NOTE FROM THE ISSUE EDITOR

BY GREGORY R. SHANNON, ESQ.

Once a year the members of the Editorial Board of Nevada Lawyer meet to set the following year’s editorial calendar and establish the themes for each issue. An unfortunate side effect of this practice is that we receive a number of meritorious article submissions that must be rejected because they do not relate to any of the upcoming themes. This issue is our effort to address the problem. We call this issue “Hot Topics,” and our submissions have indeed been wide-ranging.

No topic could be hotter at the moment than that of medical marijuana. Jacquelyn Leleu brings us an employer’s perspective on medical marijuana in the workplace. Nicole M. Vance introduces us to the use of directed trusts in trust planning. Author Ryan Lower looks into the question of whether Nevada LLC members can be sued under the Alter Ego Doctrine. Courney Forster considers the state of Nevada’s construction defect laws. And, finally, members can receive one hour of CLE while learning how to overcome evasive actions by insurers in construction defect cases. These feature articles plus Nevada Lawyer’s monthly columns make for a full and informative issue.

In November, our thoughts turn to the service and sacrifice of our military veterans. Check out the Back Story page for a tribute to those members who have served their country during wartime.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Nevada Lawyer.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM: Hon. Valerie P. Cook, United States Magistrate Judge

I write to ask that you publish the enclosed letter from the ghost of my late father, Tom Cooke. The letter is in response to President Elana Turner Graham’s October “Message from the President.”

In it, President Graham is incorrect in her statement of the Nevada bar’s history. I received some calls from elderly lawyers who wondered what my father would say, not to mention my grandfather, H.R. Cooke. I thought it would be fun to respond in my father’s voice and in Irish brogue, which he used quite often over the years to correspond with lawyers, politicians and friends.

I hope the editorial board and President Graham will receive and publish my father’s letter in the spirit of good humor, which is truly what is intended.

Warm regards,
Valerie P. Cook