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PRO BONO SPOTLIGHT

JOE GORMAN

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Teaching has always been a passion of Joe Gorman's. Before becoming an attorney and opening a private practice firm in Reno, Gorman worked as an elementary school teacher in New Mexico. He made the big change because, "Practicing law would allow me to have a greater impact on people."

Gorman's teaching now centers around the seminars he provides to senior citizens through the Serving Seniors Project. Once a month, Gorman speaks on the topic of estate planning; although this topic can be difficult, it is extremely important for his audience. "This is a really big problem, but it's useful," Gorman explained. "I think [the attendees] leave knowing more than when they came in."

A graduate of Tulane University and Stanford Law School, Gorman joined the Nevada bar in 2009 and opened up his private practice in 2010. Gorman's practice focuses on division of property, estate planning, various commercial matters and even litigation. He said the pro bono cases he takes are often outside of his normal practice area, which he believes is a good thing. "[It] helps me explore new areas such as guardianship; it's quite educational," he said.

Gorman volunteers through Nevada Legal Services and Washoe Legal Services and often participates in the Lawyer-in-the-Library program. His drive to do good through pro bono work stems from his recognition of the simple truth that there are hundreds of thousands of people in the United States who need good legal help, but simply cannot afford it. "It's our responsibility to fill that gap," Gorman explained. He believes it is a great way to improve the general public's perception of the legal profession at the same time.

"Pro bono is a responsibility. You cannot make excuses; it's part of the privilege of practicing law," Gorman added. ■