

# A Note From the Issue Editor

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November's intellectual property themed issue of *Nevada Lawyer* features articles sure to be useful for both IP lawyers as well as non-IP lawyers. It contains three primary feature articles.

In the first, West Allen presents his views on the new local rules of practice for patent cases that became effective on August 1, 2011, and addresses the question of whether or not Nevada Federal Court is now the next best place for patent litigation. In the second, Ryan Cobb offers an analysis of issues regarding Nevada's selection to be part of the Patent Pilot Program. And, in the final feature, Dick Schulze brings us a look at an entertaining and interesting trademark issue concerning the popular cartoon character Betty Boop.

For those of you who need to get in some CLE before year-end, Michael McCue has prepared a One Hour CLE on Common Mistakes Involving IP Law. And, in honor of Veterans Day, this issue contains an article by Rene Valladares reminding us how we can use our legal skills to help those who served. Closing out the issue is an article by Seaton Curran taking a brief look at the America Invents Act, which was signed into law on September 16.

Even more IP related articles for you to enjoy may be found on the bar's website at [www.nvbar.org](http://www.nvbar.org), under publications > Nevada Lawyer > November, 2011.

I wish to thank the Nevada Lawyer Editorial Board and staff as well as the contributing authors who made this issue possible. May this issue be of benefit to you in your practice. ■



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## Letter to the Editor

### In Response to the September 2011 Issue on Boyd Law School

I was disappointed by the short shrift given to "old college" in Reno. The "natural fit" for a law school for Nevada was Reno, with its proximity to the Nevada Supreme Court and the National Judicial College. The other natural fit would have been to move the Nevada Medical School to the more populous Las Vegas. Some would say the legislature was short sighted.

Congratulations on developing the Boyd School of Law. Good Job!

**Jerry Osgood**