



### From Dean Dan

Each year, the student-run Nevada Law Journal (NLJ) explores a Nevada-specific area of law and publishes its findings in a White Paper. The 2017 White Paper, entitled "*Statewide Rules of Criminal Procedure: a 50 State Survey Symposium*," addresses the fact that Nevada is one of only three states that does not have uniform rules of criminal procedure. The full text can be read by clicking [here](#).

On December 1, the NLJ will host "*Standardizing the Wild West: A Symposium on Criminal Procedure Reform in Nevada*." The symposium kicks off with lunch presentations on the formation of the Commission on Rules of Criminal Procedure in Nevada by Commission co-chairs Chief Justice Michael A. Cherry and Justice Michael Douglas, followed by perspectives from District Attorney Steve Wolfson and Public Defender Phil Kohn, and finally a brief presentation of the White Paper findings by White Paper authors Emily Dyer and Chelsea Stacey. Following lunch will be three panels focusing on distinct areas of criminal procedure featuring judges, legislators, and attorneys from around the state. The symposium will conclude with a keynote address by Darryl K. Brown, O.M. Vicars Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law. I invite you to join us for the afternoon by registering via this [link](#).

I want to thank Chief Justice Cherry and the Supreme Court for their support of this year's White Paper.

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### Faculty Spotlight: Joan Howarth



*Joan Howarth is Dean Emerita, Michigan State University College of Law, and Professor of Law.*

#### **What's the most important thing you are working on right now?**

Teaching Torts again to smart, lively, engaged and engaging Boyd students feels like winning the jackpot. When classes end I'll return to my research projects. I just published an article on Title IX campus sexual misconduct issues, and have an article on bar exams in the final editing stage. Attorney licensing is hugely important, but under-studied. My current work compares bar exams to licensing tests for other professions, like medicine,

nursing, accounting, dentistry, and engineering. Lawyers tend to think of bar exams as somehow etched in stone, a steady constant in a world of changes elsewhere. But attorney licensing is also changing in very positive ways.

**What are some of those changes in bar exams that you've seen or studied?**

The biggest change is the juggernaut success of the Uniform Bar Exam. I think back to about twelve years ago when I was the academic dean working with our founding dean, Dick Morgan. Dick was appointed to a small committee of national leaders to begin to think about the possibility of greater cooperation between states on bar exams. Dick and that committee endorsed the idea of a uniform bar exam, but it seemed very pie in the sky. Fast forward to today, and a majority of states have already adopted the Uniform Bar Exam, especially here in the West, a region known for its innovative spirit. My research into other professions suggests that the Uniform Bar Exam will eventually be everywhere, which I think will be good for the public and the profession.

**You joined the Boyd faculty in 2001, left in 2008, and now are back as a Distinguished Visiting Professor. What were you doing in your absence, and what have you noticed on your return to Boyd?**

I was privileged to serve as the dean of Michigan State University College of Law, a dream job. As I said many times about the move, I noticed a few differences between Las Vegas and East Lansing. With wonderful colleagues, I worked at MSU Law to build some of the successes that Boyd had already achieved, and to create opportunities unique to MSU. One of my favorite things about being back at Boyd is being in the classroom again, after many years as an administrator. Also, my years away gave my former Boyd students time to not just launch their careers, but become visible leaders. I happily bask in their reflected glory when I see their awards, positions of authority, client successes, and amazing achievements. And the sense of community here at Boyd remains very strong and very special.

**When students ask you what they should read or do outside the classroom?**

We're all different. Find time to do whatever keeps you healthy, happy, and close to the people you love. The most important education in law school is learning how to work very hard and be ready to handle serious professional responsibility while staying healthy and true to your core values. That's more challenging and important than understanding the rule against perpetuities or anything else in a casebook. It also helps to find lots of ways to make law school as fun as possible, because some of it just isn't.

**Student Spotlight: Athena Eliades**



**You earned a graduate degree at San Francisco State University and worked in San Francisco this summer. Is the City by the Bay a likely long-term destination?**

I think I will eventually end up back in San Francisco. I love Las Vegas. The opportunities I've had at UNLV as an undergrad and now at Boyd have been amazing! Las Vegas is my hometown, and I have a strong community here, but San Francisco has my heart.

**As president of Boyd's Organization of Women Law Students (OWLS), what are your goals for the group this year?**

This year OWLS' goals are to push for women's representation within the legal field and to uplift underserved women within the Nevada community, be it through helping women understand their legal rights or through charity. For our female members, we hope to see them end up in higher level legal and political jobs, where women have been marginalized, and know that they are supported by our male members. We hope that our events will bring attention to equality through representation and that women outside of the legal community can find a place of inspiration through their representation.

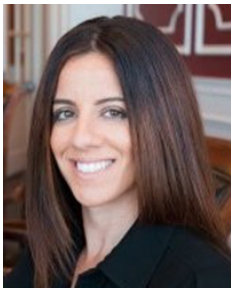
**The entertainment gods are about to shut down all forms of cinema forever. What movie would you rush to see one more time?**

I would choose *Lady Snowblood*, a Japanese movie about a female Samurai avenging her mother's rape. I love old Kung Fu and Samurai movies, this one in particular because of the powerful female lead.

**As you approach your law school midpoint, are you more or less certain of your career path?**

I am certain that I want to work in immigration law and teach part-time, given the opportunity. My only uncertainty stems from wondering how I can do that and live in Las Vegas and San Francisco.

**Alumni Spotlight : Marissa R. Temple '04**



*Marissa is an attorney at Rogers, Mastrangelo, Carvalho & Mitchell and serves on the 2017-18 Boyd School of Law Alumni Chapter Board.*

**Tell me about your decision to attend UNLV Law.**

I came to UNLV from Hawaii for my undergraduate studies to participate on the UNLV debate team. I immediately fell in love with both the city of Las Vegas and the university. When the time came for law school, UNLV felt right. I wanted a school that valued public service, with accessible and accomplished professors; and above all, a place that provided students with an enjoyable learning environment (no Paper Chase!). I often tell people that one of the best decisions I ever made was attending law school at Boyd. I am a proud alumna and credit my education for the lawyer I have become.

**What's the best business advice you've received, and whom did it come from?**

My first boss is a well-respected Las Vegas trial attorney and also was my Trial Advocacy professor at Boyd-Bruce Alverson. He once told me that our reputation is our most precious asset. So, become a person who deserves a good one. Take action that embodies the characteristics you want others to associate with you. How we handle a situation reflects not only on the type of attorney we are, but also on our firms, our clients, and on our profession in general. The Las Vegas legal community is small and tight-knit. Being recognized and respected as a strong advocate, but also as a good person, is the best thing you can do for yourself.

**You're involved in a lot - business, philanthropy, social groups, and family life. How do you find balance?**

I find that keeping busy makes me stronger personally and professionally. My husband Jeff is also an attorney; plus we have two young children. When I am not working or with family, you will usually find me enjoying my passion - trail running. Part of the joy in running is feeling the pain and the grit - knowing I have to dig deep to achieve success. Balancing a busy career and home life is a lot like running: both require commitment, a strong work ethic, and diligence.

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