

# SNAP SHOT



## *Presidential Ramblings*

As many of you may know, I started a new job in September. While I am a “seasoned” paralegal, making the move to a new office taught and reminded me of some important things:

**1. Don’t be afraid to learn new things.** My new employer doesn’t use any of the programs my previous employer used, with the exception of Microsoft. I had to learn how to use Rocket Matter for calendaring, billing, and as a client database. Luckily, Rocket Matter offers free training webinars to assist in learning the ins and outs of its program. I plan to sign up and soon attend some of its training webinars.

My office uses a more sophisticated telephone system than my previous employer, so I had to learn how to transfer calls, send a call to voice mail, and buzz employees at their extension to speak with them inner office. I know mastering a phone system sounds simple, but the idea of accidentally hanging up on a client (or worse, a prospective client) while trying to transfer the call terrifies me!!

I am also expanding my knowledge in different areas of law. While previously I worked exclusively in family law, my new office also does estate planning and guardianships. I love learning new things and gaining new skills.

**2. Don’t be afraid to ask questions.** Every office has its own procedure and office culture. If you do not know the procedure, you should ask instead of assuming. It is faster in the long run than having to fix an error made in ignorance.

It is important to learn how your employer and co-workers like things done. Is your office paperless? Do you e-mail everything to clients or send paper copies? What is his or her writing style? How often does he or she want reminders of upcoming deadlines and in what format? None of this can be learned without open and honest communication. You must be able to talk to your employer and co-workers. From the mundane to the extreme, you are a team, and no

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### **GENERAL MEETING**

#### **SNAP Calendar 2013**

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

ZoZo’s Restaurant @ 3446 Lakeside Drive

#### **October 15, 2013:**

Speaker: Brett Kandt

Topic: Legal Ethics

#### **November 19, 2013:**

Speaker: Mark Schopper

Topic: Internet/Online Gaming

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## The week in review...

This week, the Internet went down at NPRI's Las Vegas office, leaving us without access to the online world for nearly two full days.

Has the Internet ever gone out at your office? If so, you know what it's like. First, you try to go online to see if there's a news story somewhere explaining what's going on. When that fails, for the obvious reasons, you wander the hallways aimlessly for a half hour or so, and then finally go work from home.

But in this case, that half hour of wandering was not completely without value. It got me to thinking about my assumptions. I assume my Internet is going to work, but why should I?

The Internet doesn't exist in nature. It didn't even exist when I was born — the best efforts of Al Gore notwithstanding. Internet access only exists because there's a company, building on decades of innovations, that provides access to it, and NPRI has decided that having that access would be beneficial to our organization.

But there's more than that. Why does anyone form a company that provides Internet access to begin with?

The answer is: to make money.

To many ears, that sounds like a sinister motive. But in a free-market system, it's actually a representation of someone's ability to please his fellow man. Our system of government protects private property and (usually) safeguards liberty, which provides people with an incentive to make money *by making the lives of others better*. We at NPRI are much better off for having access to the Internet. And our service provider is making a profit *because* it offers a service that we find beneficial. We all win.

Think about the benefits we get from this system of free enterprise. Think about the technology, products and capabilities that are available to us that weren't even being dreamed about 200 years ago. Whereas a couple of centuries ago, even the most affluent had to communicate with others by letter or carrier pigeon, today a majority of low-income households [own cell phones](#).

But when leftists ask, "Why doesn't everyone have Internet and cell phones?" they're including a false and dangerous assumption — assuming that Internet access and cell phones just exist and could spread without any trade-offs.

The proper question is: "Why does anyone have Internet or cell phones?"

The answer is simple: individuals working in the free-enterprise system. And those entrepreneurs have produced so much value that today's Obamaphone recipients have better communications equipment than George Washington!

Our Internet is back up and running, fortunately. And while the last couple days may have been frustrating, they did provide an opportunity for some important reflection. Not such a bad thing after all.

