



Boyd Briefs: May 2, 2014

From Dean Dan

This past week, the Boyd School of Law's *Nevada Law Journal*, *UNLV Gaming Law Journal*, and *Society of Advocates* all recognized student prize-winners for exceptional work this year. The *Gaming Law Journal* announced a new award in honor of Anthony Cabot, a partner in the Gaming Law group at Lewis Roca Rothgerber. The award was created in recognition of the extraordinary contributions Mr. Cabot has made to the gaming law profession over the last 30 years, as well as his longstanding commitment to Boyd. The inaugural Anthony Cabot Award for Best Student Note was given to Kerry Kleiman for her paper titled "Keeping Casinos Clean: The Problem with Dirty Money and International Differences in Anti-Money Laundering Regulations for Casinos." We are grateful to Dan Waite, managing partner in the Las Vegas office of Lewis Roca for the firm's support of the new Cabot Award. Thanks also to Editor-in-Chief Eric Walther and Managing Editor Madison Zornes.

The *Nevada Law Journal* gave the award for Best Student Note to Brian Vasek for his article titled "Rethinking the Nevada Campus Protection Act: Future Challenges & Reaching a Legislative Compromise." This year, Editor-in-Chief Nicole Scott and Managing Editor Lindsey Gassmann took the lead working with alumni to create the Nevada Law Journal Alumni Advisory Board. We are grateful to this new board: Charles Gianelloni, Michael Gianelloni, Tim Mott, Mark Hesiak, Cayla Witty, and Karlee Phelps. The board will work with the Journal to help advise and train student editors.

Finally, the Society of Advocates created a new award in honor of Franny Forsman. Franny was instrumental to the creation and success of the law school, is one of the great litigators in Las Vegas, and teaches for us in the Trial Advocacy program. The inaugural Franny Forsman Award for Excellence in Advocacy, which recognizes the top overall advocate at Boyd, was given to graduating student Jaimie Stiliz-Outlaw, who won the 1L championship her first year and who has served as a leader in the SOA as a Vice President. Thanks to the President of the SOA, Michael Esposito. Congratulations to the prize winners for their excellent work in legal writing and advocacy.

This week I want to include a message from Justin Carley '06, a Boyd alum who writes on behalf of one of his classmates, Tim Geswein '06:

"Around the turn of the new year, Tim became quite ill and acquired a pancreatic infection. He's been battling for months while his wife, Shemilly Briscoe '06, holds things together with their two sons and her legal practice. What is now almost four months of intensive care in two different hospitals has driven their medical and other expenses sky-high. If you are willing to help out by contributing financially, there are two ways. First, you can donate to a PayPal account set up to assist the family during this battle; just enter this e-mail address on the PayPal website: TimGesweinFundraiser@gmail.com. Second, you can send checks directly to Shemilly at her office: The Briscoe Law Group, 1060 Wigwam Parkway, Henderson, NV 89074. Thank you and please keep Tim, Shem, and the boys in your thoughts and prayers."

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Senator Greg Brower

The adjunct faculty at the William S. Boyd School of Law provide students with the unique opportunity to learn from distinguished practitioners. These faculty members are partners with leading law firms in Las Vegas and Reno, experienced civil and criminal lawyers, seasoned trial and appellate lawyers, former U.S. Attorneys, senior lawyers with the federal government, and members of the State Assembly and State Senate. Remarkably, however, the foregoing list is actually the experiences of one of our adjuncts: the incomparable Senator Greg Brower.

Senator Brower's professional reputation is well-established. Less broadly known (outside the law school) is his popularity and effectiveness as a law professor. Accordingly, we take the opportunity in this profile of him to reprint some representative quotes from student evaluations of his fall semester course:

--I really enjoyed taking Trial Ad from Prof. Brower. I hope that he teaches it again so that other students will get to experience Trial Ad from such a great prof.

--Amazing class! Probably the best class I have taken in law school.

--Great class and great teacher. Made the class enjoyable and brought good, practical knowledge to the class. Also very good feedback after our attempts at each part of the trial.

--Excellent. Professor Brower made every three-and-a-half-hour class feel like an hour. The entire class was fully engaged during every class.

--Great professor! I learned a lot in the class and feel much more prepared for litigation.

Boyd strives to have every graduate become a successful, ethical professional; and to deliver on this promise, we rely heavily on the work of adjunct professors like Greg Brower. Our adjuncts not only teach our students, these faculty members also serve as role models.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Julianne Unite

To say that Julianne Unite (pronounced oo nee tay), packed a ton of terrific activity and endeavors into her time at Boyd would be something of an understatement. Strap on your helmets, and let's go for a ride down Julianne's Boyd Memory Lane.

For starters, Julianne was an engaged participant in a wide range of Boyd student organizations. She served as Executive Secretary of the Student Bar Association, Executive Vice President for Marketing and Communication of the Sports and Entertainment Law Association, and Vice President and Public Relations Representative of the Animal Legal Defense Society. She also was an active member of the Criminal Law Society, Minority Law Student Association, and Organization of Women Law Students.

Julianne has been otherwise involved in the law school community, having served on the Career Development Advisory Committee and taken part in the Mediation in Nevada Today (MINT) Community Service Program. And as a Student Ambassador, she spent considerable time with admittees to Boyd's entering classes, answering questions from a current student's perspective and discussing our school's strengths and unique attributes.

As a member of Society of Advocates, Julianne represented Boyd in the University of California, Davis Asylum and Refugee Law National Moot Court Competition. Her team's brief and overall performance in the competition netted third-place recognition.

And somehow among all this, Julianne made time for a variety of additional real-world experiences. She worked as a Foreclosure Law Clerk in the Consumer Rights Division at the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, as a judicial extern for the Honorable Chief Judge Jennifer P. Togliatti, and a Research Assistant for Professor Rebecca Scharf.

"As my law school adventure approaches its end," says Julianne, "I am confident that the experience I have gained these past three years unequivocally prepared me for my next great adventure."



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Roman Borisov '12

Roman Borisov '12, of Reno, recalls he persuaded a middle school administrator in Russia to reassign him from a German as a Second Language class to an already-full English as a Second Language section—this at the age of 10 years old. "I would not have dared to dream that my English would ever be proficient enough for an intelligent conversation; nor that I would be involved some years later as a U.S.-licensed attorney in a multi-billion dollar acquisition deal involving one of the world's richest men."

Roman further recalls, "My introduction to Boyd was a chance encounter. During my final semester as a UNLV undergraduate finance major, I attended a public lecture given by a partner from a large New York City law firm. As I sat there listening to him, I realized that everything I liked in finance was actually done by lawyers. Without ever seriously considering a life as an attorney, I took the LSAT two months later. From the start, I knew I was interested in business law and could not wait to start learning about legal underpinnings of corporate takeovers and bankruptcies."

"While in law school, I learned about tax implications of an entity formation and liquidation from Professor Steve Johnson; duties owed by corporate directors to the shareholders from Professor Rachel Anderson; and contractual intricacies from Professor Nancy Rapoport. The knowledge gained in those and other classes were key during my business court clerkship with Judge Mark Denton, where questions paramount to multi-million dollar corporate acquisitions had to be decided in a matter of days. But it was the Energy Law course during my last semester at Boyd that introduced me to my future career path. Public utilities regulation and energy law offer a perfect marriage of business, law and policy. Immediately after my clerkship, I joined the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, which at the time, was beginning to evaluate the acquisition of NV Energy by Warren Buffett's MidAmerican Energy. Without guidance from the Boyd faculty and camaraderie of my fellow students, I would not be able to complete my improbable journey."