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## President's Message

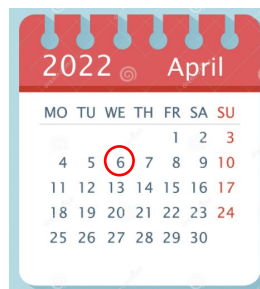
HAPPY SPRING! Looking forward to the nice weather to come. This month the Honorable Nathan Tod Young is our speaker. He is a District Court Judge in Douglas County and was formerly a criminal defense lawyer there. His topic will be "Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change," which is the American Bar Association's theme for Law Day 2022.

In 1958 President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day as a national dedication day to the principles of government under the law. In 1961 Congress officially designated May 1st as Law Day, but many celebrations take place the week(s) before or after that date. Some organizations celebrate a Law Week or Law Month in April or May. Since DCLP's May meeting falls after May 1, we are celebrating at our April meeting this year.

An annual theme is chosen by the ABA to spotlight a particular aspect of law or the legal process and its impact on our daily lives. Past themes have included freedom of speech and the press, the Magna Carta, the 14th and 19th Amendments, the Separation of Powers, and more.

Law Day provides us an opportunity to understand how the rule of law and the legal process protect our liberty, strive to achieve justice, and contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share. It is now celebrated in many other countries in the world.

—Maria Nelson, PLS



## DCLP LIVE!!

### No Reservation Needed

Via ZOOM Wednesday, April 6 at 12 p.m.  
No charge for guests.

Meeting ID: 922 280 3023  
Passcode: 412889



## Douglas-Carson Legal Professionals

Welcomes

## Honorable Nathan Tod Young

Ninth Judicial District



The Honorable Nathan Tod Young is almost a native son having moved with his family to Nevada from Ohio at the age of two. Indeed, he professes that Nevada has always meant home to him.

Judge Young received a B.A. from the University of Mississippi in 1979 and a J.D. from Mississippi College School of Law in 1983. He practiced law in Nevada for 28 years prior to his appointment to the Ninth Judicial District Court in 2013. He has been reappointed twice and his current term ends in 2027.

Hiking, fishing, and writing short stories for his children and siblings are passions. Judge Young hikes portions of the Tahoe Rim Trail every year and on his birthday you can find him walking Hope Valley along the Carson River.

Judge Young credits his parents with instilling in him and his siblings an interest in civic duty and a strong sense of right and wrong. He expects attorneys in his courtroom to embrace civility and he strives for efficiency when resolving a case. Young has stated that “No one comes to the courthouse on their best day. The lawyers are stressed, their clients are more stressed and they deserve a thoughtful opinion on their case.” (*Nevada Lawyer*, December 2013, p. 35).



*Hope Valley*

Education  
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*Our Mission is to promote and support the study of history, law and civics for the development of responsible and informed citizens who are committed to democratic principles and active engagement in representative government.*

The poster for Law Day 2022 features a large yellow star with a black outline on a background of a blurred American flag. The text reads "LAW DAY 2022" at the top, followed by "TOWARD A MORE PERFECT UNION" in large, bold letters, and "THE CONSTITUTION IN TIMES OF CHANGE" below it, accompanied by seven small yellow stars.

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- George Van Cleave  
Author, Georgetown University Law

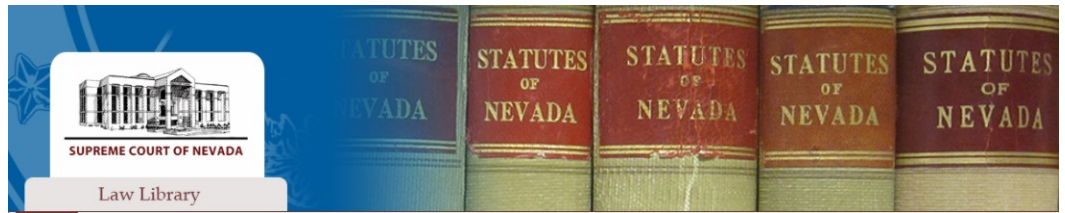
**ASK THE EXPERT:  
WHY IS THE  
CONSTITUTION  
CONSIDERED A  
DYNAMIC  
DOCUMENT**

Join us for a very special Ask the expert session where we will look at this years Law Day theme "Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution In Times of Change."

