



From Dean Dan

Boyd Nation continues to grow and we are excited to welcome more graduates during our winter commencement on **December 16**. In order to help you stay connected with your classmates, we've recently launched a new [alumni landing page](#) and [alumni directory](#). Through the directory you can update your profile, submit class notes, and search by a variety of methods. Please contact Director of Alumni Relations [Carolyn Barnes](#) who can help get you started.

Make sure to mark your calendars as we kick off 2018 with these alumni events:

- **January 19** from 5:30-8:30 p.m.: Mary-Ann and I invite you to our annual holiday reception at our home. Click [here](#) to RSVP
- **January 24** from 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Celebrate the New Year with me and other friends from Boyd in Northern Nevada at the Twisted Fork. Click [here](#) to RSVP

I'd also like to invite any of our colleagues attending the AALS annual meeting in San Diego to join us for a UNLV Law reception on **January 4** from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego in America's Cup B. If you can join us, please RSVP by December 29 to Eun Halstead via [email](#) or at 702.895.3671.

I hope to see many of you soon.

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Faculty Spotlight: Ian C. Bartrum



Ian Bartrum is a Professor of Law. His expertise is within Constitutional Law, Constitutional Theory, Constitutional History, as well as Law and Religion.

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

I'm working on two things. The first is a fairly in-depth exploration of Cliven Bundy's constitutional claims. I think federal land retention and management remains an important and controversial issue in Nevada and across the West. I'm also working on a longer-term article—or perhaps a book—on the intellectual history of judicial review. I have found roots in medieval popular sovereignty

theory and in Enlightenment separation of powers ideas. The larger hope is to better understand the ways that we divided up the sovereign prerogative at the Founding.

What have you read, listened to, or watched recently that has influenced you or your work?

I read a draft of a piece by Professor Michael McConnell (Stanford) called *The Logical Structure of Article II*, which blew me away. McConnell argues that the enumeration of legislative powers in Article I is less about allocating authority between the state and federal governments, and more about formally dividing the older English sovereign prerogative between the Executive and Legislative branches. Truly fascinating, with broad constitutional implications; and it definitely influenced me to write my piece on judicial review.

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

I often suggest reading Franz Kafka's *The Trial*. To me, at least, it presents a chilling vision of a society without a commitment to a transparent and rational rule of law. As someone who teaches Jurisprudence, it also raises important questions about what should count as "law," and why we should value it. These are deep and important questions in our current political climate.

Student Spotlight: Jennifer Yee



Your father was an attorney, right?

Yes, my father was a corporate attorney beginning as a lobbyist on the Hill for the lumber industry and ending in private practice.

You spent many years working as a nurse practitioner, and have managed an orthopedic surgery clinic. How do you see that experience and your legal education blending in your future professional endeavors?

I plan to complete the Health Law concentration offered by Boyd to merge my medical background with my legal future. With my clinical practice and experience on the business side of medicine, I see myself uniquely poised to offer a great deal of legal services to the medical community of Las Vegas.

Tell us about your kids!

My children are my pride and joy! They are a huge part of my decision to go back to school. My youngest has even said that he wants to get his JD/MD so that he will be a lawyer like mom and a doctor like dad. Sydney (12), Taryn (10), and Jackson (8) keep me very busy outside of the classroom. Sydney is an avid skier, spending every weekend in the winter in Park City on the ski team. Taryn is a competitive dancer, and Jackson also skies and plays lacrosse.

Caring for a family, running a business, attending law school... how do you make it all work?

I am very lucky to have the immense support of my husband as well as extended family. I certainly could not do this alone! Although I may have more on my plate than others, I think that my age and life experiences help to prioritize what I need to accomplish on a daily basis. During finals I am certainly overwhelmed, but as soon as they are over, you will find me decompressing in Park City!

Alumni Spotlight : Elizabeth Naccarato '07



Elizabeth is program manager, HR compliance & policy, for Northwestern Memorial HealthCare.

How did you first get into the legal profession?

During college, I interned with the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, a non-profit organization that provides information, training, and expertise to agencies and individuals engaged in eliminating sexual violence.

My internship led to my first job where I had the opportunity to work with our lobbyist on a number bills to support survivors and their families. It was my first exposure to how the law can affect change and it sparked my interest in learning more about a legal career. The law continued to be a recurring topic in the work I did over the next few years. Ultimately, I decided a legal career was the best path for me to continue working on issues to which I was strongly committed.

How did you get into the healthcare industry?

I currently work in legal compliance for a large healthcare organization in Chicago. My area of focus is on labor and employment compliance. Prior to taking this position, I worked as a trial attorney at the EEOC for six years. I am passionate about legal issues in the workplace and, while my time as a trial attorney at the EEOC was incredible, I was ready for a change of pace. I am now in a position where I can use my knowledge and experience to help ensure our workplace remains a top employer of choice in our industry.

If you met a recent Boyd Law graduate who asked for a special takeaway from your experiences, what would that be?

Professionalism matters. Demonstrate civility to everyone you encounter in your practice. This matters because how you treat people in your own workplace, in the courtroom, in a deposition, and even in the tone you use in briefings is noticed and can make a difference in many aspects of your professional life—no matter how intelligent or talented you are.

What's the best piece of professional advice given to me personally? Do your best, but there are times when it is best not to let perfect be the enemy of the good.

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