



### From Dean Dan

First, I want to send a message of support and commitment to all those affected by this week's announcement of changes to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy. This week the President took action to eliminate the DACA immigration program unless Congress acts within six months. Those eligible for DACA, the Dreamers, are an important and valued part of our community at the law school, at UNLV, and around Nevada. I want to say to our DACA students at Boyd and UNLV: the law school stands behind you and so do I. Here at Boyd we are ready to do all we can to support all of our students in this time of uncertainty. I appreciate the leadership of President Len Jessup on this critical issue, and urge you to read his [message](#) to UNLV sent yesterday. UNLV Boyd was built by a diverse and connected community coming together to create a law school committed to inclusion and equality. That is our strength and we will continue to work together to serve this mission.

The school year is now well underway and we are off to a great start. Last week we welcomed nearly 400 new and returning law students to Boyd. In particular, it is a great pleasure to welcome four wonderful new faculty members: Mary Beth Beazley, Ben Edwards, Eve Hanan, and David Orentlicher. Here is some background for each and we thank the community for extending such a warm welcome.

[Mary Beth Beazley](#) joined our nationally-ranked legal writing program. Regarded as one of the nation's foremost scholars in writing and analysis, Beazley has taught for nearly 35 years and has held several leadership positions in legal education. Her current scholarship focuses on behavioral aspects of legal writing and legal reading, and on the impact digital platforms have on cognitive aspects of legal reading. Her contributions to legal writing have been recognized with the field's top honors. In July of 2017, Professor Beazley received the Marjorie Rombauer Award from the Association of Legal Writing Directors. More on Professor Beazley can be found [here](#).

[Benjamin Edwards](#) researches and writes about business and securities law, corporate governance, arbitration, and consumer protection. Before joining Boyd, he taught at Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law and at Michigan State University College of Law. Prior to teaching, Professor Edwards practiced as a securities litigator in the New York office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. At Skadden, he represented clients in complex civil litigation, including securities class actions arising out of the Madoff Ponzi scheme and litigation arising out of the 2008 financial crisis. More on Professor Edwards can be found below in this week's Faculty Profile.

[Eve Hanan](#) teaches Criminal Procedure and Criminal Law, and will direct the Juvenile Justice Clinic. She previously taught at the University of Baltimore School of Law in the Juvenile Justice Project and the Mediation Clinic for Families. Professor Hanan has substantial litigation experience at the trial and appellate level. A long-time public defender, Hanan practiced as an appellate attorney for the D.C. Public Defender Service and as a trial attorney for the Committee for Public Counsel Service in Boston. Before joining the Boyd

faculty, she worked to develop state-wide litigation strategies for the Maryland Office of the Public Defender.

[Dr. David Orentlicher](#) joined the UNLV Law faculty as the Cobeaga Law Firm Professor of Law and co-director of the UNLV Health Law Program. Nationally recognized for his expertise in health law and constitutional law, Dr. Orentlicher has testified before Congress, had his scholarship cited by the U.S. Supreme Court, and has served on many national, state, and local commissions. More on Dr. Orentlicher can be found [here](#).

Finally, as we start off the new semester, I want to thank the Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys (SNAWA) for their longstanding support of the law school. Each year since the law schools founding, SNAWA has provided scholarships to student leaders. This year's scholarship recipients are Lucy Crow, Paige Foley, and Jocelyn Murphy. SNAWA's annual scholarship fundraiser, the Justice Miriam Shearing Gala, takes place on September 15, and tickets are available on SNAWA's [webpage](#). We are grateful to the SNAWA Board for their generosity, especially SNAWA President Diane Welch, a 2009 Boyd graduate.

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### **Faculty Spotlight: Benjamin Edwards**



*Benjamin Edwards is an Associate Professor at UNLV Law. His expertise is in Business and Securities Law, Corporate Governance, and Consumer Protection.*

#### **What is some recent writing that I should I read?**

I've written about the regulation of investment advice and how important it is for people to receive honest advice that is in their best interest. My academic research and writing on the issue gave me a foundation to respond quickly to current events. Earlier this year, the Washington Post ran a fun [opinion piece](#) I wrote that used a food analogy to explain the issue. In putting it together, I drew from a much larger law review article that just came out in

the [Ohio State Law Journal](#).

#### **How does your research and scholarship influence your teaching and service and vice versa?**

I've been incredibly fortunate because my research and teaching have aligned with my service. I teach students about financial regulation and also serve as a member of the Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association—an international bar association of lawyers that represent investors. When I ran an Investor Advocacy Clinic at Michigan State, I would bring students in to committee conference calls to gain perspective on pending financial rules and regulations. Teaching in a law clinic also strengthened my scholarship. Much of my work features detailed explorations of financial products that appeared in the clinic's cases. Working with students on these issues made me a better scholar.

#### **When students ask you what they should read outside the required textbooks and other law-related books, what do you suggest?**

For business and securities classes, I always suggest that students read the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times DealBook blog. Although he is on hiatus right now, students should read the engaging columns by Stephen Davidoff Solomon—the Deal Professor. He explains complex transactions in a clear and often hilarious way.

#### **What is it about being a law school professor that inspires or motivates you?**

I absolutely love serving as a law professor and cannot imagine a better job. It allows me to help launch incredibly talented students into their careers and to build relationships with a

vibrant community of practitioners and scholars. It's also an incredible thrill to see my students succeed. Last year one of my students won a national writing competition for an essay he drafted. The news had me grinning louder than a brass band.

