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## NOTE FROM THE ISSUE EDITOR

BY GREGORY SHANNON, ESQ

Have you noticed how many of the recent stories in *Nevada Lawyer* have dealt with emerging technologies? From the cloud to cryptocurrencies to any number of social media trends, technology is having a significant impact on many facets of our lives, and the practice of law is definitely no exception. This month's issue of *Nevada Lawyer* examines a technological trend that may end up becoming one of the most profound developments of this century: the science of artificial intelligence (AI). Although the technology remains nascent, nevertheless it already surrounds all of us. Artificial intelligence is finding its way into almost every aspect of our lives; it is the technology behind self-driving cars, stock-trading algorithms, medical diagnoses and even the data-mining of your most personal information for advertising and other—more nefarious—purposes. Our feature stories, though only skimming the surface of this vast topic, illustrate the broad reach this relatively new field has already attained. I hope you enjoy them. Additionally, I hope you'll take the time to read state bar President Richard Pocker's insightful reflections on both the significance and limitations of artificial intelligence.

On a more somber note, *Nevada Lawyer* lost a friend and colleague in August. Mark Hinueber was one of the longest-serving members of the current *Nevada Lawyer* Editorial Board, and he presided as a past chairman. His work for and service to *Nevada Lawyer*, while an enormous boon to both the publication and the state bar, was just a tiny fragment of a towering career and legacy, largely devoted to First Amendment law and journalism. His steadfast leadership, deep stores of knowledge, institutional memory and dry wit will all be very sorely missed. We send our sincere condolences to his family. **NL**

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