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## Please Join NNWLA on October 20, 2015 for an Evening with the Court of Appeals

We are very excited to announce that NNWLA will be hosting an event with the three judges from the Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Michael Gibbons, Judge Abbi Silver, and Judge Jerome Tao, on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 p.m. A panel discussion with the judges will begin at 6:15 p.m. The event will be held at the Supreme Court, 201 S. Carson Street, Carson City. 1 hour CLE credit is pending approval.

The cost for the event will be \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members in advance, and \$30 at the door. Advance payments will be due by Friday, October 16, 2015, at noon. Advance tickets can be purchased on our website ([www.nnwla.com](http://www.nnwla.com)) on the "events" page or by sending a check to Anjali Webster, c/o Dickinson Wright, 100 W. Liberty Street, Suite 940, Reno, NV 89501. If you are interested in sending questions for us to ask the judges, please e-mail them to [nnwla.rsvp@gmail.com](mailto:nnwla.rsvp@gmail.com). We hope you can join us on October 20th for the event!

## SAVE THE DATES

Even though the year is winding down, NNWLA still has great events in store for the last few months of 2015. Please save the date for NNWLA's final luncheon presentation of the year on November 17th, 2015, at noon at SoDo. Jennifer Mahe and Alicia Johnson will be presenting on estate planning matters.

In December NNWLA will host two of its annual events. On December 15th, Judge Simons will welcome members of NNWLA and their guests into her home for our Annual Holiday Celebration. The following Saturday, December 19th, NNWLA will host its Annual Veterans Memorial Holiday Shopping Event. We have already received a generous donation in the amount of \$500.00 for the Veterans Memorial Holiday Shopping Event from Davis Graham and Stubbs LLP's Charitable Fund. Please consider joining them and donating to the Holiday Shopping Event, so we can make this year the most successful year yet. You can mail your checks for the event to Anjali Webster, c/o Dickinson Wright, 100 W. Liberty Street, Suite 940, Reno, NV 89501. There is also a PayPal link on our website on the "events" page.

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### Stay Connected...

Please stay connected with NNWLA through our website ([www.nnwla.com](http://www.nnwla.com)) and our Facebook page.

As we continue to update our website, we will have more information about future events so you can plan in advance.

### Event Highlights:

**October 20th:** Evening Court of Appeals Event in Carson City.

**November 17th:** Luncheon presentation by Jennifer Mahe and Alicia Johnson regarding estate planning.





## A Word From Our President



By Kimberly L.  
Goodnight

For the past couple of years, NNWLA has been privileged to hold question and answer sessions with various members of the judiciary. Last year, we had a unique opportunity to sit down with all of the justices of the Nevada Supreme Court.

This year we have the privilege of holding a panel discussion with the inaugural judges of the Nevada Court of Appeals.

Last November, Nevadans voted to amend Article 6 of the Nevada Constitution and to create an intermediate appellate court. In January of this year, Judge Michael Gibbons, Judge Jerome Tao, and Judge Abbi Silver began hearing cases. On Tuesday, October 20th, NNWLA invites you to join us at the Nevada Supreme Court in Carson City for a discussion with Judges Gibbons, Tao, and Silver. The evening begins with a social at 5:30 p.m. and a question and answer session at 6:15 p.m.

We hope you can join us in October. However, if you cannot, there are still three more opportunities to get involved this year. In November, Jennifer Mahe and Alicia Johnson will finish out our lunch program for the year by discussing estate planning at SoDo. In December, we will celebrate the holidays and a change of leadership at Judge Lynne Simons' home.

Finally, in December, we will have our annual holiday shopping event for the students at Veterans Memorial Elementary School. For every \$100 we collect, NNWLA is able to purchase winter clothes for one underprivileged child. To kick off the donations early, Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, through its charitable foundation, have already generously donated \$500 for this event. NNWLA gives a special thank you to Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP's Reno lawyers Ms. Laura Granier and Ms. Jamie Winter for helping us secure this early contribution!

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### Upcoming Community Events

On Saturday, October 10, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans ("VARN") will be hosting a free legal aid fair at the Carson City Community Center, 851 E. William Street. For more information about the event please see the attached flyer or contact VARN at 775-883-8278.

### Renew Your Membership

You can renew your membership early by sending in the attached membership form. Please mark on that form that your payment is for 2016.

