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## **Bank of Nevada Hosts Continuing Legal Education Seminar - Raises over \$20,000 for Legal Aid Organizations**

(LAS VEGAS) – Nearly 250 attorneys, judges, and other legal professionals attended a continuing legal education seminar hosted by Bank of Nevada on February 26<sup>th</sup> at The Smith Center. The seminar entitled “Ethics of Trial and Appellate Practice” was presented by Supreme Court Justices, James Hardesty and Michael Douglas, and moderated by Judge Rob Bare, Eighth Judicial Court. The seminar included insights on effective opening and closing arguments, use of expert witnesses (including treating physicians), and appellate and writ practice.

Seminar registration fees helped raise over \$20,000, which will be distributed equally to Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Nevada Legal Services and The Southern Nevada Senior Law Program.

“Bank of Nevada along with co-sponsors, Miller/Russell & Associates and Voit Real Estate Services are proud to have hosted this event, which helped raise much needed funds for legal aid organizations in Southern Nevada,” said John Guedry, president and COO for Bank of Nevada.

“We know it is going to take the efforts of everyone in our community to address the unmet legal needs of those in distress,” said Barbara Buckley, executive director of Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. “We applaud Bank of Nevada in bringing together the legal and business communities to help victims of domestic violence, child abuse and consumer fraud.”

“Nevada Legal Services greatly appreciates the efforts of Bank of Nevada to support our work at a time when the value of the services we provide to Nevada’s low-income residents is being threatened,” said Anna Marie Johnson, executive director of Nevada Legal Services. “We also thank all the members of the Bar who volunteer their time and resources to help so many of our clients each year.”

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## **About the legal aid organizations**

Established in 1958, Legal Aid Center is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that ensures equal access to justice through free legal advice and representation for those who cannot afford to hire an attorney. Service areas include domestic violence, child abuse, consumer fraud and social security. Free classes are offered in bankruptcy, divorce, custody, small claims, guardianship and foreclosure. Funding is provided through private donations, government grants and pro bono hours donated by local attorneys. Please visit [www.lacsn.org](http://www.lacsn.org) for more information.

Nevada Legal Services (NLS) is a state wide non-profit organization assisting every county in Nevada. The advocates at NLS provide services at no cost to their clients. The staff of NLS has represented clients in federal courts, state courts and in administrative hearings. They have provided legal advice, assistance and representation to countless Nevadans seeking our assistance over the years in a variety of legal issues. For more information, please visit [www.nlslaw.net](http://www.nlslaw.net).

The Southern Nevada Senior Law Program provides free, legal and advocacy services to residents of Clark County age 60 and older to enable them to remain independent while protecting their assets and documenting their end-of-life wishes. Established in 1978 as a City of Las Vegas Program, The Law Project is now a 501 c 3 organization with Sugar Vogel, Esq. as Executive Director. For more information, visit [www.snslp.org](http://www.snslp.org).

## **About Bank of Nevada**

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