

# SNAP SHOT



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## **GENERAL MEETING** **SNAP Calendar 2012**

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

ZoZo's Restaurant @ 3446 Lakeside Drive

#### **December 18, 2012:**

Speaker: Casey Campbell

Topic: Collaborative Law

#### **January 22, 2013:**

Speaker: Joe Becker

Topic: Constitutional Infringements

#### **January 24, 2013:**

After Holiday Party

## **Officers and Chairpersons**

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## *Presidential Ramblings*

Although December can be a busy time of the year for everyone, SNAP continues to provide educational opportunities to its members. Our December 18, 2012 general meeting speakers are from the Collaborative Professionals Network, which include Casey Campbell, Esq., and financial expert Richard Schatz. Please join us and learn about collaborative law and its benefits.

For a second year in a row, SNAP will have its "After the Holidays" celebration January 24, and plans are underway. There will be no entry fee for SNAP members; however, members are asked to bring 2-4 nonperishable food items which SNAP will donate to a local food bank. I thoroughly enjoyed myself at last year's party, and SNAP received many compliments from its members. Our party allows members to mingle and get to know one another in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Additional information will soon be forthcoming, and the SNAP board hopes to see you there.

As the holidays approach, I decided to research the symbolism behind various things associated with the holidays and learned the following:

**Holiday cards:** For many years, private notes of news of events were sent at Christmas time. In 1843, Sir Henry Cole had 1000 special designed cards printed. The custom of sending holiday cards began.

**Christmas caroling:** During medieval times, singing and dancing was done around a Christmas tree. Since early carols weren't holy enough for singing inside a church, caroling was done outside.

**Tinsel:** There is a legend that tells about parents who trimmed a tree with thin metallic foil strip decorations while their children were sleeping. Afterwards, spiders came to see the tree, leaving cobwebs all over it. Jesus came to bless the tree and turned the cobwebs to silver.

**Christmas stockings:** There is a legend associated with the origin of Christmas stockings. St. Nick, who wanted to remain anonymous and help a poor family, threw gold coins down their chimney. The coins fell into a stocking that was hanging by the chimney to dry.

With those little bits of trivia, I wish each of you a joyous holiday season.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Susan Sunday, ACP*  
*President*

# Nevada Journal News Bulletin

November 29, 2012

## AG covered up conflict of interest in robo-signing case, says brief

**Violation could lead to dismissal of indictments against mortgage title officers**

By Steven Miller

LAS VEGAS — Evidence that Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto and her office engaged in rampant prosecutorial misconduct in the pursuit of two mortgage-servicing industry employees grew even stronger this week. Masto's chief deputy attorney general John Kelleher — lead prosecutor in the November 2011 high-profile felony prosecution of two Lender Processing Services (LPS) title officers — was inflamed with a powerful personal conflict of interest when he set out to get a grand jury to indict LPS employees Gary Trafford and Geri Sheppard, assert their attorneys.

"The reach of misconduct in this case by the Nevada Attorney General's Office ('AG') extended even further than previously known," states a new brief filed by the defense attorneys:

[T]he lead prosecutor had a serious, undisclosed, disabling conflict of interest tied directly to Trafford. Specifically, in September 2011, the lead prosecutor received a notice of default ("NOD") identifying Trafford's employer as the processor of foreclosure documents for the lead prosecutor's personal residence.

Two days later, the AG sent its chief investigator to the home of [LPS employee] Tracy Lawrence, where she was threatened with arrest if she did not assist in the AG's attempt to make a case against Trafford.

To support their claim, defense counsels summarize an audio recording of the AG's chief investigator, Todd Grosz, uncovered during discovery:

On Thursday, September 8, 2011 — just two days after the NOD on Mr. Kelleher's home was filed — the AG's chief investigator, Todd Grosz, and his partner went to the home of Trafford's colleague, Tracy Lawrence, on "short notice." ... As soon as he stepped in the door, Mr. Grosz said that he was "under the gun" and was "being pressed" by the AG's office. ...Importantly, Mr. Grosz also told Ms. Lawrence at the outset: "We have a prosecutor who is pissed. He wanted us to hook you up today.... He wanted us to arrest you now." ...The AG's investigators then proceeded to "interview" Ms. Lawrence for information to use against Trafford.

Lawrence, the LPS employee who testified in the grand jury proceedings conducted by Kelleher, committed suicide shortly thereafter.

The most serious allegations against Masto, personally, is that she knowingly concealed from both the court and defense counsel Kelleher's "disabling" conflict of interest — even though she was well aware of it.

• [Read the full article](#)

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#### Fee Increases - Effective November 21, 2012

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The Judicial Conference has approved fee increases for the courts **effective November 21, 2012**. The table below lists the affected fees. For a listing of all court fees (new and unchanged), visit the [Court Fees page](#).

*Increased Court Fees List, effective November 21, 2012*

Document Type	Prior Fee	New Fee
<b>Petitions</b>		
Chapter 9	\$1,046.00	\$1,213.00
Chapter 11 Voluntary / Involuntary	\$1,046.00	\$1,213.00
Chapter 15	\$1,046.00	\$1,213.00
<b>Petition Fee Installment Payments for Individuals Only</b>		
<b>Chapter 11</b> 1st installment of <b>\$304</b> due within 30 days upon filing of petition 2nd of <b>\$303</b> within 60 days of filing the petition 3rd of <b>\$303</b> within 90 days of filing the petition 4th of <b>\$303</b> no later than 120 days of filing the petition	\$1,046.00	\$1,213.00
<b>Bifurcation / Deconsolidation / Split</b>		
Chapter 11	\$1,046.00	\$1,213.00
<b>Conversion – Paid when filing the Motion</b>		
Chapter 7 to Chapter 11	\$755.00	\$922.00
Chapter 13 to Chapter 11	\$765.00	\$932.00
<b>Reopen – Paid when filing the Motion</b>		
Chapter 9 <b>NEW</b>	N/A	\$1,000.00
Chapter 11	\$1,000.00	\$1,167.00

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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Advertisements will run for one month on the Web site and appear in a single issue of the newsletter, or until the position is filled. If you would like the ad to continue for an additional month, or the position has been filled, please let us know.