### Join the 2016 NNWLA Board

The NNWLA Board is seeking volunteers for the Newsletter Committee for 2016. The members of the Newsletter Committee are expected to contribute one to two articles or interviews each year for the NNWLA Newsletter. The Committee is ideal for individuals who want to volunteer and participate, but who cannot make the time commitment required for a regular Board position.

If you are interested in joining the Newsletter Committee in 2016, please contact Lauren Berkich and Laury Macauley at [LBerkich@woodburnandwedge.com](mailto:LBerkich@woodburnandwedge.com) and [laurymacauleylawgroup.com](mailto:laurymacauleylawgroup.com).



## September 1, 2015 NNWLA Board Minutes

1. Present: Kimberly Goodnight, Laury Macauley, Marilee Breternitz, Diana Zuccarini, Sally Bassett, Lauren Davis Berkich, Jennifer Gustafson, Tara Zimmerman, Anjali Webster.
2. Bank Balance: \$4,482.94.
3. Discussion of Upcoming Events: September 15th lunch event at SoDo (Kim Surratt to discuss parent/surrogate law); October 20th evening Intermediate Appeals Court event at the Nevada Supreme Court in Carson City; November 17th Estate Planning lunch event at SoDo (Jennifer Mahe and Alicia Johnson to speak); December 15th Holiday Party at Home of Judge Simons.
5. Discussion of SNAWA tribute request for past State Bar President Elana Graham.
6. Discussion of creation of a NNWLA team for Have a Heart event.
7. Discussion of upcoming article in newsletter with interview of Judge Stiglich.
8. Next Board Meeting: 10/06/15.

# 2015 Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association Membership Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (work): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Personal information will not be published or provided to third parties)

State(s) and Years (s) admitted to practice:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Nevada \_\_\_\_\_ Others: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type/Annual Dues:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fewer than two years of practice in Nevada - \$50.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Government attorneys (regardless of years of practice) - \$50.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Retired attorneys (regardless of years of practice) - \$50.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ More than two years of practice in Nevada - \$75.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sustaining member - \$125.00

Please make checks payable to "Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association" or NNWLA and remit to:

**Anjali Webster**  
**100 W. Liberty St., Ste. 940**  
**Reno, NV 89501**

More information about you (check all that apply):                      My practice areas include:

_____ Solo practitioner	_____
_____ Fewer than 5 attorneys in firm	_____
_____ 5-10 attorneys in firm	_____
_____ More than 10 attorneys in firm	_____
_____ Contract Attorney	_____
_____ Employed by Government	_____
_____ Agency/Court	_____
_____ Judicial Law Clerk	_____
_____ Not currently practicing	_____
_____ Seeking employment	_____

What subjects/activities would you like to see as topics for the monthly lunch meetings?

_____ political/legislative issues	_____ mentoring
_____ family law issues	_____ stress management
_____ career options	_____ CLE credit
_____ local legal community issues	_____ issues particular to women practicing law
_____ other (please specify) _____	

Do you have any suggestions as to activities and/or events that you would like NNWLA to sponsor or participate in during 2015? \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_



# Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association

Please Join Us for Our Special October Event

## *An Evening with the Nevada Court of Appeals*



**Tuesday, October 20th at the Supreme Court  
201 S. Carson Street, Carson City**

**Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., Discussion at 6:15 p.m.**

**Panel Discussion:** Appellate Judges Michael Gibbons, Jerome Tao, and Abbi Silver will answer your questions and discuss the work of Nevada's newest court.

**Cost:** \$20 for NNWLA members in advance, \$25 for non-members in advance, and \$30 at the door.

**RSVP:** Advance payments may be made at NNWLA.com. To pay by check, please send it to Anjali Webster, c/o Dickinson Wright, 100 W. Liberty St., ste. 940, Reno, NV 89501.

**CLE:** 1.0 hour of CLE credit is pending.

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# **FREE LEGAL AID FAIR**

**Carson City, Nevada**

**Saturday, October 10, 2015**

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Carson City Community Center, 851 E. William Street  
Sierra Room, Carson City, Nevada

**ASK A LAWYER ABOUT YOUR LEGAL PROBLEM  
FIND OUT WHAT LEGAL RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE  
TO HELP YOU**

Attorneys and/or paralegals will be available to talk to you concerning:

General Civil Law (Non-Criminal)  
Family Law (Divorce, Custody, Guardianships, etc.)  
Bankruptcy  
Wills & Estates  
Foreclosure & Other Real Property Matters  
Landlord/Tenant  
Debt Collection  
Government Benefits  
Immigration  
And more...

Hosted by:

**Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans (VARN)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

VARN at 775-883-8278