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From Dean Dan

At the UNLV Boyd School of Law, we take pride in providing a first-rate legal education, to our students of course, but also to practitioners in the city and state. Our flourishing Continuing Legal Education (CLE) program, directed by Associate Dean [Christine Smith](#) working with our community partners, helps lawyers remain up to date in their legal practice. Topics are current, relevant and practical, and range from ethics and professionalism to skills and specific areas of practice. We are grateful to the [Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada](#) and [Nevada Legal Services](#) for partnering with us to present some of these wonderful CLE events. Our Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution will also be offering CLE credit for two presentations they are sponsoring this month. The month of October has a particularly terrific lineup of CLE events:

Free CAP CLE: Basics of Representing Children in Abuse & Neglect Cases

Friday, Oct. 2, 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register

CLE: Legal Issues in Sports and Entertainment Events

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register

CLE: IRS Individual Income Tax Collection: The Process and Potential Options

Thursday, Oct. 8, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Saltman/CLE: Between Law and Religion: When Religious Law Meets Arbitration

Thursday, Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register

Saltman/CLE: Dispute Resolution for Diverse Families and the Impact on Family Law Practice

Monday, Oct. 26, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Stacey Tovino

Stacey Tovino is Lehman Professor of Law and Director of UNLV's Health Law Program, a cooperative partnership between the Boyd School of Law and the School of Community Health Sciences. This program is ideally situated to promote an exciting period of growth and development for interdisciplinary education in health law and policy.

1. What are you working on? I am writing a series of articles designed to improve health care in the context of immigration detention. The first article, forthcoming in the *Boston College Law Review*, uses health law as a lens through which detainees' lack of access to health care might be assessed and through which the unenforceable standards governing immigration detention centers might be improved. The second article, forthcoming in the *Minnesota Law Review*, proposes regulations that would limit detention centers' use of segregation, an intervention that detention officials use too frequently as a substitute for mental health care.

2. Which of your recent articles should I read? I would recommend my recent *Tulane Law Review* article titled "Lost in the Shuffle: How Health and Disability Laws Hurt Disordered Gamblers." In this piece, I show how individuals with gambling disorder do not have the same legal protections as individuals with other physical and mental health conditions. The article sheds light on the stigma attached to mental health conditions in general, and gambling disorder in particular, and illustrates the interdisciplinary scholarship produced by our health law and gaming law faculty.

3. What has influenced your recent work? Last year, I saw an outstanding keynote presentation by Nevada attorney Doug Crawford, who is in recovery from gambling disorder. His talk, given at the Nevada Council on Problem Gambling's Eighth Annual State Conference, inspired my *Tulane Law Review* article.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Bridget Kelly

"I never thought I'd be a speech therapist. I was going to be a lawyer and spend my summers working in law offices," recalls Bridget Kelly, now a third-year student in Boyd's part-time evening program. "But while earning my undergraduate degree at Harvard, I became fascinated with linguistics. I had always been interested in languages and voice, having studied Spanish, French, and singing for years before I entered college. Linguistics gave me the chance to learn how human beings acquire and utilize speech and language, and how easily the same could be destroyed through injury and disease. I wanted to apply my understanding and love of linguistics, and saw speech-language pathology as an exciting way to do that."

After graduating Harvard with an A.B. in Linguistics, Bridget proceeded to Vanderbilt University, where she earned an M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology. Her professional work in speech therapy took her to various points domestic, to the United Kingdom to serve as Dysphagia Nurse Training Coordinator and Staff Speech Therapist for the National Health Service, and eventually to the Las Vegas Valley.

Here, an earlier career notion was rekindled. "By attending Boyd, I have been able to continue my work in rehabilitation at an exceptional local hospital while finally realizing my persistent dream of being an attorney. My professional experience and passion for responsible patient care, combined with the opportunities and discipline gained through law study, will allow me to help ensure the excellence of medical care in the U.S. in the face of imminent changes and challenges."

Bridget's aspirations recently took on a more concrete form, as she was offered a full-time position with Nutile Law, a firm representing clients throughout Nevada in the areas of business and health care law.

Very proud of their mom are Bridget's sons, Camron, 12, and Ryan, 10.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Mike Lee '06

Mike Lee '06 served as president of the Boyd School of Law Alumni Association from 2009-10 and was recently elected to the UNLV Alumni Association Board.

In 2011, he opened Michael B. Lee, PC, practicing in the field of civil litigation. He has published opinions from the Ninth Circuit and the Nevada Supreme Court. He has an AV rating from Martindale Hubbell; been recognized as both a "Rising Star" and a "Super Lawyer" by *Super Lawyers Magazine*; and received multiple accolades from Nevada Legal Elite, *Desert Companion* magazine, AVVO, and the Better Business Bureau. He currently serves as a transition-in-practice mentor for the State Bar of Nevada, and enjoys mentoring new attorneys on the practice of law. He also sits on the Discipline Panel for Southern Nevada.

In law school, Mike's favorite classes were Con Law II, with Professor Sylvia Lazos, and Trial Advocacy, with Professor Franny Forsman. He also enjoyed his externships with the Public Defender's Office and United States District Court Judge Philip Pro. Mike appreciates the education and experiences he received, especially the lifelong friendships he made.

Mike's hobbies include attending local music festivals and concerts, trying new restaurants based on Yelp reviews, taking his dogs hiking and camping, and traveling around the world.
