

# A note From the Issue Editor

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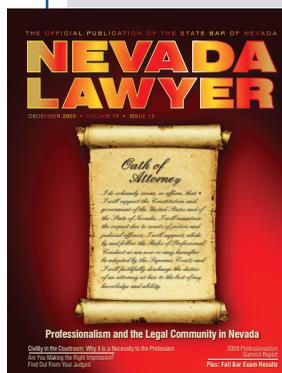
For close to three years I have been a member of the Editorial Board of *Nevada Lawyer*. Every month, the state bar staff does an amazing job of putting together a top-notch publication, all the while coordinating between different attorneys in different offices, cities and even states.

The February issue focuses on personal injury and has a fascinating article from Michael Lowry regarding Nevada's comparative negligence statute. We hope the article is useful and that it will stimulate some debate. This month's issue also contains an article on keeping your sanity while practicing law – especially valuable guidance for personal injury practitioners.

As always, thanks for reading *Nevada Lawyer*! ■

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Judge Gerry Hardcastle's article in the Dec. 2009 *Nevada Lawyer* urging Civility in the Courtroom was excellent. Indeed, litigants and their attorneys deserve their day in court "without being sucker-punched in an abusive and degrading process." Unfortunately, many attorneys think that zealous advocacy means they have to be mean and nasty. But, as Judge Hardcastle wrote, such a tactic often backfires. The fact that an opposing attorney disagrees with

the point you are making does not mean that they are stupid or unethical. Judges should not tolerate abusive tactics. If all litigators followed Judge Hardcastle's advice, there would be a lot less stress in this profession. ■

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