

A Note From the Issue Editor

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The weather isn't the only thing changing in Nevada right now. Our state is saying goodbye to familiar faces on the federal bench and welcoming new ones. What better time to bring our members an issue that looks at both the history and the future of our federal courts?

In this issue, you will meet two of our newest U.S. District Court Judges: Miranda Du and Gloria Navarro, who both bring their unique perspectives (as, in the first case, an immigrant and, in the second, a first-generation American), along with their intelligence and experience to their roles. Our readers will also find some sage advice from veterans of the bench; all three of Nevada's Ninth Circuit judges share their tips to practitioners appearing in appellate court in an article by Paul Georgeson.

Prof. Tuan Samahon's article examines the "blue slip tradition" and whether or not the weight of that tradition is stripping power from the president when it comes to judicial appointments. In another article that illustrates change in Nevada's courts, Margaret Foley takes a look at the increasing dependence the District of Nevada has on its senior judges.

Finally, in this issue's back story, Richard Pocker examines the important role of lawyer representatives in the District of Nevada.

How is your CLE status for the year? If you don't have all of those credits just yet, we have some good news. This issue contains an expanded list of the state bar's CLE offerings for the rest of 2012. ■



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