

# FY 2013 – 2018 Strategic Plan

*A Five-Year Vision  
Adopted by the State  
Bar of Nevada's Board  
of Governors*



Our Mission is to govern the legal profession, to serve our members, and to protect the public interest.

**Our Goals are...**

- to govern the legal profession in the State of Nevada, subject to the approval of the Supreme Court;
- to aid in the advance of the science of jurisprudence and in the improvement of the administration of justice;
- to promote reform in the law and in judicial procedure;
- to uphold and elevate the standard of honor, integrity, and courtesy in the legal profession;
- to encourage higher and better education for membership in the profession;
- to promote a spirit of cordiality and true friendship among members of the Bar; and
- to manage the business of the State Bar in a prudent manner.

The Strategic Priorities outlined in this 5-Year plan reflect the commitment the State Bar of Nevada's Board of Governors has made to carry forward this mission and its related goals.

**Support attorneys working in Nevada seeking to achieve and uphold the uppermost professional, ethical and civil conduct**

**Promote and, when necessary, enforce the highest ethical conduct of Nevada Lawyers**

- Provide a timely system for addressing and/or resolving complaints about lawyers
- Develop and support systems that address issues in the unauthorized practice of law
- Continue to develop and maintain programs that assist lawyers in their practice
- Establish lines of communication with law enforcement and other entities regarding issues of attorney misconduct

**Support lawyers in transition**

- Engage and assist newly admitted lawyers
- Assist lawyers leaving the practice of law
- Expand the Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers program

**Inform and educate Nevada attorneys on professionalism and ethics**

- Identify continuing education needs of Nevada lawyers and respond to their needs
- Assess issues and provide programs and services that inform Nevada lawyers on the Rules of Professional conduct

**Provide a foundation of support to Nevada attorneys to ensure that they maintain the highest standards of competency, technical skills and ethics**

**Ensure lawyers admitted to practice in Nevada have met educational, ethical and admission requirements**

- Support the Board of Bar Examiners and its subcommittees
- Continue to evaluate character and fitness and other admission requirements and standards
- Continue to strictly interpret and comply with Nevada Supreme Court Rules regarding admissions
- Evaluate and respond to trends and critical issues affecting bar admissions

**Provide tools and resources to support accessible continuing education for Nevada attorneys**

- Develop a menu of CLE programs that are affordable, innovative and accessible
- Access and provide practice management tools that will serve as resources for attorneys
- Collaborate and partner with other legal education providers to expand the scope of state bar programs

**Provide effective and timely information to Nevada lawyers**

- Publish Nevada Lawyer and deliver content in various formats
- Utilize social media, where appropriate, to provide communications across various platforms

**Maintain active guidance and support to sections**

- Conduct programs on the business of managing sections
- Encourage collaboration between sections
- Develop and implement strategies and programs to encourage member participation

**Provide a foundation of support to the legal community**

**Advance the science of jurisprudence, reform of the law and judicial procedure**

- Collaborate with the courts to address issues of underrepresented public
- Continuously evaluate State Bar publishing program

**Collaborate and enhance relationships with other entities**

- Support and participate in programs offered by affiliate bars and law related organizations
- Develop programs for Nevada attorneys and other professionals with common interests

**Facilitate and support diversity initiatives**

- Encourage and support State Bar and law school programs that encourage diversity

**Educate and inform the public about lawyer’s professional standards**

- Promote to the public how to find a lawyer and promote the lawyer referral service
- Provide a clearinghouse of consumer information

**Promote pride in the profession through education of the public**

- Inform and educate the public about lawyer's professionalism standards through various media outlets
- Reach the public through law related education programs for all ages
- Identify areas that impact the public and provide information

**Provide for effective operations for resource management, policy and planning**

**Develop human resources strengths among volunteers and professional staff**

- Encourage and support continuing education for staff
- Continue to develop and promote professional and educational resources for volunteers

**Draw from mandates, professional expectations and community needs to develop plans that support long-range thinking and ensure continuity**

- Identify and pursue methods to manage bar operations and programs efficiently
- Support client protection programs through continued funding, policy development and information dissemination

**Implement state-of-the-art solutions using technology**

- Access and utilize social media when appropriate
- Continuously assess bar operations and the use of technology

**Lessen the burden of member compliance by identifying more efficient processes**

- Evaluate mandates, process and procedures for member compliance to mandatory reporting

Support access to justice

**Promote and support pro bono initiatives**

- Support the Access to Justice Commission
- Continue to encourage lawyer's pro bono service to enhance the culture of service

**Support court efforts to reduce costs and streamline processes for lawyers and the public**