STATE BAR OF NEVADA

Annual Report 2016

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BY THE NUMBERS

8,916 Active Members

2,313 Inactive Members

176 Certified Members

802 Suspended Members

54 Average age

67 Percent male

33 Percent female

49 Percent in Clark County

13.5 Percent in Washoe County

2.6 Percent in Carson City

2.8 Percent in Rural Counties

27.5 Percent out-of-state

2,032 Ethics Hotline calls received

11,528 Lawyer Referral Service (LRIS) calls received

6,310 students in law-related education (LRE) programs

$157,998 in advertising revenue and sponsorships

$122,025 donated to civil legal aid through members' dues check off

765 members reported **27,570** hours of service to the community, improving the law or law-related education

2,177 members reported **100,958** hours of direct pro bono representation to persons of limited means

30,474 attorney volunteer hours to state bar programs

3,964 members belong to **26** sections

289 attorneys serve as Transitioning Into Practice (TIP) mentors

463 volunteers serve on boards, panels and committees

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Our MISSION:

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

Ethics/Professionalism

- Admitted 267 new licensees.
- Offered 59 different seminars and conferences.
- Offered 220 CLE credits in live programming comprised of 181 general, 30 ethics and nine substance abuse, addiction disorders and mental health.
- Welcomed 2,100 attendees at live programs throughout the year.
- Partnered with 17 state bar sections in producing 25 CLE programs.
- More than 250 speakers delivered timely and relevant CLE programming.
- Assisted the Gaming Law Section with the Third Annual Bank Secrecy Act Conference where 400 people from across the country gathered.
- Collaborated with the Family Law Section on the 27th Annual Family Law Conference in Ely with an attendance of 250 attorneys, judges, justices, paralegals and other professionals.
- Partnered with the Access to Justice Commission for a live ethics seminar held in Reno and Las Vegas. More than 80 people attended and $12,000 was shared among the state's pro bono providers.
- Assisted the Nevada Guardianship Association with hosting a conference in Reno and Las Vegas where more than 130 attended.
- Held the second annual Trial Skills Institute, which included seven lecture and practicum sessions held over 10 weeks.
- Hosted the inaugural Solo and Small Practice Institute (SMOLO), a 1.5-day program for solo and small firm attorneys.
- The Office of Bar Counsel began publishing answers to frequently-asked ethics questions each month in *Nevada Lawyer* magazine.
- Nearly 240 newly admitted attorneys graduated from the Transitioning into Practice (TIP) mentorship program under the guidance of their Supreme Court appointed mentor.
- The Nevada Supreme Court appointed 31 newly qualified attorneys to serve as TIP mentors in 2016. There are 289 active TIP mentors.

Protection

- The Clients' Security Fund Committee (CSF) made reimbursements to clients who were the victims of attorney-theft in the amount of $80,000.
- The CSF Committee also actively pursued restitution to the fund from attorneys reinstated to practice, receiving nearly $86,000 in 2016.
- The Fee Dispute program heard more than 140 claims.
- The Fee Dispute program successfully resolved more than 46 claims through mediation or settlement. Fee Dispute claims are effectively resolved within four months on average.
- More than 200 volunteer attorneys and laypersons serve on the statewide Fee Dispute Committee statewide.
- The Fee Dispute arbitration rules of procedure were amended to address issues such as the complexity of fee disputes being filed with the committee and the balance between the voluntary nature of the program and service to the public.
- The Office of Bar Counsel issued 19 letters of reprimand and 18 public reprimands.
- 43 attorneys were suspended, and six were disbarred.
- 1,372 attorney complaints were received, and 265 grievance files were opened.
- The Office of Bar Counsel completed 85 hearings.
- 62 cases required Office of Bar Counsel to monitor and/or probation conditions.
- The Office of Bar Counsel recovered $93,205 from attorneys for discipline costs and fines.
- Assisted in seven practice takeovers of attorneys who had died or became disabled.
- The Office of Bar Counsel had 95 matters in intake at year-end.
- The number of cases under investigation has been reduced by half ; at year-end, 79 matters were under investigation.
- The Office of Bar Counsel ended the year with 59 matters in the prosecution phase, demonstrating a reduction in cases in this stage as well as a significant reduction in the age of the prosecution inventory.

