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October 13th: Marijuana Ballot Question Debate



Please join us on Thursday, October 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Atlantis for a dinner event discussing Ballot Question No. 2, also known as the initiative to Regulate and Tax Marijuana. If enacted, this initiative would legalize the recreational use of marijuana in Nevada for adults over 21. Advocacy groups on both sides of the issue will present their positions and answer questions.

Advance tickets are available at nnwla.com/events until October 10th. Tickets are \$45 for members and \$50 for non members. After October 10th, tickets will be available at the door for \$55.

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Volunteer Opportunities: Office of Military Legal Assistance



On September 13, 2016, NNWLA hosted a CLE presentation by Deputy Attorney General Nic Danna and Captain Dana Grigg discussing legal issues facing our state's military population.

Nevada's Office of Military Legal Assistance (OMLA) is the nation's first Attorney General led public-private partnership providing military communities access to pro bono civil legal services. The OMLA is addressing such a critical need that the program has garnered bipartisan support and recognition from Nevada State and Federal elected officials, as well as officials from across the country. The Department of Defense has named the OMLA as a "Best Practice Program."

While service members are granted limited legal assistance from the Judge Advocate General's Corps on civil matters, the JAG Corps cannot represent service members in court on civil issues. This critical gap in legal representation negatively impacts morale and military readiness for both the service member and their family. Legal challenges increase the risk of

financial insecurity, bankruptcy, divorce, homelessness and suicide, as mounting financial pressures increase stress and decrease overall emotional and psychological health and stability.

The goal of the OMLA is to improve the military readiness, employment, health, wellness, and education outcomes for Nevada active duty military and veterans by meeting critical unmet legal needs. The OMLA is unique not only in Nevada, but is leading the country in providing active duty service members and veterans with pro bono legal assistance in a variety of civil legal matters. The OMLA is currently assisting with military rights issues (USERRA and SCRA), wills and powers of attorney, landlord/tenant issues, creditor/debtor issues, consumer fraud, naturalization/immigration, and predatory lending. Access to these services protect the financial/economic livelihood of our active duty military and veterans who may not have the financial resources to take on certain legal matters.

Once an active duty military member or veteran becomes an OMLA client, they are referred to private pro bono attorneys, legal aid affiliate partners, such as Nevada Legal Services, and





A Word From Our President



By Lauren Berkich

Thank you to all of you who joined us for our September military law event. Nicolo Danna, Director of the Nevada Office of Military Legal Assistance (OMLA) and Captain Dana Grigg, who serves as a

Judge Advocate General with the Nevada Air National Guard presented. The OMLA provides pro bono legal assistance and representation to service members in a range of civil law matters. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the OMLA please visit <http://nvagomla.nv.gov> or complete the volunteer form on page 4.

We hope you will join us October 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Casino Resort for a debate regarding ballot Question 2. Question 2 would legalize marijuana in Nevada for adults over the age of 21 and would authorize the taxation of marijuana sales, which would be allocated to education. We will have representatives from both sides of the issue presenting. This topic is sure to be controversial this election season and we look forward to a lively debate! Paypal registration for this event is now available at www.nnwla.com.

On September 22, 2016, I had the pleasure of attending a luncheon hosted by the President of the State Bar of Nevada, Bryan K. Scott. The purpose of the luncheon was to gather the presidents of other specialty bar organizations in Northern Nevada to discuss the events of each individual organization and how these events can be improved by collaboration with other specialty bars. NNWLA is looking forward to collaborating in the future with the State Bar of Nevada and other specialty bars, especially on our larger events, like our holiday shopping event and Outstanding Woman Lawyer award dinner.

Finally, we hope you will join us for our final events of 2016. On November 9, 2016, Judge Valerie Cooke will present regarding how women can best balance the practice of law with life's other obligations. In December, save the date for our annual holiday party, which Judge Lynne Simons has graciously offered to host again on December 13, 2016. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season at Judge Simons' beautiful home. Please also save the date, December 17, 2016, for our annual shopping event with the students of Veterans Memorial Elementary School.

Volunteer Opportunities, Cont.

Deputy Attorney General volunteers. The OMLA is looking for volunteer attorneys to represent the OMLA clients. For more information about the OMLA, or to sign up to volunteer as a pro bono attorney, call the OMLA or (775) 684-1100, visit <http://nvagomla.nv.gov> or complete the form on page 4 of this newsletter and fax it to (775) 684-1162.



Join the 2017 NNWLA Board



The NNWLA Board is seeking volunteers for leadership positions on the 2017 Board. If you are interested in getting more involved with NNWLA and contributing your ideas, time, and talent to this fantastic organization, we want to hear from you!

For more information about these opportunities, please contact Vice President Laury Macauley at laury@macauleylawgroup.com.





NNWLA BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER (HELD AUGUST 31, 2016 @ 5:30)

1. Present: Lauren Berkich, Laury Macauley, and Marilee Breternitz
2. Newsletter
 - a. Discussion of Article for October and October Deadline
3. September 13th Event – military law (at SoDo)
 - a. Paypal is up
 - b. CLE Approved
 - c. CLE is approved; Katie can you change on the website?
4. October 13th Dinner Event – Marijuana Ballot initiative (at the Atlantis)
5. November 9 Lunch Event re ADR – Judge Cooke (at TBD)
6. December Events
 - a. Holiday party is on December 13th at Judge Simmons' home
 - b. Veterans Memorial is tentatively scheduled for December 17th
7. Next Meeting:
 - a. Discussion of Potential Bylaws for NNWLA





NEVADA ATTORNEY GENERAL
OFFICE OF MILITARY LEGAL ASSISTANCE
Attorney Volunteer Form

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Name	
Name of Law Firm	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Contact Number(s) (Work and Cell phone numbers)	
E-Mail Address	
Legal area(s) for which you will volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Purchase/Repair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wills/Trusts <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Fraud
	<input type="checkbox"/> Military Rights Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalization/Immigration
	<input type="checkbox"/> Property/Landlord <input type="checkbox"/> Predatory Lending
	<input type="checkbox"/> Creditor/Debtor <input type="checkbox"/> Education
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____





**Federal Court Pro Bono
Seminar
Jury Assembly Room
Thompson Federal Courthouse**



Wednesday, November 16, 2016

1 Hour CLE Credit

11:45 a.m.—1:15 p.m.

Lunch will be provided

Presented by:

U.S. District Judge Miranda Du

U.S. Magistrate Judge William Cobb

U.S. Magistrate Judge Cam Ferenbach

Renee Kelly, Pro Bono Coordinator, NLS

Agenda

- I. Introduction*
- II. Discussion of Federal Pro Bono Pilot Program*
- III. Overview of Committee and General Order 2014-1, as amended and the administrative process of the program*
- IV. Cases Eligible for Referral to the Pro Bono Pilot Program*
- V. Comments by Attorney Participants*
- VI. Questions and Suggestions*

**For more information or to sign up, please contact
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