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From Dean Dan

Greetings from Macau! Professor Ngai Pindell and I have been in Singapore and Macau promoting our new [LL.M. degree in Gaming Law and Regulation](#), and it has been a great trip so far. Professor Pindell, the director of the gaming law program, and I have met or will meet with, among others, leaders from the Casino Regulatory Authority of Singapore, the dean of the National University of Singapore law school, the dean and faculty of the law and business schools at the University of Macau and at Macau Polytechnic Institute, and executives from the gaming industry. In both places, the UNLV law school is recognized as strong and growing, and we are forging relationships and exploring partnerships that will help us build our program. Gaming is a fascinating field, with ties to intellectual property law, administrative law, securities law, and on and on; and in places like Macau and Singapore, it is clear that gaming law is exploding. It is one where Boyd can help shape the field.

Also, I am delighted to announce the inaugural issue of [UNLV Law](#), the magazine of the William S. Boyd School of Law. The premier edition is hot off the presses. Look for it in your mailbox this week.*

Special thanks to Catherine Bacos, Elaina Bhattacharyya, and Vaneh Darakjian, who worked tirelessly to pull off this ambitious pilot project under very tight time constraints. Their dedication is evident in this superb publication.

Send us your feedback and ideas for future editions at law.unlv.edu/magazine.



Read the digital edition [here](#).

**Magazines are being mailed to members of the Boyd community with current addresses on file.*

Back next week; and given the International Date Line, we actually get back before we leave, if you know what I mean.

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Ngai Pindell

The Boyd School of Law is in the enviable position of having terrific students, a first-rate faculty, and a beautiful facility. Yet those resources must also be managed expertly in order for the school to pursue and achieve its grand ambitions. We are very fortunate that [Ngai Pindell](#), our associate dean for academic affairs for the past three years, is a thoughtful and astute leader of our academic program. Dean Pindell juggles tasks proficiently, manages people effectively, and moves seamlessly between strategic long-term planning and the more prosaic challenges of the job. We would not be the great public law school that we are without that leadership.

Dean Pindell is also the director of our [gaming law program](#). Building on the school's strong foundation in gaming law, and embracing the state's role as the intellectual capital of the world's gaming industry, Boyd has launched a new graduate program leading to a [Master of Laws \(LL.M.\) in Gaming Law and Regulation](#). Boyd has also commenced a series of executive education conferences on gaming law and regulation. Pindell was the driving force in the conceptualization and implementation of these degree and executive education programs.

Administrative responsibilities notwithstanding, Dean Pindell is also a productive scholar. Pindell has recently published two books on gaming

law with co-editor [Anthony Cabot](#). Cabot is one of the preeminent practitioners of gaming law and is also an adjunct member of the Boyd faculty. Their recent publications include [Regulating Internet Gaming: Challenges and Opportunities](#) (2013) and [Regulating Land-Based Casinos: Policies, Procedures, and Economics](#) (2014).



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Amber Lilienthal

The Adam A. Milani Disability Law Writing Competition is a national competition sponsored by the Mercer University School of Law and the ABA Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law. The winner of this year's competition was none other than Boyd second-year student Amber Lilienthal.

Here's the backstory, as told by Amber: "The paper was actually the appellate brief I wrote for Professor Lori Johnson's Lawyering Process II class. I represented the fictitious appellant, arguing that the appellate court should reverse the grant of summary judgment because there were genuine issues of material fact regarding the appellant's hostile work environment and retaliation claims. The competition required a brief based on a disability law topic, and Title VII -- the subject of my brief -- was a permissible topic. Professor Johnson suggested that I submit my brief to the competition, and I was pleasantly surprised when I found out I won."

Amber graduated magna cum laude from UNLV in 2013 with a B.A. in Communication Studies and was a member of the Sanford I. Berman Debate Forum. At Boyd, she is a junior staffer on the [Nevada Law Journal](#), as well as a member of Society of Advocates, our moot court board. This past summer, Amber interned in the chambers of Judge Abbi Silver of the Clark County Eighth Judicial District Court.

"My first year at Boyd was eye-opening to say the least," recalls Amber. "I think it's hard to truly prepare for what you experience in your first year of law school. However, I learned that I am on the right path, and I enjoy learning about the law. When I graduate I want to practice law here in Las Vegas, and I am open to new experiences to discover what type of law I enjoy best."



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Kendal Davis '10

Kendal Davis '10 is an associate attorney in the Las Vegas office of Lionel Sawyer & Collins. Kendal is a member of the firm's litigation department, where her practice emphasizes probate and trust litigation.

Raised in Henderson, Kendal earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. After college, she interned for U.S. Senator Harry Reid and worked on a congressional campaign. Kendal graduated cum laude from the William S. Boyd School of Law in 2010. During law school, she was a staff member on the [Nevada Law Journal](#) and the managing editor of the [Nevada Gaming Law Journal](#). She also served as an extern for U.S. District Court Judge James Mahan.

After graduation, she worked for two years at the law firm of Goldsmith & Guymon, P.C., where she practiced bankruptcy, family, guardianship and probate law, including estate planning. Kendal joined the law firm of

Lionel Sawyer & Collins in 2011. Her practice includes civil litigation -- with an emphasis on probate and trust litigation -- and regulatory law.

Kendal attributes a large part of her success as an attorney to the strong legal writing skills she developed through Boyd's legal writing program, including her law journal experience.

Kendal currently serves as a member of the Community Advisory Board of the Women's Research Institute of Nevada at UNLV.