# A Note From the Issue Editor

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It is the goal of many in our state's legal community that Nevada should have a bar as diverse as the clients it serves. Efforts toward this goal are gaining support from legal organizations, the state bar and its individual members alike. This issue takes a look why these efforts are so important, at what is being done to diversify the legal community, and at what still needs to be done.

Quite a few local and national bar organizations are doing their utmost to drive the progress of diversity in the law. Janet Belcove-Shalin, a member of the bar's diversity committee, brings readers a look at the American Bar Association's ongoing, long-term efforts to promote diversity in the profession. State bar Program Director Lisa McGrane writes about the bar's own Diversity Committee. And this issue also provides an examination of resources available to attorneys through some of Nevada's various specialty bars.

Other articles in this issue focus on specific tools for the promotion of diversity by firms and individuals. Shane Jasmine Young's article explains what a diversity champion is and takes a look at how bringing such people on board can help achieve diversification. Another article examines the bar's role in fostering diversity by reaching out to Nevada's teachers and students.

As French author and philosopher Antoine de Saint-Exupéry famously wrote: *"He who is different from me does not impoverish me – he enriches me."* This issue of *Nevada Lawyer* celebrates the quest for diversity and the enrichment that such diversity will undeniably bring to our profession as a whole. ▪

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