Until next time,

Andy Matthews  
NPRI President

### News

## NPRI files notice of appeal in CCSD open-records case

## NPRI's 22nd Anniversary Celebration



Dr. Larry P. Arnn, the president of Hillsdale College and a board member at the Heritage Foundation, will deliver the keynote address at the Nevada Policy Research Institute's 22nd Anniversary Celebration. The event will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2013, at The Venetian | The Palazzo Las Vegas.

- [Click here for more information](#)
- [Register now](#)

### NPRI in the News

[Nevada Policy Research Institute continues fight for teacher email addresses](#)

By Carri Geer Thevenot  
*Las Vegas Review-Journal*

[Court could decide constitutionality of governor. Legislature passing tax authority to counties](#)

By Jon Ralston  
*Ralston Reports*

[Andy Matthews talks foreclosures on KVBC](#)  
*My News 3*

[What the disclaimer clause was intended to do](#)  
By Thomas Mitchell  
*Elko Daily Free Press*

# Tidbits of the Month

**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.

## No Hot Tip This Month

Here is a link from the Nebraska Paralegal Association. It is always good to see other newsletters. Thank you Anna Buchner for sharing this:

<http://www.slaw.ca/2013/07/14/are-paralegals-officers-of-the-court/>

(editor's note: interesting that this is Canadian)

Links to interesting articles from Christine Lamia

[http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/downloads/bugle-newsletters/2013/2013\\_09.pdf](http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/downloads/bugle-newsletters/2013/2013_09.pdf)

<http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/downloads/rules/admin-order-2013-04.pdf>

## From the Editor: Canadian Thanksgiving

For those that do not know, I am Canadian. For over twenty years I have had an Annual Canadian Thanksgiving Celebration that is open to anyone daring enough to come to our home and answer a Canada Quiz. Below are some of the questions that I have used in past years. If you submit your answers to me by the October Meeting on October 17, I will award the winner with a special gift.

### 1. Check ones NOT invented by a Canadian?

- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| a) Insulin             | e) Instant replay   |
| b) Barbed wire         | f) Easy-Off cleaner |
| c) Snowmobile          | g) Zipper           |
| d) Snow blower         | h) Trivial Pursuit  |
| e) Electric wheelchair | i) Butter tarts     |

### 2. What is a snowbird?

- a) A song by Anne Murray
- b) A Canadian heading south for the winter
- c) All of these
- d) An arctic sparrow (white crowned sparrow)

### 3. What do Canadians call "Canadian Bacon"?

- |                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| a) Canadian bacon | c) Side bacon |
| b) Back bacon     | d) Bacon      |

### 4) Check ones NOT a NHL Canadian hockey team?

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| a) Flames    | d) Senators |
| b) Oilers    | e) Ducks    |
| c) Avalanche | f) Jets     |

### 5. How many "downs" does a Canadian football game have?

- |          |         |
|----------|---------|
| a) three | c) five |
| b) two   | d) four |

### 6. What is a serviette?

- |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| a) A female server | c) Napkin             |
| b) Dish towel      | d) Coaster for drinks |

### 7. What is Canada's national Animal

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| a) Moose      | c) Canada Goose |
| b) Polar bear | d) Beaver       |

### 8. What candy "do you eat the red ones last?"

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| a) M&M's    | c) Licorice |
| b) Smarties | d) Skittles |

### 9. Canadian National Anthem is *O'Canada*. it starts?

- a) 'O Canada! Our home and native land.
- b) 'O Canada! Our home and precious land.
- c) 'O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.
- d) 'O Canada! We stand on guard for beer.

