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NOTE FROM THE ISSUE EDITOR

BY LAURA M. TUCKER, ESQ

Whether you are aware of it or not, a socially diverse workplace generally leads to a more innovative and creative work environment. As with intellectual diversity, social diversity lends itself to creative problem-solving approaches, can help facilitate unique ideas and encourages different perspectives in the analysis of issues. While studies have shown this to be true in the general business world, diversity can be seen to have the same sort of impact within the legal community.

As a young biracial woman, diversity in the workplace has always been something of which I am acutely aware. In the past, I held several positions (not only in the legal field) where I was the only (or first) woman, or the only (or first) employee from a mixed Asian and Caucasian background. Thankfully, I noticed this changing at around the time I entered law school.

Increasingly, I have found no shortage of diverse mentors I can look up to within the legal community. You can read about some of them in the pages of this issue of *Nevada Lawyer*: Karen Bashor, who came from the Philippines as a child with her parents and eventually became the first woman partner and first minority partner at her law firm, or Jim Davis, a solo practitioner who represents LGBT clients. This issue is a celebration of diversity in the legal community in Nevada. We hope you enjoy it. **NL**



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