

September 13th: Military Law & Issues Lunch



Please join us on Tuesday, September 13th at SoDo for a lunch program featuring Nicolo Danna, Director of the Nevada Office of Military Legal Assistance, and Dana Grigg, who serves as a Judge Advocate General with the Nevada Air National Guard. The speakers will discuss military law and legal issues impacting military personnel. The program will begin at noon and 1.0 hour of CLE credit is approved. Prices are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. After September 9th, registration will be available at the door for \$35.

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Fighting for a TSC Cure: A Mother's Hope



By Tara Zimmerman

My son, William Robert Tuttle III (aka "Billy"), was born January 5, 2016, and has forever changed my life in so many amazing ways. At thirty-two weeks pregnant, I experienced every expectant mother's worst nightmare: my unborn son

was diagnosed with a relatively rare and largely unknown genetic disorder called tuberous sclerosis complex ("TSC"). TSC is a genetic disorder that causes tumors to form in many different organs, primarily the brain, eyes, heart, kidneys, skin and lungs. TSC is the leading known genetic cause of both epilepsy and autism, but its potential for multi-organ involvement makes the disease's reach and impact seemingly infinite. There is no cure.

What is so distinct about TSC is that it affects some people severely, and others so mildly that it often goes undiagnosed. Some people with TSC, are sentenced to a lifetime of seizures, intellectual disabilities and autism. Others are able to live healthy, totally independ-

ent lives. It is this not knowing when, how, and to what extent the disease will manifest that is so onerous for so many, including myself.

Nearly 1 million people worldwide are known to have TSC, with approximately 50,000 in the United States. At least two children born each day in the United States will have TSC. While many cases go undiagnosed due to the obscurity of the disease and the mild form symptoms may take in some people, TSC is as common as ALS or cystic fibrosis.

TSC is a linchpin disease. The genetic pathway involved in TSC is the same pathway affecting over a dozen major diseases and disorders, including autism, epilepsy, cancer, and obesity. Insights into TSC can provide insights into other diseases; and vice versa. Discoveries in TSC can lead to discoveries in other diseases; and vice versa. New treatments in TSC can lead to new treatments in other diseases; and vice versa.

On October 15th, my family and I will be participating in the LIDS Step Forward to Cure TCS walk in Las Vegas in an (continued on p. 2)



A Word From Our President



By Lauren Berkich

We hope that all of our members had an enjoyable Summer. After taking August off, NNWLA is gearing up for several exciting events this Fall. On September 13, 2016 NNWLA will host a lunch

Event at Sodo. Nicolo Danna, Director of the Nevada Office of Military Legal Assistance and Dana Grigg, who serves as a Judge Advocate General with the Nevada Air National Guard will discuss military law and legal issues impacting military personnel. 1.0 hour of CLE is approved.

In October, NNWLA is organizing a dinner event regarding Nevada ballot Question 2, which would legalize the recreational use of marijuana in for adults over the age of 21. Question 2 authorizes the taxation of marijuana

sales, which would be allocated to education. The event will be held at the Atlantis Casino Resort on October 13, 2016 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Advocacy groups on both sides of the issue will present their positions and answer questions. This topic is sure to be controversial this election season and we look forward to a lively debate.

Looking ahead to November, Judge Valerie Cooke will present at a lunch event about Alternative Dispute Resolution on November 9th at a location to be determined.

Finally, 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.

Fighting for a Cure, Cont.

(continued from p. 1) effort to raise awareness of TSC and fundraise for continued research into the disease. I would be honored to have my fellow members of the Bar join me in this fight by either participating in the walk, spreading the word, or donating to my son's team, "Brave Billy's Brigade." All money raised will be donated to the TS Alliance – a non-profit organization and an incomparable source of information and support for me during this journey. The TS Alliance is dedicated to finding a cure for TSC while improving the lives of those affected. For more information about the walk, how you can help, or about TSC in general, please email me at tzimmerman@kcnvlaw.com, or visit my son's walk page [here](#).

In the words of the TS Alliance:
We'll Give Everything But Up!

Heart & Stroke Walk/Run

Join NNWLA's Lawyers with Heart Team! The Heart & Stroke Walk/Run is on Sunday, September 18, 2016, at 9 a.m. for runners, and 10 a.m. for walkers. NNWLA has a team for the event again this year.

To join the team please contact Marilee Breternitz at mbreternitz@da.washoecounty.us or 775-328-3289.





NNWLA Board Meeting

July 6, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

- I. Roll: Lauren Berkich, Laury Macauley, Marilee Breternitz, Katie Hoffman, and Kendra Bertschy
- II. Bank Balance: \$3,084.37
- III. Newsletter:
 - a. No August newsletter. Will be back on track for September.
 - b. Newsletter deadline for September is 8/24
- IV. Discussion of Upcoming Events:
 - a. July 21st @ Royce @ 5:30 p.m.
 - b. September 13 Military law luncheon at SoDo at noon
 - c. October Evening Event (Date is TBD, but looking at 10-13th) at the Atlantis
 - d. November 9 luncheon regarding ADR- Judge Cooke presenting
 - e. Holiday Party
 - f. Veterans Memorial Shopping Event
- V. Discussion of the Mentoring Circle Groups
- VI. Next Board Meeting: August 31, 2016





FEDERAL CJA PANEL APPLICATIONS

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada is accepting applications for appointments of new Federal Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel attorneys (appointment of counsel for indigent defendants) for the Unofficial Northern Division of the District of Nevada. Attorneys interested in appointment to the CJA Panel must submit an application in PDF format to Heidi_Jordan@nvd.uscourts.gov by Monday, September 12, 2016. Attorneys applying for the Appeal Panel must also submit a writing sample. Appointments for the new Panel will be effective October 3, 2016.

Applicants must be members in good standing of the bar of the Federal Court and must have demonstrated experience in, and knowledge of, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Federal Rules of Evidence and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines. Attorneys on the CJA Panel also must have demonstrated an interest in providing criminal defense services and a reputation for competent and vigorous representation. Members of the Panel are required to participate in six (6) hours of training in federal criminal practice, with at least three (3) of the six (6) hours on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, per year which shall be provided through the Federal Public Defender's Office or other Court approved provider of Continuing Legal Education.

