

# A Note From the Issue Editor

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The William S. Boyd School of Law celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> graduating class this past May. To commemorate this anniversary, we reflect on the school's inception and its achievements over the past decade. In this issue readers will learn about the challenging task of starting a new law school, get interesting firsthand accounts from the charter class and read about the continuing success and viability of Nevada's only law school. As we survey how far the law school has come from its beginnings and the extraordinary pace of its achievements, we also provide an update on the current state of the law school and how it has adapted to and overcome difficult economic stresses. This issue will provide you with an appreciation for the pace at which the law school has achieved success and how it continues to build on that success for the benefit of the Nevada legal community and all Nevadans.

First, Professor Mary Berkheiser provides us with an excellent history of the law school's founding and its early years. Second, Boyd charter class member Michael Saunders gives us an interesting glimpse of what life was like for the charter class during Boyd's maiden voyage. Third, Dean John Valery White describes the current state of the law school and how the school has met and overcome some difficult challenges head-on and how it continues to build on its prior successes. Additionally, the school's law review editors describe how the Nevada Law Journal's new website provides a practical resource for Nevada lawyers. Lastly, the Back Story showcases the state bar's commitment to promoting diversity in our profession.

Since its inception, the law school has striven to become a first-class law school, an asset to the Nevada legal community and to provide an opportunity for Nevada residents to earn their law degree without leaving the state. As issue editor, I hope you enjoy learning more about the state's only law school and how it has established a solid reputation for itself over the past decade. ■



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