

SNAP SHOT



President's Note

Over the years I have been asked how I got my start in the paralegal professional. I have fond memories of those days.

During the late 1970's and 1980's I was in banking. I enjoyed banking because I worked with people, was good at numbers, and was detailed oriented. In the late 1980's banking changed. It became sales oriented which required me to cold call potential customers. Sales is not my forte, and I knew it was time for a career change.

During a conversation with an acquaintance, she suggested the growing field of paralegals. I did some research and learned that might be something for me. It was 1988, and the only school in Reno with a paralegal program was Reno Business College, now known as Morrison University. I met with the admissions officer and signed up that day.

Within a few months of starting school, I decided to leave my banking career and begin my paralegal career. I was in for a surprise. After several interviews I learned no one wanted to hire me because I had no experience. How did I get experience? I started as a legal receptionist and secretary to the two investigators in the office. Although the pay was low, I was surrounded by people in the legal field. The legal secretaries in the office took me under their wing, and I was eager to learn. In addition to performing my other duties, the legal secretaries let me assist them by drafting simple letters and indexing pleadings. Not much, but it was a start.

After one year as a legal receptionist and the majority of my coursework completed, I knew it was time to move on. Fortunately Ken Bick was looking for a paralegal he could train. He took a chance on me, and I was a quick learner. I worked for him nine years.

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Membership Fees Due Now

SNAP Calendar 2011

SNAP General Meetings Every Third Tuesday at Noon (see flyer)

ZoZo's Restaurant @ 3446 Lakeside Drive

October 18:

Speaker: Rebecca Gasca, Legislative and Policy Director, ACLU of Nevada
Topic: Know Your Rights

November 15:

Speaker: Dr. Pinson

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Annual Seminar Update

We are planning SNAP's Annual Seminar, which will be held on Friday, May 18, 2012 from 9-5. We are proposing chartering a bus and taking our members and guests to Carson City for the following potential activities:

1. Listen to oral arguments at the Nevada Supreme Court.
2. Visit the Supreme Court Law Library.
3. Visit the Secretary of State's offices.
4. 4. Tour the Capitol, Legislature and Senate.
5. Have a meeting in one of the Assembly rooms with an Ethics speaker.
6. Tour the Governor's Mansion.
7. Vendors' booths.

We are attempting to determine interest in this plan, not asking for a firm commitment at this time.

Please email Melissa at snapmelissa@att.net by October 15, 2011, with "Interested" or "Not Interested" so we may begin to develop an alternate plan for the seminar if necessary.

Thank you!

Melissa Paschal

1st VP

FaceBook for our Members:

Melissa Paschal created a FaceBook page for Sierra Nevada Association of Paralegals. Please check out <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sierra-Nevada-Association-of-Paralegals/270576446293745?sk=wall>

Family Law Needs Your Feedback!

Every year the State Bar of Nevada, Family Law Section holds an annual seminar in Ely, Nevada. Approximately five years ago a paralegal track for the seminar was created.

Family Law Executive Council wants to hear from paralegals on topics WE want presented. Feedback from paralegals in previous years indicated the classes were not meeting our needs. Now is the time to speak up! E-mail amy@silverman-decaria.com by October 15, 2011, with your suggestions on this year's paralegal track.

If you are a paralegal in family law, even if you don't attend the Family Law Seminar, please e-mail me with suggestions as to what you want to know more about – what additional skills would make you more efficient, confident in your duties and a better paralegal. If you KNOW a paralegal in family law, ask them to e-mail me. This is our opportunity to have a say in the paralegal track for the annual Family Law seminar. Thank you!

Amy Hodgson, ACP

2nd VP

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75 Court Street, Room 101, Reno, NV

(775) 328-3250

<http://www.co.washoe.nv.us/lawlib/hoursloc.htm>

Nevada Legal Resources

Class at Washoe County Law Library

http://www.co.washoe.nv.us/index/display_outreach.html~details=8895

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<http://washoelegalservices.com/>

State of Nevada Bar

<http://www.nvbar.org/>



Washoe County Bar Association

October 13, 2011, Digital Forensics and Net Security Series - 2 Hours CLE
Part II - Law Firm Security & The Cloud
[Digital Forensics Part II Agenda](#)
[Registration](#)

October 13, 2011, Forensic Accounting Series - 2 Hours CLE
Tools of the Financial Specialist - Financial Statements
[Forensic Accounting Part II Agenda](#)
[2011 Financial Forensics Part II Registration](#)

October 20, 2011, Digital Forensics and Net Security Series -2 Hours CLE
Part III - New Techniques to Level the Playing Field in Business Litigation
[Digital Forensics Part III Agenda](#)
[Registration](#)

October 20, 2011, Forensic Accounting Series- 2 Hours CLE
Part III - Utilizing Financial Tools to Discover Fraud, Value a Business, and Calculate Damages
[Forensic Accounting Part III Agenda](#)
[2011 Financial Forensics Part III Registration](#)