**10. What is a loonie?**

- a) One dollar coin                      c) Two dollar coin
- b) Nick name for a loon              d) someone who is crazy

**11. Canadians pronounce the last letter of the alphabet as?**

- a) Zee, eh                                  c) Zeé
- b) Zay ed                                  d) Zed

**12. Which city has the largest mall in North America?**

- a) Toronto, ON                          c) Bloomington, MN
- b) Edmonton, AB                      d) Chicago, IL

**13. What is an Alberta Clipper?**

- a) A kind of combine                  c) A plane first built in Alberta
- b) A kind of snow storm              d) A sail powered vehicle

**14. What is a tea towel?**

- a) Towel for a tea cup                  c) Napkin
- b) Dish towel                            d) Coaster for drinks

**15. What is Boxing Day?**

- a) Mike Tyson's birthday            c) When W.B.A. started
- b) Day after Christmas                d) Same as Black Friday

**16. What is a toque?**

- a) A winter hat
- b) An affectionate French name for a boy
- c) Electrical device Canadians use to warm a car engine
- d) A city in Quebec

**17. What is the top prize in the Canadian Football League?**

- a) the Stanley Cup.                      c) the Grey Cup
- b) the Vanier Cup.                        d) the Rose Bowl.

**18. Who below is was not born in Canada?**

- a) Alan Thicke                            c) Donald Sutherland
- b) Neil Young                            d) Tom Skerritt

**19. Which is not a city in Canada?**

- a) Butt, Ontario                          c) Spread Eagle, Newfoundland
- b) Climax, Saskatchewan              d) Consort, Alberta

**20. What is the capital of Canada?**

- a) Montréal                                d) Ottawa
- b) Toronto                                  e) Vancouver
- c) Regina                                    f) Edmonton

**20. (Bonus!) In which Province is Canada's capital?****Washoe County Law Library**

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

**Washoe Legal Services**

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Reno, NV 89501

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

**US Bankruptcy Court**

[http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/downloads/bugle-newsletters/2013/2013\\_03.pdf](http://www.nvb.uscourts.gov/downloads/bugle-newsletters/2013/2013_03.pdf)



# Meet the SNAP Board



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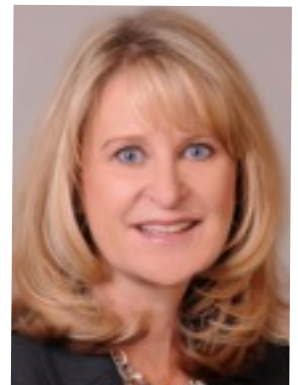
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# Speakers

## October:

Brett Kandt on Legal Ethics from the Attorney General's Office in Reno will discuss the difference between the Ethics Commission and the State Bar Disciplinary Board for attorneys.

## November:

Mark Schopper on Internet/Online Gaming.



Mark Schopper, Esq.

Mark is licensed attorney in Nevada and California. He appears frequently in the media as a legal expert on issues involving entertainment and gaming, Internet law, Internet gambling, professional sports, and other topics. He has appeared on numerous national and international television and radio programs such as CNN, ABC, and National Public Radio (NPR), and he has been quoted by nearly every major news outlet in America, including the Washington Post, L.A. Times, New York Times, Chicago Tribune, CNN, USA Today, Fox News, ABC News, ESPN and Sports Illustrated. He is the author

and co-author of numerous books and articles on subjects such as Internet law, gaming law, Internet gambling, electronic cash, and money laundering. Mark is a co-author of the Internet Gambling Report—the definitive book on the subject. His legal writings have been cited in GAO Reports to the United States Congress and in legislative reports to the governments of Canada, England and Australia.

Mark is a fifth-generation Nevadan, who enjoys the outdoors with his wife Lorna and dog Piper. He is currently writing a book on the Cowboys & Indians of early Nevada.



## **SNAP General Meeting Luncheon Tuesday, October 15 at Noon**

**SPEAKER:**        **Brett Kandt**

**TOPIC:**            Legal Ethics

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

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

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

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**Guest**

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

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**ALL RESERVATIONS WITH PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED**  
**BY FRIDAY, October 11, 2013**

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payment, even if you do not show.**

