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From Dean Dan

I am delighted to report that the Hispanic National Board Association (HNBA) has recognized the Boyd Student Chapter of La Voz as the "Law Student Organization of the Year" for the second year in a row. The HNBA honored the organization at its annual convention last night in Philadelphia. Congratulations to La Voz President Ellsie Lucero and all involved!

I also want to thank the Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys (SNAWA) for their continuous support of the law school. Every year since 1998, SNAWA has provided scholarships to student leaders. This year's scholarship recipients are Carmen Gilbert, Adrianna Guida, Theresa Guerra, Monique Jammer, and Haley Jaramilo. Tickets for SNAWA's 6th Annual Justice Miriam Shearing Gala on September 21, which this year is honoring Justice Nancy Becker, are now available through the organization's [website](#).

We also look forward to some terrific upcoming events:

- On September 13, we are delighted to welcome **Ms. Kate Leone** as part of the Dean's Distinguished Speaker Series. Ms. Leone is one of the leading experts on health care policy in the United States, and played an instrumental role in the drafting of the Affordable Care Act. She spent 12 years as the chief health counsel to Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid and before that worked for Senator Tom Daschle and Senator Jeanne Shaheen. She is currently the senior vice president of government relations and a member of the Feeding America executive team. Her talk is entitled "Health Care and the Affordable Care Act: How We Got Here and What's Next," which is taking place at noon in the Faculty Lounge.
- The Gaming Law Society and Distinguished Fellow in Gaming Law Anthony Cabot welcomes Terry Johnson, JD '11, a member of the Nevada Gaming Control Board, on September 20. He will present a talk on **Effective Legal and Personal Representation Before Gaming Regulatory Agencies and Current Issues Before the Nevada Gaming Control Board**. Learn more through this [link](#).
- In Las Vegas, trade shows are frontiers of innovation and creativity, but they can also be catalysts for disputes over intellectual property. I am thrilled Samuel S. Lionel Professor of Intellectual Property Law Marketa Trimble has organized "**Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement at Trade Shows: International Perspectives and Best Practices**" on October 4. The keynote will be delivered by Andrei Iancu, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). This conference brings together intellectual property law experts from the United States and other countries – attorneys, judges,

representatives of trade show operators, and others – to discuss best practices for intellectual property rights enforcement at trade shows, including practices in courts and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. My thanks to our conference sponsors: the Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Nevada; Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie; the Society of Independent Show Organizers; Holley, Driggs, Walch, Fine, Wray, Puzey & Thompson; Fennemore Craig Attorneys; Dickinson Wright; and Howard & Howard. To learn more and register, please [click here](#).

Best,

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Faculty Spotlight: Stewart Chang



Stewart Chang is a Professor of Law with expertise in Comparative Law, Family Law, and Immigration Law .

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

As a public interest attorney, I used to say that I saved the world one client at a time. I see my role now as raising up attorneys to take on that same mantle and go out into their communities to do the same. I see a lot of myself in my students. The whole reason I went into public interest practice was because I witnessed how my mother, as a limited-English proficient immigrant woman, had difficulties navigating the legal system when she was trying to escape an abusive marriage with my father. I wanted to make sure, as an attorney, that I could help people in her situation feel less helpless. So many of my students over the years have similar stories. Lots of them are the first in their families to graduate college, let alone go to law school, and they want to go back to their communities to provide much needed legal services. I want to do everything in my power to equip my students to accomplish those goals.

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

Please read something by James Baldwin. I remember how, reading his works as an undergraduate English major, Baldwin resonated with my core and helped solidify the social justice values and beliefs that I would take with me into a decade of public interest practice at a major civil rights organization in Los Angeles. Everyone needs to read *The Fire Next Time*, where he calls for self-awareness, conciliation, and unity if our nation is to survive. It is eerie how Baldwin's words from fifty years ago are particularly relevant now, as I cannot remember when our country has been so fractured across race, religion, and nationalism. *Giovanni's Room* is still one of my favorite novels, but it is also a bit more personal as it helped me process the feelings of isolation, inadequacy, and guilt that I was struggling with at the time I read it in college. Needless to say, I read it again during law school.

Student Spotlight: Emily Meibert

How have you reconciled your northern Nevada roots and your UNR undergraduate past with your southern Nevada/UNLV/Boyd present?

I have reconciled the battle between North and South by recognizing the important roles each play for Nevada's future. There was hesitation in choosing Boyd—particularly when it came to telling my parents. After two years here, I still have heated



discussion regarding NEVADA (not UNR) sports teams, but I appreciate the two communities are intertwined and support each other.

As the driving force behind Boyd's Golden Knights Tuesdays, what are your reflections on our team's remarkable inaugural season?

Like a lot of Nevadans, before this season I had not watched a single hockey game. Thankfully, fellow students—Brendan McLeod and Patrick Harrington—introduced me to the sport. This year was not only historic, but a lot of fun to watch. At the start of the season most sports commentators predicted the Knights

having “the worst record of NHL history.” Boy, I am glad they were wrong.

Best class you've taken at Boyd was...

... Professor McGinley’s Gender Seminar. We interviewed legal professionals about the role gender plays in the Vegas legal community. The course was both enlightening and somewhat terrifying, but it provoked thought that I had never previously encountered.

Who is the superhero you most aspire to emulate?

I have two answers for this one (hopefully that’s allowed). The first superhero I aspire to emulate is Wonder Woman. Not only because she is the first actual female powerhouse of the superhero world, but because she is able to show compassion and strength are not competing forces, rather they are necessary attributes. The second superhero is my grandpa. He is the most kindhearted, loving, caring, and courageous person I know. I strive to be even half the person he is.

Alumni Spotlight : The Honorable Rebecca Kern '04



Judge Kern is a Justice of the Peace in Las Vegas Justice Court, Department 6.

Tell me about your decision to attend law school?

As a young child, growing up here in fabulous Las Vegas, I always thought I wanted to become an accountant (a tax accountant, to be precise). While attending the business school at UNLV, in pursuit of my degree in accounting, I quickly realized my passion was in the law. (My favorite classes were in business law – I know, boring right!) After graduation, while working in the tax department of a prominent firm, I decided to follow my passion. I applied to the William S. Boyd School of Law, and was

accepted. I am proud to say that I am a member of the fourth graduating class.

What is the best moment in your career so far?

While I had many rewarding moments as an attorney, I would have to say being elected as a Justice of the Peace for the Las Vegas Justice Court has been my best career moment so far. I worked hard as an attorney for nearly 13 years, gaining varied civil experience, but I wanted the opportunity to give back to our community. With my husband and families support, I made the decision to run for a judicial position. After nearly a year of hard work campaigning, I remember sitting up with my husband watching the election results. When my name scrolled across the screen as the winner, I was so happy and shocked all at the same time. The hard work had paid off; that was a very happy and humbling moment in time for me. In the months to come I prepared for my new role in the judiciary, and was honored to be sworn in as a Justice of the Peace, taking office January of 2017.



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