’s military tradition by serving in the NV Army Reserves, 221st Armor Battalion, while in ROTC at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He spent 15 years as a flight attendant before attending law school. Ohrenschall succeeded his mother Genie Ohrenschall in the Assembly and spent six weeks in Greece meeting his extended family and researching his roots.

He serves with Senators Brower and Roberson and Assemblyman Horne on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State laws. Ohrenschall serves on two of the Commission’s Study Committees: Eyewitness Identification Procedures Act and Model Veteran’s Court Act.

LEGISLATIVE GOALS

The Senators all have goals for the current legislative session. Brower’s goal is to enact policies that will maximize job creation and improve education in Nevada. Ford states his goal is to work with interested parties to improve Nevada in the areas of each respective committee. Hutchison plans to lead a bipartisan effort promoting job creation and economic revitalization of Nevada, and to improve educational opportunities and performance for Nevada students. Jones wants to work with colleagues in both parties to improve Nevada’s education system, diversify its economy to foster job creation, and expand access to affordable health care for all Nevadans. Roberson’s goals are to promote a more bi-partisan and solution-driven Legislature. His priorities are to support economic development, advance a business-friendly climate, and improve the state’s K-12 and higher education systems. Segerblom aspires to start the long-term process of reforming the state’s criminal justice system, beginning with the Collateral Consequences Act and laws to divert non-violent offenders into treatment and rehabilitation programs as opposed to felony convictions and prison.

The Assembly members also have hopes and plans for the near future. Cohen’s goal is to work with her fellow legislators to make the session a success. Duncan seeks to amend Assembly Bill 284 (2011 session) on real property. He wants to reform the construction defect laws, eliminating the authority for automatic pre-litigation fees. Flores plans to focus on passing her bills and on her responsibilities as the assistant
majority whip. As a leader, Frierson’s goal is to help bridge the gap between established members of the Assembly and new members. As the chair of the Judiciary Committee, he hopes to provide leadership on issues arising in the committee that impact Nevada’s legal community. He wants to take part in efforts to improve the home foreclosure crisis, so that real property can move through the market, but people can remain in their homes. Horne’s goal is to support further programs for job creation and economic development. And, Ohrenschall plans to tackle criminal justice reform and legislation that will heighten the screening requirements for breast cancer.

Conclusion
The lawyers in the Legislature have traveled various paths to obtain their seats in the Senate or Assembly, gaining the experience and vision to represent Nevada well in the 2013 Legislative Session.

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS*

Senate Committee Assignments:
- Commerce, Labor and Energy Committee: Jones and Hutchison
- Education Committee: Ford
- Finance Committee: Roberson
- Health and Human Services: Jones (chair) and Segerblom
- Judiciary Committee: Segerblom (chair), Ford, Jones, Brower and Hutchison
- Natural Resources: Ford (chair), Segerblom
- Revenue and Economic Development Committee: Brower and Roberson

Assembly Committee Assignments:
- Commerce and Labor Committee: Frierson, Horne and Ohrenschall
- Judiciary Committee: Frierson (chair), Ohrenschall (vice chair), Cohen and Duncan
- Education Committee: Cohen and Duncan
- Health and Human Resources Committee: Duncan
- Legislative Operations and Elections: Ohrenschall (chair), Flores (vice chair) and Duncan
- Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining Committee: Cohen
- Taxation members: Frierson and Horne
- Transportation member: Flores
- Ways and Means Committee: Horne (vice chair), Flores

*Democrats are the majority party and listed first in alphabetical order followed the minority party Republicans.