

Young Lawyers

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THANK YOU

This issue of Nevada Lawyer magazine focuses on trusts and estates. Within that legal structure are trustees: individuals who hold property in trust for another. I do not practice in trust or estate law, so drafting an article for that practice area would be a challenge.

Instead, as I sit here contemplating this article's topic, my mind gravitates toward thinking of the "trustees" of our state's legal system. As I write, it is the holiday season, and it seems fitting to voice our collective thanks for those trustees who make our state's legal system one of the best in the country. As such, the Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Nevada would like to take this opportunity to thank the trustees of our state bar.

We are blessed to have seven talented and devoted Supreme Court justices, who not only manage the busiest appellate case load in the country, but who work tirelessly to improve our legal system. Whether it be regulating the profession through rule, ethical review, or through steering critical commissions such as Access to Justice and Indigent Defense, our justices devote their days to constant improvement. These are not simple tasks with easy goals. Our Supreme Court takes on the difficult issues with sometimes elusive goals — always in the name of improvement for our state's residents. For that, the Young Lawyers Section thanks you.

We are fortunate to have a state bar administered by dedicated professionals. Prior to joining the Young Lawyers Section's Executive Committee, I was wholly unaware of the resources required to run a state bar. The State Bar of Nevada's administrative staff is not only capable, but dedicated to managing the business of the state bar, providing our membership with top-notch services, supporting attorney education and improving our administration of justice. For the last several years, I have enjoyed a front row seat to a first-class organization that guides our state's attorneys from the beginning of their careers until the end. For that, the Young Lawyers Section thanks you.

We are thankful to have 15 attorneys representing four state districts as our Board of Governors. As if practicing law full time is not enough, these attorneys agreed to take on the arduous task of governing our state bar's administrative functions, setting policies and procedures, effecting rule changes, taking legislative positions and overseeing the state bar's fiduciary responsibilities. The task is large and these governors have carried out that task honorably. For that, the Young Lawyers Section thanks you.

Our state bar's trustees do not end there. Our court judges, prosecutors, public defenders and private practitioners all play a significant role in ensuring our state bar is one of the

best in the country. The more I get to know the leaders of our state bar, the more I see all who volunteer hours behind the scenes: judges who chair committees in their districts to improve their courtrooms, district attorneys who teach mock trial classes at the university and the Young Lawyers Section



Members of the Young Lawyers Section met with some of Nevada's Supreme Court justices at the 2014 Annual Meeting. (Left to right, standing: Justice James Hardesty, Jordan Davis, Esq., Justice Michael Douglas, Justice Kristina Pickering, Justice Michael Cherry, Scott Lachman, Esq., Mike Lee; Left to right, kneeling: Jeremy Reichenberg, Jeff Connor, Esq. and Matthew Digesti, Esq.)

members who administer the Trial Academy each year, to those beginning their careers (to name just a few). For that, the Young Lawyers Section thanks you.

As a nine-year member of the state bar, I have experienced enough to truly appreciate those who serve. I also have experienced enough to know that the next generation of trustees has a very large task ahead of us. Fortunately, we have been provided with an excellent foundation to ensure we carry today's successes forward. **NL**