



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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## YOUR BAR BY THE NUMBERS: HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2015

As we wrap up 2015 and get ready for the coming new year, it is a great time to take a look at the impact your bar has had throughout the last 12 months. The Board of Governors evaluates all of the state bar's programs on a continuous basis to make sure that we continue to serve the bar's mission and improve the services the bar provides to its members. Here are just a few highlights from our shared accomplishments in 2015 in the context of the bar's mission statement goals:

### *Governing the Legal Profession*

- We admitted 321 new members to the State Bar of Nevada in 2015, bringing us up to more than 11,000 active and inactive members.
- We filed an ADKT amending the court rules related to attorney misconduct, regarding the standard of review for discipline cases as it relates to findings of fact, as well as the composition of hearing panels and the conditions for reinstatement to the practice of law.
- We are on schedule to complete 110 attorney discipline hearings in 2015, a 72 percent increase over 2014.
- We screened more than 200 grievance complaints, and pending investigations have been reduced from 441 to 240, a reduction of 46 percent.
- We proposed amendments increasing the application and renewal fees for pro hac vice attorneys, with a portion of the increase going to pro bono providers and the Nevada Bar Foundation.
- We improved the internal operations of advertising by amending Advertising Rules of Procedure, improving the filing and processing of lawyer advertisements.
- We supported nearly 300 attorney mentors, who in turn helped introduce nearly 350 new attorneys to the practice of law in Nevada.

### *Serving our Members*

- We opened the new state bar headquarters, providing improved facilities and resources for the support of bar members.
- We offered more than 50 live CLE courses to members, providing the opportunity for 2,400 attending attorneys to earn more than 180 CLE credits throughout the year.
- We implemented a new Short Trial Volunteer Program, giving new attorneys the opportunity to gain trial practice experience.
- We maintained our lineup of excellent member benefits, including Fastcase legal research, ALPS insurance, LawPay credit card processing and Clio practice management services.

### *Protecting the Public Interest*

- Our bilingual information campaign, educating Nevadans about the unauthorized practice of law, reached approximately 100,000 people through radio, print and speaking engagements.
- The Clients' Security Fund committee approved nearly \$340,000 in reimbursement claims to clients harmed by attorneys who are removed from practice or deceased.
- More than 12,000 students participated in law-related education programs provided by the State Bar of Nevada.
- The Fee Dispute program supported more than 200 clients and attorneys in 2015.
- We supported the state bar sections as they provided information to their members; 16 sections produced 23 CLE programs in 2015 and six sections produced publications related to their areas of interest, including work to develop three new long-form reference manuals.

Viewed collectively, the efforts of the bar are put into perspective – we've made an impressive impact in 2015, helping thousands of attorneys and members of the public. I expect even better things in 2016 as we continue our efforts. Just a few of our priorities in the coming year include further improvements to the attorney discipline process, ensuring we support attorneys through services such as Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers and the Nevada Lawyer Assistance Program, and more. **NL**