

A WORD FROM THE ISSUE EDITOR:

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Our cover story this month is on the Sixth Judicial District Court. Readers will learn about the life stories of District Court judges Richard Wagner and Michael Montero, and the district's historic courthouses and local practice. The articles on this district are the seventh in a series on the district courts in rural Nevada. (See the Back Story map for reference.)

Tom Perkins' article recounts some of his wild experiences as a public defender. And Darcy Houghton and Jennifer Yturbide offer insights into the county bar associations in the First and Ninth Judicial Districts.

History aficionados will be interested in the article on Nevada's first federal office building, post office and courthouse in Carson City.

Nevada Lawyer continues featuring columns from different sections of the state bar. This month, Ryan Earl describes the Elder Law Section and the growing importance of this area of the law and the activities of this bar section. **NL**

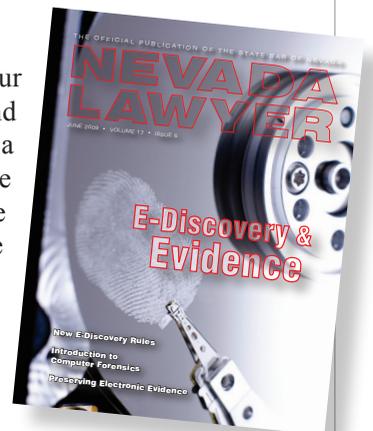
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear *Nevada Lawyer* magazine,

The computer forensics article in your June 2009 issue was very well presented and contained plenty of good information. As a computer forensics (CF) business owner we often search for articles as good as that one but rarely find them. Even so, you may have already received e-mails from many other CF folks in regards to the proper way to shut down a machine. Please forgive me if you have, but, here is another one.

While pulling the plug from the back of a machine is sometimes allowed, there are some decisions that must be made before taking that step. If the machine is operating on Linux or if the machine is a server it is best not to just pull the plug. If you do, you may never get it started up again in the proper mode. Also, one may come upon a machine that has evidence of some sort, perhaps even evidence that has been decrypted, on the screen and if you shut down that machine by pulling the plug you may lose it forever. Also, now that CF experts have



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