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member of NALA or not **PLEASE** participate in this survey. Visit [www.nala.org/survey.htm](http://www.nala.org/survey.htm) and follow the simple instructions.

You must use the control number 729843 in order to access the survey and submit your responses. This is very, very important. The results will be published later in the year.

**The NALA annual convention is planned for Portland, Oregon, July 10-13, 2013.** This is practically in our own backyard. The program will include advanced instruction in eDiscovery, Criminal Law, Insurance Defense, Technology in Today's Law Office, Employment/HR, Estate Administration, Corporate - Transactional and Contract Management and Essential Skills (CP Exam Prep). Yours truly has been selected to present *Going Paperless in the Legal Office*. The convention format is being modified this year to manage expenses by reducing the number of nights. It will end on Friday after the installation of officers ceremony and reception.

Visit [NALA.ORG](http://NALA.ORG) and click on convention information.

No Job  
Announcements  
at this Time





# Save the Date

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# Fun Tidbits of the Month

**Hot Tips** is a column in which paralegals submit practical advice and suggestions to other paralegals. We encourage each of you to submit your “hot tips” on a regular or irregular basis. Many of us have acquired skills over the years that have made our jobs easier, and we encourage you to share that knowledge with your fellow paralegals. You are welcome to include your name or not.

## Hot Tip from Susan Davis

When preparing Stipulations and Order for Dismissal With (Without) Prejudice, it's always a good idea to check to see if your office has filed a jury demand. If so, you will want those funds (\$320) returned to the firm. So, here's some suggested language to use in the Stip and Order for Dismissal:

**IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED**, among all parties above-named, all parties acting through their undersigned counsel, that the above-entitled action shall be dismissed with prejudice, with each party to bear their own costs and attorneys' fees; and that the Clerk of the above-entitled Court shall be directed to return the first day's jury fees to the attorney (or name of the law firm) who deposited the same with the Clerk of the Court.

In the long run, this will save the court, your firm, and the client time and money.

## Recipe from Lynda Traves

Grandma Edwards' Secret Shortbread

1c. butter (no substitutes)\*  
 ½ c. fruit sugar\*\*  
 yolk of 1 egg  
 2 ¼ c flour\*\*\*

Cream sugar and butter, add yolk and flour. Knead until smooth. Cut into your favourite shape. Bake at 350°F for approximately 8 minutes or until slightly golden on the edges. You want the cookies white. Taste great frozen.

Lynda's grandma and mum only made these cookies at Christmas.

\* substitute coconut butter to be lactose free

\*\* berry sugar or very fine sugar

\*\*\* substitute a gluten free flour mix and add 1 tsp of Xanthum gum for 1 c. flour

## Latest Editor News

I am thankful, usually, that I am hyperactive. For me, being hyperactive means that, when the mood hits, I do many things all at once or schedule myself from morning until bedtime: meetings, Zumba, soccer, and now football.

I play indoor soccer (which I didn't start playing until I was 39 — yes, last year — haha) like a hockey player. So when a soccer buddy asked if I wanted to tryout for a woman's semi-pro, full-tackle, football team, I was thrilled. So, I went to tryouts and got timed on a 40 yard dash and some other “official timed drill”. I did a couple of other drills and two days later I found out I had made the team. So my soccer motto “don't mess with me” will be my mantra on the football field — I will so enjoy tackling.

Henry has grown and enjoys the pack: Bryan (human, youngest son), Kismet (the one that looks like a big Beagle, but she is a Harrier) and William (black lab mix). Henry is doing well in puppy kindergarten and plays with a large Rottweiler pup. We are enjoying having a pup in the house.

If you have any **Hot Tips** or fun/

educational pictures or stories,

please email them my way to: [lynda@brync.com](mailto:lynda@brync.com).



# Meet the SNAP Board

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# Speaker Biography

**SPEAKER: Casey Campbell**

**TOPIC: Collaborative Law**

Casey Campbell is an experienced litigator, practicing law since 1981. She is a certified family law specialist in the State of Nevada, the current Nevada Chapter President of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and the current Secretary of the Collaborative Professionals of Nevada. She served on the Executive Council of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Nevada as a board member and as the treasurer.

Ms. Campbell has taught legal courses at Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno and has presented myriad seminars on family law and other divorce and custody issues. She was co-editor of The Nevada Family Law Practice Manual and has contributed scholarly articles to Nevada Family Law Report. Ms. Campbell was appointed to sit on the Committee to review the state's child support guidelines mandated by the state legislature. Recently, Ms. Campbell was appointed to the Custody Mediation Panel of the Nevada District Court.

**The full biography is an attachment with the newsletter**



## **SNAP General Meeting Luncheon Tuesday, December 18 at Noon**

**SPEAKER:** Casey Campbell

**TOPIC:** Collaborative Law

**PLACE:** ZoZo's  
3446 Lakeside Drive  
Reno NV

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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone/Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member**

**Student**

**Guest**

### **Menu - Italian Family Style**

**Please mail your reservation form and payment to:  
SNAP, P.O. Box 2832, Reno, NV 89505-2832**

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BY FRIDAY, December 14, 2012**

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