



Fall 2009 Adjunct and Visiting Professor Biographies
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Douglas M. Edwards, a stockholder at Ellsworth Moody & Bennion. Mr. Edwards practices primarily in the areas of Tax Law, Estate Planning, Corporate Law, Business Transactional Law and Real Estate. He has practiced law in Nevada for over 20 years. He is fluent in several languages and has lectured and written extensively on banking law and taxation.

Gregory Gemignani is a shareholder at Lionel Sawyer. Mr. Gemignani's practice emphasis is primarily on intellectual property law, gaming law, technology law, internet law, online gaming law and online promotions law. He has represented many clients ranging from the largest casino companies to start-up Internet ventures. Prior to practicing law, Mr. Gemignani was a software systems engineer.

Stan Hunterton practices with Hunterton & Associates, a firm specializing in civil and criminal litigation that has represented MGM-Mirage, Steve Wynn, financial institutions, physicians and health care organizations. He also has substantial experience litigating against Enron and other entities involved in the western energy crisis. Prior to founding this firm Professor Hunterton served as Deputy Chief Counsel to the President's Commission on Organized Crime, and for ten years prior to that he was a Special Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice Organized Crime and Racketeering Section.

Bruce A. Markell is a United States Bankruptcy Judge based in Las Vegas. Judge Markell is a 1977 graduate of Pitzer College, and a 1980 graduate of the King Hall School of Law, University of California at Davis, where he was first in his class and editor-in-chief of the law review. Following graduation, he clerked for then-judge Anthony M. Kennedy when Justice Kennedy was a member of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Markell practiced law in Los Angeles for 10 years, leaving a partnership with Sidley & Austin to join the law faculty at Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington. Before joining the Boyd School of Law faculty in 1999, he was the Bruce W. Nichols Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute Visiting Professor of Law at Georgia State University. In 2004, he was appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada.

Lara Bierman Nelson earned her J.D. in 1990 from Hastings College of the Law, where she was Associate Publications Editor for COMM/ENT (Hastings Communications and Entertainment Law Journal). From 1990 to 2003, Professor Nelson worked at the Office of Legislative Counsel in Sacramento, California, where she provided legal advice and services to members of the California State Legislature and devoted much of her practice to legislative procedure and the budget process.

Nancy Ganong Neslund was most recently a Visiting Professor at the Roger Williams University School of Law, where she taught Wills & Trusts, Estate & Gift Tax, and Contracts. Through the years she has held a number of visiting and adjunct faculty positions, including visiting faculty appointments at Golden Gate University School of Law, Lewis & Clark Law School, and Widener University School of Law. She has significant corporate, tax and administrative law practice experience. Professor Neslund is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law. She received an LL.M from New York University School of Law. In addition to the subjects listed above, Professor Neslund has taught corporations, corporate and partnership tax, professional responsibility and business organizations.

Stanford B. Owen earned his law degree from Stanford University where he was a member of the Stanford Law Review. He was a litigator with the Salt Lake City, Utah law firm Fabian & Clendenin for nearly 35 years, but now teaches at the Boyd School of Law (Antitrust and Pretrial Litigation), the J.Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University (Antitrust, Pretrial Litigation, Trial Advocacy) and the University of Utah Law School (Pretrial Litigation). He has taught Pretrial Litigation for over 30 years. He has substantial experience litigating large civil cases. He has recently returned from church service in Nigeria, West Africa.

Thomas Pitaro has practiced law in Las Vegas, Nevada for over 28 years. He has successfully tried every type of case from misdemeanors to capital murder. Although his practice is primarily in the area of criminal law, Mr. Pitaro also practices in the area of personal injury and civil litigation. He is one of only a handful of attorneys in Nevada who has successfully won both a jury verdict of "not guilty" in a capital murder case as well as winning a multi- million dollar jury verdict in a civil trial. Mr. Pitaro is currently affiliated with the American College of Trial Lawyers, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Nevada Society of Italian- American Lawyers and the Clark County Bar Association. He served as President from 1991- 1993 for the Nevada Attorneys for Criminal Justice and he has also served on the Nevada State Bar Association as a member of the Board of Governors from 1996- 2000.

Richard A. Rawson, a member of Jones Vargas' Business and Real Estate Transactions Practice Group. Mr. Rawson practices primarily in the areas of real estate development and municipal finance. He graduated Cum Laude from the William S. Boyd School of Law, where he was an Articles Editor for the Nevada Law Journal. Prior to practicing law, Mr. Rawson was a financial systems consultant and responsible for the implementation of financial systems for Mission Research Corporation, Bechtel SAIC Company, and TRW Environmental Safety Systems.

Jennifer Roberts is an associate at Lionel Sawyer & Collins where she practices in the areas of Gaming Law, Alcoholic Beverages, Liquor Licensing, Zoning, Planning & Land Use and Regulatory law.

David Schwartz is a former Chief Deputy District Attorney for the Clark County District Attorney's Office. He has been a prosecuting attorney for over thirty years. While at the DA's office he was assigned to the Major Violator's Unit where he tried numerous high profile cases including dozens of capital murder cases. In 2001 he received a "Meritorious Service Award" from the Inspector General of the United States Department of Defense for his work on the Arthur Bennett case. Currently he is teaching Criminal Evidence at UNLV and is a consultant on death penalty cases. Mr. Schwartz earned his JD from Brooklyn Law School and his BA from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Layke Stolberg practices primarily in the areas of business, construction and bankruptcy litigation and appeals. She is an associate at Marquis & Aurbach and a member of the firm's hiring committee. Ms. Stolberg has been selected for inclusion in the Mountain States Super Lawyers - Rising Stars 2009 Edition. A native Nevadan, Ms. Stolberg graduated as Valedictorian of her high school before receiving a B.A. at University of Nevada - Las Vegas, where she graduated magna cum laude and was named the "Ideal Rebel." Ms. Stolberg received her law degree from Boston University School of Law, where she graduated cum laude. While at Boston University, Ms. Stolberg earned a concentration in Litigation and Dispute Resolution, with honors.

JoNell Thomas is an attorney in private practice who specializes in capital cases on direct appeal and in habeas corpus proceedings. Prior to entering private practice, she worked as a staff attorney at the Nevada Supreme Court. She was honored as the Defender of the Year by the Nevada Attorneys for Criminal Justice in 2003 and currently serves as the organizations Amicus Committee Chair. In 2001 she was honored as the Pro Bono Attorney of the Year by the National Law Journal. She earned her J.D. from the University of Utah College of Law in 1992, graduating Order of the Coif.

Lori Teicher is an Assistant Federal Public Defender for the District of Nevada. Prior to joining that office, she worked in private practice specializing in criminal defense as well as at the Clark County Public Defender's Office. She is a 1996 graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Law.

Mark Tratos is the managing shareholder of Greenberg Traurig's Las Vegas office, an international law firm with more than 1350 lawyers in the United States and overseas. He practices in the areas of trademark, copyright, rights of publicity and privacy, entertainment, art law and cyberlaw. He has been an adjunct professor in the Colleges of Fine and Performing Arts since 1984 and Hotel Administration at UNLV since 1995. He is also President of the Nevada Intellectual Property Law Association and is listed in Who's Who in American Law and Best Lawyers in America. Since 1985, he has been the author of the Nevada Chapter of the International Trademark Associations State Trademark and Unfair Competition law handbook.