October 26, 2011, Client Security Fund Lunch & Learn - 1 Hour Ethics CLE
[Client Security Fund Agenda](#)
[CSF Registration](#)

November 2, 2011 - Entertaining Ethics with Sean Carter - 3 Hours Ethics CLE
[Annual Entertaining Ethics Agenda](#)
[2011 Entertaining Ethics](#)

[Registration](#)
November 10, 2011- Bankruptcy Resolution in Foreclosure - 3 Hours CLE
[Bankruptcy Agenda](#)
[Bankruptcy Registration](#)

NEW HOURS FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Effective September 2, 2011, the Second Judicial District Court and the Law Library will close to the public at 12:00 noon every Friday. The Filing Office will remain open for transactions between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The shortened hours will allow the Court to maintain service levels and manage budgetary requirements.

We apologize for any inconvenience this change may create. We appreciate the public's cooperation regarding these changes. As always, we will continue to provide the highest level of service to the citizens of Washoe County

Need more 2011-12 Directories? No one should have to share this valuable resource. Download an order form at [wcbar.org](http://www.wcbar.org) or call 786-4494.

Sincerely,

Christine Cendagorta, Executive Director
Washoe County Bar Association

WCBA Luncheon, Wed. October 12
12 noon, Harrah's Reno • 1/2 cr. CLE
Civil Appellate Review with Bob Eisenberg

Bob Eisenberg of Lemons, Grundy & Eisenberg will focus on those Nevada Supreme Court opinions with the most impact for civil litigators as well as statistics relating to categories of cases in which the court has issued opinions and reversal/affirmance rates in recent years.

RSVP by Monday, October 10. Register and pay online at the link below or call 786-4494.

Join WCBA now
Special Offer 15 Months for the price of 12 (membership good thru 12/12)

Not a member. . . [join now for 2012.](#)

WCBA welcomes paralegals to membership!

WCBA has added a new dues category, welcoming paralegals to membership in the bar association. Download the member form above and start receiving the benefits of membership — monthly magazine The Writ, one free pictorial directory, member rates on seminars, events and advertising, access to the member-only pages with membership database and archived articles.

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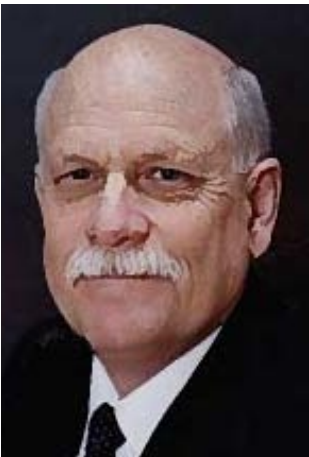
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For October, Rebecca Gasca, Legislative and Policy Director, ACLU of Nevada Will be presenting "Know Your Rights."

Rebecca has asked if our association has a specific ACLU issue. If so, the sooner we let her know the better, as she said she will do some extra work on the history and context. If not, it will be a general discussion on civil rights and what to do if they are violated. So, please contact Melissa Paschal with a specific topic for Rebecca to address.

For November, Dr. Larry Pinson will be our speaker. He is a graduate of the University of California at San Francisco in 1973, practiced pharmacy for 32 years prior to being selected for the position of Executive Secretary of the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy. He owned and operated his own pharmacy, Silverada Pharmacy, in Reno for 22 years after practicing clinical pharmacy at St. Mary's Hospital for 5 years.



Dr. Pinson was appointed by two governors to serve the maximum of 9 years on the Nevada Board of Pharmacy, presiding over the Board for more than 8 or those years, as well as being appointed by Governor Guinn for a second term on the Nevada State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

During his tenure as Board President, the Board developed and implemented one of the first controlled substance abuse prevention task forces in the nation to combat "Dr. shopping" and improper prescribing practices in Nevada. Under his direction, the Board initiated an "inspection for safety" program to better ensure safe pharmacy practices in Nevada. He has held an adjunct professorship for Idaho State University since 1989, and serves as a preceptor for pharmacy students for both North Dakota State University and Creighton University.

Besides serving as a consultant pharmacist and committee member for numerous facilities and organizations over the years, he currently is the President of the Alumni Association for UCSF. Dr. Pinson received the Bowl of Hygeia for the state of Nevada in 1984 and was selected "Pharmacist of the Year" by the state association in 1999.

SNAP General Meeting Luncheon Tuesday, October 18 at Noon

SPEAKER: Rebecca Gasca, Legislative and Policy Director, ACLU of Nevada

TOPIC: "Know Your Rights"

PLACE: ZoZo's Restaurant
3446 Lakeside Drive
775.829.9449

COST: \$18.00 – Members & Guests \$15.00 – Student Members

Name: _____

Office: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Member

Student

Guest

Menu - Italian Buffet

Please mail your reservation form and payment to:

SNAP, P.O. Box 2832, Reno, NV 89505-2832

ALL RESERVATIONS WITH PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED
BY FRIDAY, October 14, 2011

Email reservations accepted at:

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