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From Dean Dan

As Boyd wraps up another great semester, I want to congratulate members of our community who were recently honored by the [Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada](#) (LACSN) for their pro bono work. Our school's namesake Bill Boyd, alumnus John Piro '10, and student Bailey Bortolin were all honored at LACSN's [14th Annual Pro Bono Awards Luncheon](#).

Mr. Boyd was awarded the inaugural William S. Boyd Award of Excellence for his extraordinary service to the law school, the Legal Aid Center, and the community. This award was created to honor him and, moving forward, will recognize a business or community leader who is an outstanding supporter of legal aid and pro bono services. John Piro and Bita Khamsi, both of the Clark County Public Defender, received an Award of Excellence for their efforts devoted to establishing a free community education class on sealing criminal records. Bailey Bortolin was named the Public Interest Law Student of Distinction for her contribution to the community through public interest law and the promotion of access to justice.

Congratulations to all for your part in providing equal access to justice. And a special thanks to associate deans Anne Traum and Christine Smith and LACSN for a terrific partnership.

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Elaine Shoben

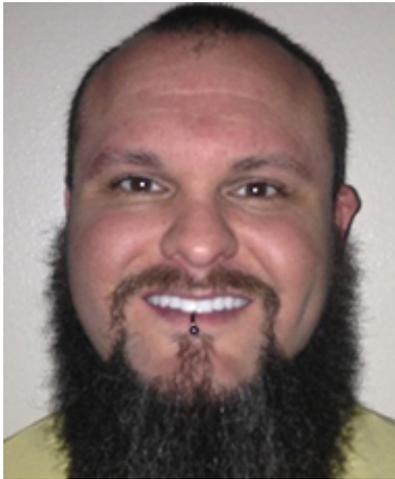
The word "retirement" means different things to different people. Professor Emeritus Elaine Shoben puts her own twist on the word. Although the meaning she assigns that word would likely rankle the editors of Webster's Dictionary, the William S. Boyd School of Law is a grateful and conspicuous beneficiary of her ongoing brilliance, creativity, and energy -- even in her "retirement."

Professor Shoben left the classroom and payroll years ago in order to retire with her husband to Arizona. Yet she continues to author important works, to mentor faculty colleagues, and even regularly to visit her office. One of her recently published books is the fifth edition of her co-authored treatise, *Employment Law*, a two-volume, 2,700-page tour de force. Shoben's distinguished reputation in this field continues to bring attention and acclaim to Boyd.

Also commendable is Professor Shoben's willingness -- even from a distance -- to assist other Boyd faculty members in their various pursuits.

She reads drafts of articles and offers insightful commentary. She gives advice and shares her wealth of experience with junior faculty. And she leverages her own contacts and reputation to help other Boyd faculty members advance. For example, she asked the co-authors of her [Remedies](#) casebook to add Professor Thomas Main as an additional co-author of the forthcoming sixth edition of that book.

Professor Emeritus Elaine Shoben writes, leads, and cares. Boyd is extraordinarily fortunate that she continues to inspire and assist us in our efforts to be a model public law school.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Tim Revero

When you meet Tim Revero for the first time, you're not entirely sure what you're going to get. Could be a lumberjack. Could be a motorcycle enthusiast. Could be an MMA fighter. What you discover over the following five minutes is that you're talking to a heck of a nice guy who's happy to do whatever you've got that needs to get done. Dig a little deeper, and you discover a background that belies your first impression altogether.

After an admittedly rocky high school tenure, Tim became an assistant manager for a retail tire business, a position at which he was quite good for one so young. "I could have remained with that company and continued to enjoy success within the business," Tim tells us. "However, I yearned for more than the company could offer. I relinquished my management position for one requiring fewer hours so I could attend my local junior college while still working. Even though my direction was undefined, I knew I wanted to be more. I decided to pursue a career as a registered nurse because I enjoy helping others." For many years, Tim worked diligently as a trauma nurse and mobile intensive care nurse in California and as a traveling nurse in Ohio.

Tim's zeal to help others through the legal process brought him to Boyd where he currently serves as representative for his first-year class section on the Student Bar Association. He comes armed with a unique outlook and drive. "I strive for perfection, efficiency, and knowledge. I aim to blend these goals with reality – things like pizza, camping, and Disneyland. Life is about balance after all. I have learned to be serious about those things that require it and relaxed with those that do not. My life experience has taught me which is which."



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Mark M. Weisenmiller '10

[Mark M. Weisenmiller](#) '10 is an associate attorney in the Las Vegas office of Gordon Silver, Ltd. Mark is a member of Gordon Silver's Business Restructuring & Bankruptcy and Bankruptcy Litigation Departments. His primary practice is corporate restructuring and complex insolvency involving both small and large businesses.

Born in Las Vegas, Mark attended Concordia University in Portland, Oregon on a baseball scholarship. Following undergraduate school, Mark attended graduate school at Concordia University and earned his master's degree in secondary education and teaching. After teaching in Portland for several years, Mark returned to Las Vegas and attended the William S. Boyd School of Law. During law school, Mark served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Mark R. Denton in the Eighth Judicial District Court-Business Court and for the Honorable Mike K. Nakagawa in the United States

Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada. Mark also participated in the Juvenile Justice Clinic as a student attorney. Upon graduation in 2010, Mark served a two-year term as a judicial law clerk at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada.

Mark credits Boyd's exceptional Lawyering Process Program and the judicial externship program for attaining his clerkship with the United States Bankruptcy Court and his current position with Gordon Silver.

Mark currently serves as a board member of the William S. Boyd School of Law Alumni Chapter and provides pro bono legal services to the Las Vegas Youth Orchestras and low-income individuals through the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada.