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NOTE FROM THE ISSUE EDITOR

BY ELIZABETH FIELDER, ESQ.

Civil litigation is the theme of this month's *Nevada Lawyer*. It is a broad subject. As a result, each article in this issue has a narrow focus on an aspect related to civil litigation. The assortment of article topics is varied.

We start with a discussion by Lindsey Ager and U.S. Magistrate Judge C.W. Hoffman, Jr., who highlight the key federal local rules amendments for attorneys litigating in federal court. Next is an article by Shannon Pierce and John Tennert analyzing the recovery of attorney fees and costs in the context of offers of judgment in both state and federal court. Jeff Luszeck then addresses the various discovery rules that apply to probate proceedings and the intersection between the NRCP and local court rules. John Moore follows with a "how to" article for practitioners representing Nevada contractors on Nevada's Prompt Payment Act and mechanic's lien laws. Phil Aurbach wraps up the selection of feature articles with practical advice on how to prepare for a first trial. Marc Randazza's Back Story identifies the 2015 legislative changes to Nevada's Anti-SLAPP law.

Finally, don't overlook the President's Message, penned by guest columnist Barbara Buckley. Her piece provides a great summary of the work being done by the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada.

We hope everyone, in civil practice and otherwise, will find something to take away from this issue. **NL**

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