### STATE BAR OF NEVADA

**ETHICS/PROFESSIONALISM**

- Admitted 319 new licensees
- Offered 47 different seminars/conferences and 5 webinars for a total of 52 live programs
- Offered 177 CLE credits in live programming comprised of 132.5 general, 33 ethics and 11.5 substance abuse, addiction disorders and mental health
- Welcomed more than 2,400 attendees at live programs throughout the year
- Partnered with 15 state bar sections in producing 27 CLE programs (excludes presentations at Annual Meeting)
- More than 300 speakers delivered timely and relevant CLE programming
- Raised $27,500 through a collaboration with Bank of Nevada and First Independent Bank to present a CLE program to benefit pro bono service providers in Nevada
- Partnered with the Nevada State Medical Association to present the second CLE in the Health Care Reform series
- Held the second annual Women in the Law Conference in Reno
- Partnered with the Gaming Law Section in offering the Bank Secrecy Act Conference where more than 400 people from across the country gathered
- The Transitioning into Practice (TIP) mentorship program had 236 newly admitted attorneys complete the program in 2014. An additional 102 are currently enrolled in the Fall 2014 TIP cycle and 128 are pending enrollment in the Spring 2015 TIP cycle
- The Supreme Court of Nevada appointed 65 qualified attorneys to serve as TIP mentors in 2014. An additional 170 mentors were re-appointed by the State Bar of Nevada Board of Governors

**SERVICE**

- $2,020,849 raised in IOLTA
- Transitioned 30 participating financial institutions through IOLTA Program management changeover from Justice League of Nevada to Nevada Bar Foundation
- $235,943 was donated to civil legal aid through members’ dues check off
- 1,288 members reported 84,720 hours of direct legal services to the community, improving the law or law-related education
- 3,527 members reported 122,647 hours of direct pro bono representation to persons of limited means
- Created the State Bar of Nevada YouTube channel, including nearly 20 videos in two series: Tips to Assist and the Mock Trial series
- Published news stories available on the state bar’s social media accounts, including Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter, providing news and networking information to nearly 1,000 subscribers
- Published the 2014 Edition of *Nevada Business Entities*
- Increased the number of reference manual publications available to bar members as instantaneous digital downloads
- Worked with the Family Law, Labor and Employment Law and Young Lawyers sections to publish 11 custom digital newsletters, featuring recent developments in the law and section activities
- Published six Nevada Lawyer magazine articles for CLE credit
- Endorsed ALPS as exclusive professional liability insurance provider
- Partnered with ALPS to offer Attorney Match, pairing those leaving the legal profession with those that are entering

**PROTECTION**

- The Clients’ Security Fund Committee reviewed 53 claims for reimbursement involving 6 attorneys removed from practice
- Client Security Fund Committee approved reimbursements totaling $385,919 to clients wronged by lawyers
- The Fee Dispute program received more than 160 fee dispute claims and assisted more than 200 clients and attorneys resolve their disputes through the voluntary Fee Dispute Arbitration Committee, at no cost to either party
- The Fee Dispute program successfully resolved more than 40 claims through mediation and 160 claims through arbitration. Fee dispute claims are effectively resolved within four months on average
- More than 200 volunteer attorneys and laypersons continue to serve as fee dispute mediators and arbitrators statewide
- Office of Bar Counsel issued 42 letters of reprimand and 21 public reprimands
- 25 attorneys were suspended and 7 were disbarred
- 1,633 attorney complaints were received and 347 grievance files were opened
- Office of Bar Counsel completed 72 hearings
- 42 cases required Office of Bar Counsel to monitor probation conditions

### SUPPORT

- Partnered with the Access to Justice Commission, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Nevada Legal Services, Southern Nevada Senior Law Program, VARN, Washoe Legal Services and UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law in support of 26 statewide events during Pro Bono Celebration 2014
- Hosted the ONE Promise Nevada Auction at the State Bar’s 2014 Annual Meeting where more than $13,000 was raised to support pro bono
- Supported more than 50 ONE Promise Nevada meetings statewide where the ONE Campaign was promoted to more than 1,600 Bar members
- The Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRS) received more than 19,000 calls and referred 13,746 callers to 305 panel attorneys
- The LRS Public Service Grant program awarded $126,145 to 10 Nevada nonprofit organizations
- Established the Entertainment Law section bringing the total number of sections to 24
- The Diversity Committee awarded two $5,000 diversity scholarships to Boyd Law School students as part of an ongoing commitment to diversity within the profession, funded by the LRS Public Service Grant program
- Supported section conferences including Family Law, Gaming Law, Public Lawyers and Intellectual Property Law with more than 1,000 attendees

**ADMINISTRATION**

- Member Services, Office of Bar Counsel and Admissions each launched new databases
- Admissions moved to an online application process
- Processed 617 pro hac vice applications
- 1,236 members opted to receive their bar notices electronically
- 5,753 licensees submitted their annual reporting forms electronically
- Website visits totaled 503,530, with 240,184 unique users
- Began construction on building improvements to the new Las Vegas headquarters located at 3100 West Charleston Blvd.
- Legislative committees were formed by the Family Law Section, the Business Law Section, the Real Property Section, the LGBT Section and the Probate and Trust Section
- Approved a Personal Injury Specialization with Nevada Justice Association certifying attorneys as Personal Injury Specialists
- The newly formed Civility Task Force provided roundtable meetings resulting in a change to the attorney’s oath and a number of CLEs on professionalism
- Filed an ADKT resulting in amending SCR 49.9 to enable rural county Public Defenders’ offices to seek qualified out-of-state attorneys to provide services
- Filed an ADKT amending Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct 1.0, 1.6, 4.4 and 1.18 concerning safeguarding of client information in light of increased use of technology practices regarding and identifying conflict of interest
- Filed an ADKT proposing changes to Rules of Professional Conduct RPC 8.4 regarding medical marijuana
- Partnered with the Latino Bar on a bilingual Unauthorized Practice of Law campaign

**Our MISSION:**

To govern the legal profession, serve our members and protect the public interest.

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