Support

- Representatives of the Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers and Nevada Lawyer Assistance Program conducted more than 20 outreach activities targeting law school students, practicing attorneys and judges; as a result, nine attorneys have sought a free, confidential clinical evaluation for substance abuse.
- 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 more than 40 statewide events in observation of Pro Bono Celebration 2016.
- Hosted two live ethics CLE programs in Reno and Las Vegas during Pro Bono Celebration 2016; all proceeds from the programs benefitted legal services in Nevada.
- Partnered with the Nevada Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission to complete a statewide legal service delivery plan.
- Through the ONE Promise Nevada Campaign, awarded inaugural service awards to four attorneys across the state who excelled at providing legal services in 2015.
- Managed the IOLTA activities of 29 financial institutions statewide.
- Partnered with legal services organizations to provide free CLE programming to members who took a pro bono case from one of five legal services organizations.
- The Nevada Bar Foundation distributed IOLTA grants totaling $2,813,917 to organizations that serve the legal needs of disadvantaged Nevadans, with the majority of funding providing direct, legally-related services to the poor, victims of domestic violence, senior citizens, to children protected by or in need of protection of the juvenile court and other persons denied access to justice.
- The Lawyer Referral and Information Service received nearly 12,000 calls and referred callers to 220 panel attorneys.
- 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 LRIS Public Service Grant program.
- Continued to offer Member Benefits such as Fastcase, ALPS, LawPay and Clio to help primarily solo and small firms with their practice management and improve their bottom line.
- 5,490 members utilized Fastcase for legal research; those users conducted 77,352 searches.

Assistance

- $122,025 was donated to civil legal aid through members' dues check off.
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Assistance

- Released an all-new Nevada Gaming Law Practice & Procedure Manual in June 2016.
- Produced a new edition of the Nevada Civil Practice Manual in partnership with LexisNexis, working with more than 40 volunteer attorney editors, authors and reviewers.
- Released a new edition of the Nevada Appellate Practice Manual in January 2016.
- Worked with the Family Law, Labor and Employment Law Sections and the Paralegal Division to publish eight custom digital newsletters and journals, featuring recent developments in the law and section activities.
- Published 12 issues of *Nevada Lawyer* magazine, covering items of interest and importance to the Nevada legal community.
- Published four *Nevada Lawyer* magazine articles for CLE credit.
- Law Related Education programs relied on the guidance of more than 500 attorneys, judges and volunteers to support its Mock Trial, We the People and Law Day programs.

Administration

- Processed 595 pro hac vice applications
- Website visits totaled 498,978, with 231,700 unique users.
- 2016 was the first year the bar utilized reminder postcards for license renewals; doing so resulted in a cost savings of approximately $20,000.
- Due to popular demand, the bar resumed providing key tags for members, in addition to membership cards.
- Filed ADKT 516, amending SCR 120 to modify the way in which the state bar assesses the costs of disciplinary proceedings, partially re-balancing this burden toward the disciplined attorney.
- Filed ADKT 518, recommending that discipline in the form of a letter of reprimand be included in SCR 121.1 as discipline that must be published by the state bar, consistent with other forms of discipline.
- Bar leadership began more actively collaborating with specialty and local bar leaders to promote events, share ideas, and to foster programs that promote diversity and inclusion.
- Based on reports and data suggesting that greater education aimed at substance abuse prevention is effective, the Board of Governors filed ADKT 0478 with the Nevada Supreme Court, seeking to increase the total number of CLE credits required annually from 12 to 13, with one hour a year dedicated to a CLE in the areas of substance abuse, addictive disorders and/or mental health.
- 237 jobs and 253 resumes were posted on the Career Center; 99,620 jobs were viewed by users.