### **Student Spotlight: Cammy Ha**



#### **What are your memories of your childhood in Hong Kong?**

When I was little, my parents would take me to go see lights and decorations that were put on the harbor-facing buildings in Hong Kong every Christmas. The lights were so bright and attractive that you could even see them from the other side of the harbor. It is very hard to describe in words how beautiful the Christmas lights were.

#### **And what are your memories of arriving in the United States when you were 13?**

I don't think I can ever forget about my first day of school in the United States. I remember that it took me a couple minutes of mental preparation before I opened the classroom door on my first day of school.

#### **After law school, you plan to practice in the hospitality industry, yes?**

The answer is maybe. During the past two years, I was fortunate enough to be exposed to different areas of law. Although I still have a strong interest in labor and employment law, I certainly want to keep my options open after graduation.

#### **You served as President of Students United for Diversity in the Law (SUDL) last year. What good things do you think the group accomplished?**

I think one of the biggest accomplishments for SUDL was hosting the 2017 Street Law program. Helping high school students to prepare for a mock trial was an extremely rewarding experience, especially when some of the volunteers were able to witness the transformation of the high schoolers from knowing nothing about a trial to vigorously questioning a witness during cross-examination. I would like to encourage every student to become part of the Street Law program this spring.

### **Alumni Spotlight: Jason Aldridge '14**



*Jason in an attorney at Zinda Law Group PLLC, Austin. His primary focus is representing plaintiffs who have suffered personal injury.*

#### **Any business advice you would give to someone just starting in the profession?**

If you dread CLEs, you may be in the wrong area of practice. My career started in administrative law; but I quickly found myself considering signing in and then leaving a full-day CLE. It was then that I thought, "This is my profession. What am I doing if I don't want to be better at it?" If it is a chore to learn your craft, then consider changing crafts. That is what I chose to do—switching from administrative law to tort claims practice

#### **Where do you see yourself and your firm in 10 years?**

I am very lucky in that there are attorneys at my firm that I admire and respect. I can pattern my own career after theirs to achieve success. After approximately one year of practice in this new arena, I am managing a full litigation docket. In three to five years, I want to manage a complex docket with a heavy litigation load. I also want to be licensed in at least two other states. In ten years, I want to focus exclusively on major litigation matters. There are attorneys in the firm at each of these stages, and the game plan that took each to that stage is in front of me.

## **Is there a nugget of advice you would give a recent Boyd Law graduate?**

Work hard at your craft. Read books relevant to your area of practice. Network. You may move along in your profession with a passive approach, waiting for others to teach you the trade. But those that seek knowledge from every older attorney they meet; that read CLEs not just because it was required; that read trial advocacy books because they want to understand juries and how to best deliver an opening statement--those attorneys will lap all the others. So, seek that knowledge; and learn and apply yourself fully to your profession.

## **Community Member Spotlight: Michael Saltman & Sonja Saltman**



*Michael Saltman is Managing General Partner and President of The Vista Group and a Member of the Dean's Council at the Boyd School of Law. Sonja Saltman is Honorary Consul for Austria and a co-founder of the Existential Humanistic Institute. They are the co-founders of the Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution.*

### **Tell me about your decision to serve on the Dean's Council and what makes Boyd Law's mission meaningful to you.**

*Michael* : As for my reason for serving on the Dean's Council: anything that we can do to help the Boyd School of Law, locally or nationally, is always on our radar screen. The Dean's Council is no exception. Boyd Law will continue to be highly ranked because of

its terrific faculty, students and leadership, and a fabulous calling card for the UNLV brand nationwide. This was evident with the Brookings-UNLV co-sponsored water conference in Washington D.C.

### **What was your first or most memorable job?**

*Michael* : My first and most memorable position was as a junior lawyer in a life insurance company in England learning re-insurance on the job. Living in London didn't hurt.

*Sonja*: My first job was working in the field of psychology when I first opened my private practice and started to see clients. Working with actual clients in need made me realize how different studying psychology was from practicing it. I decided quickly that I wanted more training to become a better therapist which turned out be very beneficial, both for me and for my clients. Now many years later I am providing this training myself to graduate students and young professionals.

### **What advice would you give to Boyd Law students?**

*Michael* : My advice for the students would be to bear down when studying, be in serious study groups, ask a lot of questions, and seek legal work experience while in law school.

*Sonja*: I learned the value of doing things hands-on as well as learning from masters who are already working in the field, so I would advise students to gain as much practical experience as they can. It's a great way to learn to apply all of the principles you learn through your studies and to learn from those who are experienced professionals.

### **What is your favorite travel destination?**

*Michael* : My favorite two destinations would be the mountains of the Austrian Tirol and the aforesaid London, England.

*Sonja* : Austria and England are two of my favorite travel destinations. I grew up in Austria, so when I travel there, it always feels like I'm going home. In my twenties I spent a decade in England which became my second home, so I always love to visit it whenever I can.

### **Tell me about something you've read that's made a difference to you.**

*Michael* : Man's Search for Meaning by Victor Frankl. I read a page every day, and I recommend this book to all.

*Sonja* : The White Hotel by D.M. Thomas. The heroine is faced with a difficult moral and emotional, even inhumane dilemma, and the book speaks to how to survive and deal with the aftermath of a decision nobody wants to have to make.

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