



Mission

- Promote education, professionalism, and the pursuit of equal opportunity and justice for all
- Advance the science of jurisprudence through education, scholarly analysis and commentary, and professional leadership and development
- Improve the administration of justice, preserve the independence of the judiciary, and uphold the honor and integrity of the legal profession
- Promote social dialogue among members of the bar
- Advance policy that improves health care, economic and educational opportunity, and use of the franchise guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States
- Protect civil and political rights of the citizens and residents of the United States



Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association

The Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association (LVNBA) is a civil rights bar at its core and was originally incorporated in 1981.

The LVNBA is an active affiliate of the National Bar Association (National Bar), which was formally organized in 1925 and is the oldest and largest association of predominantly African-American lawyers, judges, law professors, law students, and other legal professionals.



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Promoting Diversity

50+ Years of Black Lawyers in Nevada

The first black lawyers were admitted to practice law in Nevada in 1964. Five decades later, approximately 175 black attorneys have been admitted to the State Bar of Nevada. Black Nevadans (254,452 in 2010) make up 9.4% of the Nevada population (2,700,551 in 2010) and black lawyers licensed, resident, and active in Nevada (approx. 150) make up approx. 2.1% of the total number of lawyers (7,080) in Nevada. Many black lawyers, judges, and legislators in Nevada continue to have the distinction of being the “first and only.” Over 150 of the approx. 175 black lawyers in Nevada’s history have been LVNBA members.

Black Lawyers in the United States

In 2012, only a small percentage of the 1,268,011 lawyers licensed in the United States were black. Without targeted efforts, black attorneys will remain a small minority. In the span of a decade, the percentage of black attorneys grew only 0.06% from 4.2% in 2000 to 4.8% (68,864) in 2010.

Blacks in U.S. Law Schools

In the 2012-2013 academic year, 10,435 (7%) of the 150,113 students enrolled in law school in the United States were black and 2,875 (8.1%) of the 35,629 faculty and staff at law schools in the



Embodying Diversity

United States were black. Six (6) of Nevada’s black law school professors and staff (7) have been LVNBA members.

Black Judges in Nevada

In 2013, black judges (191) made up 5.5% of the judges (3,462) appointed to the federal judiciary. Black judges (4) currently make up only 4.4% of Nevada’s judges (89). Nine (9) of Nevada’s black judges (11) who served full-time in the Nevada or federal judiciary have been LVNBA members.

Black Lawyers in the Nevada Legislature

Less than 4% the 129 attorneys who have served in the Nevada Legislature are black. The first black attorneys were elected to the Assembly in 2002 and the Senate in 2012, respectively. Four LVNBA members have served in the Nevada legislature.

Achieving Diversity

Achieving diversity requires:

- Creating an environment in the profession that is inviting and accessible to African-American attorneys
- Recruiting and retaining African-American attorneys and judges at all levels of the profession
- Recognizing and promoting African-American attorneys to leadership positions in all institutions
- Providing institutional leadership and support for setting and measuring progress toward diversity goals
- Including African-American attorneys at informal gatherings of decision makers and business leaders
- Maintaining ongoing efforts so that African-American attorneys who are the “first” do not remain the “only”

Pictures: (1) Justice Michael L. Douglas, (2) (l-r) Judge Tim Williams, Booker Evans, Judge Karen Bennett-Haron, John Bailey, Justice Michael L. Douglas, Professor Rachel J. Anderson, (3) Kelley Jones (far right), (4) standing: Andras F. Babero, Robert Archie, James O. Porter, Michael L. Douglas, Kevin Williams, Thomas Peterson, Lizzie Hatcher, Arthur L. Williams, Jr., Marcus Cooper, Timothy C. Williams, John Bailey, Cuthbert Mack, Gary Booker, David Phillips; seated: Johnnie B. Rawlinson, Geraldine Kirk-Hughes, Hon. Addelior D. Guy, III, Ben Logan, Betty Henderson, and Adriana Cobb

Sources: Statistical Data Sources: American Bar Association, Federal Judicial Center, Nevada Legislature, Supreme Court of Nevada, U.S. Department of Labor, and the U.S. Census.