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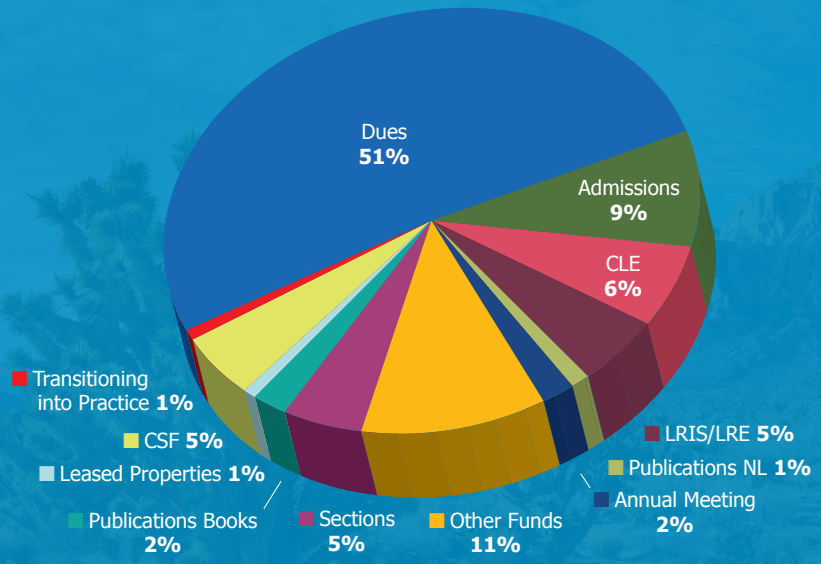
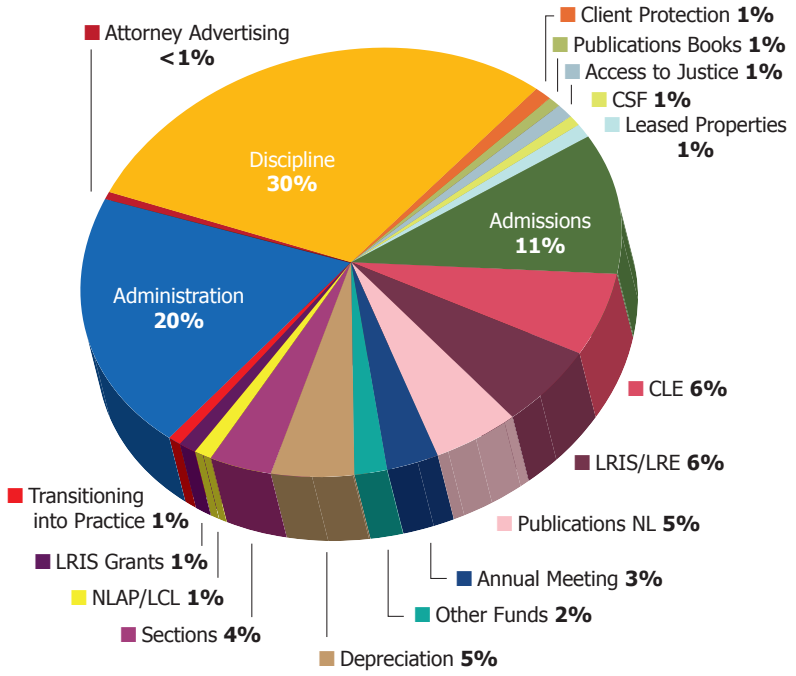
INCOME



Dues	$3,828,700
Other Funds	$840,600
Admissions	$703,400
CLE	$452,700
CSF	$372,300
Sections	$376,238
LRIS/LRE	$404,600
Publications NL	$94,000
Publications Books	$130,300
Leased Properties	$101,500
Annual Meeting	$156,800
Transitioning Into Practice	$81,200
TOTAL INCOME	**$7,542,338**

EXPENSES



Discipline	$2,244,400
Administration	$1,519,750
Admissions	$803,900
CLE	$449,000
Publications NL	$370,600
Publications Books	$370,600
LRIS/LRE	$443,900
Depreciation	$350,000
CSF	$75,500
Sections	$321,518
Annual Meeting	$220,500
Other Funds	$119,000
Access To Justice	$109,900
Client Protection	$108,000
LRIS Grants	$53,000
Transitioning Into Practice	$93,600
Leased Properties	$45,800
NLAP/LCL	$72,500
Attorney Advertising	$19,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$7,485,568**

ASSETS, LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Assets	Cash, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, investments *note that approximately $2,000,000 are designated funds and not intended to be used for general operations of the State Bar of Nevada.	$3,728,258
Land, Buildings, Property & Equipment	Land and Buildings in Las Vegas and Reno, building improvements, furniture, equipment and software less depreciation	$6,817,986
Other Assets		$0
TOTAL ASSETS		$10,546,244

Current Liabilities	Accounts Payable, deferred revenue, payroll accruals	$1,238,163	
Long-Term Liabilities	Notes Payable	$20,925	
Total Liabilities			$1,259,088
Net Assets			$9,287,157
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			$10,546,224

This information is based on projected 2016 year-end balances.