

Fall 2007 Adjunct and Visiting Professor Biographies
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Jay Bybee is a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He was on the founding faculty of the Boyd Law School, having previously taught at the Louisiana State University Law Center. Judge Bybee has also served as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel, as Associate Counsel to the President, and as an attorney at the Department of Justice. He was an associate with the firm of Sidely & Austin and was law clerk to Judge Donald Russell of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Matthew Christian graduated *magna cum laude* from the Boyd School of Law in December 2002 where he was a member of the Nevada Law Journal. Having recently joined the firm of Kolesar and Leatham in Las Vegas, Mr. Christian practices in complex civil litigation, primarily in the areas of commercial construction and surety bond claims. Mr. Christian has published numerous articles in his areas of practice. After obtaining his B.A. from the University of Illinois in 1992, Mr. Christian worked for several years in the Las Vegas and Grand Canyon travel industries.

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.

Bob Faiss, Chair of the Gaming Law Practice Group at Lionel Sawyer & Collins, teaches Gaming Law and Gaming Law Policy. Faiss was named by the National Law Journal the "premier gaming attorney" in the U.S. and one of "The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America." In 2006, Faiss was cited for his innovative approaches to teaching gaming law by Lawdragon, a national legal magazine, which placed him among the country's 500 attorneys "who are carrying the profession to new frontiers." Faiss is the subject of an oral history published in 2006 by the Oral History Program of the University of Nevada, Reno, entitled Gaming Regulation and Gaming Law in Nevada.

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.

Eric Johnson, has over 24 years of legal experience with the United States Department of Justice and United States Attorney's Office. He currently is a Deputy Chief in the United States Attorney's Criminal Division and Chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force in Nevada. Mr. Johnson has twice received the Department of Justice's Director's Award for Superior Performance by an Assistant United States Attorney in recognition of his work in international fraud and money laundering cases. He has successfully prosecuted numerous cases involving the La Cosa Nostra (Mafia) and other organized crime groups for criminal violations of federal RICO and racketeering statutes and federal murder, extortion, corruption, fraud, tax fraud and gambling laws.

Honorable James C. Mahan was in private practice for twenty-five years until Governor Kenny Guinn appointed him in 1999 to be a state district court judge. In 2002, President George W. Bush appointed him to his current position of United States district judge.

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.

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 working as an attorney for the law offices of Olson, Cannon, Gormley and Desruisseaux. Mr. Schwartz earned his JD from Brooklyn Law School and his BA from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

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.