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From Dean Dan

Next week, as part of the Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series, the law school welcomes **Judge Ken Starr** who will present a talk on "[Investigating the President](#)" at 4 p.m. on March 22 in the Thomas & Mack Moot Courtroom. Judge Starr has had a distinguished career in academia, the law and public service. Judge Starr was named to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from 1983 to 1989. He was named Solicitor General by President George H. W. Bush, and argued 36 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court from 1989-93. He went on to serve as Independent Counsel for the Department of Justice. Judge Starr is currently practicing law, writing on constitutional law, and serving as a guest commentator for various news programs. My thanks to MGM Resorts International and William Hill for their support of this important talk and series.

We also have lots of great news and exciting developments from around Boyd Nation to share.

I am delighted to announce that former Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie gaming law partner Tony Cabot will serve as the law school's first Distinguished Fellow in Gaming Law. Tony has practiced gaming law for more than 35 years, is a longtime adjunct at the law school, and is widely regarded as one of the most distinguished gaming attorneys in the U.S. As a Fellow, he will teach and advise students in the gaming law program, advance scholarly research as a contributor to the *Gaming Law Journal* and build relationships with other jurisdictions. Read the official press announcement [here](#), and learn more about Tony in the faculty spotlight below.

The College of Southern Nevada (CSN) is honoring Professor Michael Kagan, Director of the Immigration Clinic, with the "Diversity Excellence Award for 2017-18," which is presented to a community partner, during a ceremony at their Diversity Awards and Recognition Breakfast on Friday, March 16 at the North Las Vegas Campus. In recognizing the Immigration Clinic, they write: "We are particularly thankful to you for all the work you have put forth to serve our students and the members of our immigrant communities." We are grateful to Professor Kagan, Laura Barrera, Mayra Salinas-Menjivar, Martha Arellano and all Boyd students who have volunteered at CSN programs.

Finally, congratulations to the Society of Advocates moot court teams for the many outstanding achievements at recent competitions. Stephanie Glantz, Landon Littlefield,

Alexis Wendl, Scott Cardenas and Steven Kish advanced to the final 16 at the Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition, one of the largest competitions in the country, at St. John's University. Scott and Steven received the "Outstanding Brief" award. At the Wagner Labor and Employment Moot Court Competition at the New York Law School, Will Carter, William Nobriga, and Connor Sapphire also advanced to the final 16. Their team won the "Best Preliminary Round Team" award. Connor Sapphire also won the "Best Respondent Preliminary Round Advocate" award.

Best,

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Faculty Spotlight: Anthony Cabot



Anthony (Tony) Cabot is a Distinguished Fellow in Gaming Law who teaches Introduction to Gaming Regulation and Comparative Gaming Law to LL.M. and J.D. students .

What is the most important thing you are working on now?

Professor Keith Miller from Drake Law and I are finishing a book on regulating sports wagering. It is topical because the United States Supreme Court will soon decide whether the Federal statute prohibiting states other than Nevada from authorizing full-service sports books is constitutional. If, as many predict, the court overturns the law, then legal sports wagering will rapidly spread across the United States. The book will provide the knowledge base for policymakers to successfully write and implement federal and state laws and for regulators to adequately regulate the honesty of wagering and protect against sports corruption.

What new information from your daily practice do you use in the classroom?

When I started practicing in 1981, all the U.S. gaming attorneys could have fit in an elevator. Gaming law was a small branch of privileged licensing. As the industry proliferated and regulation developed, a discipline called gaming law emerged that is nuanced and multi-disciplinary. Being intellectually curious, I used my practice to learn as much as I could about how different jurisdictions approached regulation and the policy reasons behind those choices. The best way to learn a topic is to write about it. So, four decades, hundreds of articles and 12 books later, I am still learning, writing about and hopefully contributing to the advancement of the discipline.

How has your work and experience changed your teaching approach or vice versa?

Stepping back from the practice after so many years has freed me to travel more for academic pursuits. In the past year or so, I visited Germany, The Czech Republic, Croatia, Ireland, Korea, Japan, and Macau to lecture or merely to explore the casinos and neighborhoods. While I traveled extensively in my law practice, these more recent trips were not client focused and permitted me to meet people and explore the cultures and their impact on gambling more fully. These experiences better equip me to provide more profound insights into the differences in gaming law and regulation across the world.

Student Spotlight: Alexis Garrett

What did you enjoy most about your collegiate tennis career, first at Morehead State and then at UNLV?

At Morehead, I most enjoyed the camaraderie and small campus atmosphere. Once I transferred to UNLV, I still felt a camaraderie with my teammates, but I missed the small campus community; however, I



greatly appreciate the opportunities that UNLV's larger campus provided me. My time at Boyd has proven to be the best of both worlds -- the resources of a larger institution, but the small community with friendships and relationships that will last a lifetime.

Is there a particular tennis player you tried to emulate?

I honestly never tried to emulate a player as far as my actual game was concerned, but I was always drawn to players with good attitudes and work ethics, and I would try to mimic those qualities — my mimicking has definitely improved as I've gotten older.

You recently participated in the Major League Baseball Arbitration Competition at Tulane University Law School. How was that experience?

The MLB Arbitration Competition was an incredible and unique experience. Because most of the arbitrators are either sports agents or in-house counsel for professional baseball teams, the arbitrators' feedback was practical and informative, as opposed to feedback about how to excel in other competitions.

What course that you've taken at Boyd has most influenced your career aspirations?

Initially, I figured that I would go into tax law, as my undergraduate degree is in Accounting, but a good friend, Robin Gonzales, informed me that I am a woman of "fleeting passions." Because of my "fleeting passions," all of my classes have been influential. Frankly, the professors have been more influential than the classes themselves. The guidance and support I have received from the professors at Boyd has been invaluable.

Alumni Spotlight : Keith Hansen '09



Keith is Vice President - Airport and Government Affairs, Las Vegas for Allegiant Airlines.

What is the highlight of your career with Allegiant Air so far?

A career is made of highs, lows, and creamy middles – as the highlights are (naturally) the best part, I have two to share.

First – the opportunity to testify before the Florida Legislature and the Florida Department of Taxation as I argued that Allegiant met the requirements to receive a jet-fuel tax abatement. Initially, neither group was receptive. However, after twelve months of effort (and a lot of time in Tallahassee), our application was approved. This resulted in significant tax savings to the company and allowed the airline to grow in Florida faster than originally forecast.

Second — the opportunity to be an active participant in Allegiant's growing partnership with Make-a-Wish ("MAW"). From serving on the Board of Directors for MAW of Southern Nevada — to overseeing the build out of **The Wishing Place** (the headquarters for MAW Southern Nevada on Allegiant's Las Vegas campus) — I have come to love this organization and its people. (Allegiant leases these offices to MAW for the very reasonable sum of \$1 per year!) In March of 2018, Allegiant will fly its one-thousandth Wish Kid to the destination of their dream — which will surely be another highlight for me!

What are your words to live by?

"Never let a problem to be solved become more important than a person to be loved."

What do you enjoy in your off-hours?

With four kids, my wife and I do not have many "off-hours" as we stay pretty busy. But, we love to travel and all six of us love to ski, so we try to spend as much time as we can on the slopes. Of course, if you asked my kids about my hobbies, they would tell you that I love to

yell at the TV during football season and during Utah Jazz basketball games — and there is certainly some truth to that observation.

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