April 28 @10:00am  
Via Zoom Webinar

Register At: [nvcce.org/asktheexpert](http://nvcce.org/asktheexpert)

“The United States Constitution has proved itself the most marvelously elastic compilation of rules of government ever written.”  
-Franklin Roosevelt, President



## Women's History Month

Items Available For Loan

### RESOURCES BY SUBJECT

It is important to remember that forms you find here are just a starting point. They may provide you with ideas on content and style, but specific requirements vary greatly by court. If the sample form is from a court other than the one in which you are filing, you **MUST** change the form to reflect the court in which you are filing. You **MUST ALSO** contact the [clerk of the court](#) where your item will be filed to make sure you meet all [formatting, content and procedural requirements](#).

If you have Microsoft Word on your computer, you can create pleading paper on which to type your forms. For instructions on how to create this form, please click [here](#).

#### WHERE TO START

When trying to locate Nevada forms, it's best to begin your search with the information and resources available at self-help centers and court websites:

[State of Nevada Self-Help Center](#) (All Nevada Counties)

[Civil Law Self-Help Center](#) (Clark County)

[Family Law Self-Help Center](#) (Clark County)

[Second Judicial District Court Forms & Packets](#) (Washoe County)

The above list is provided as a starting point only and is not intended as an exhaustive list. We have included additional resources for specialized legal situations below.

Library staff are unable to recommend forms, but they can help with locating resources. If you need assistance locating resources, please contact the Law Library at (775) 684-1640 or [reference@nvcourts.nv.gov](mailto:reference@nvcourts.nv.gov).

#### America's First Woman Lawyer: the Biography of Myra Bradwell

by Friedman, Jane M. CALL NUMBER: KF368.B712 F75.

#### Ending the Gauntlet: Removing Barriers to Women's Success in the Law

by Rikleen, Lauren Stiller CALL NUMBER: KF299.W6 R55

#### Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Opinions of the United States Supreme Court

by Stanchi, Kathryn M.; Berger, Linda L.; Crawford, Bridget  
CALL NUMBER: KF478 .S69 2016

#### First: Sandra Day O'Connor

by Thomas, Evan CALL NUMBER: KF8745.O25 T46 2019

#### Notorious RBG: the life and times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

by Carmon, Irin; Knizhnik, Shana **Checked out**

#### Sandra Day O'Connor: How the First Woman on the Supreme Court Became its Most Influential Justice

by Biskupic, Joan CALL NUMBER: KF8745.O25 B57 2005

#### The First Women Lawyers: a Comparative Study of Gender, Law and the Legal Professions

by Mossman, Mary Jane CALL NUMBER: KF299.W6 M67 2006

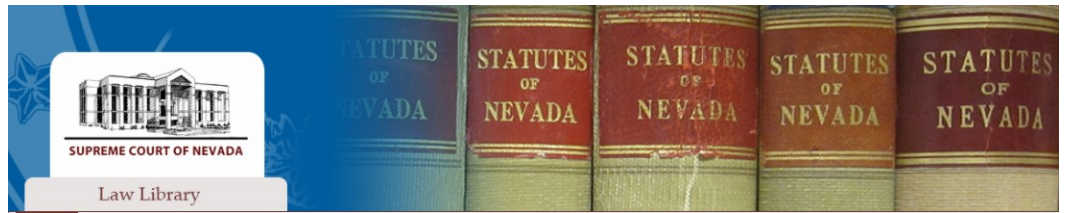
#### The Majesty of the Law: Reflections of a Supreme Court Justice

by O'Connor, Sandra Day CALL NUMBER: KF8742 .O274 2003

#### Women-at-Law: Lessons Learned Along the Pathways to Success

by Epstein, Phyllis Horn CALL NUMBER: KF299.W6 E654 2015

Education  
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### Free Webinar

**Presenter:** Dan Feller, Westlaw Customer Trainer

**Date:** April 26, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (PST)

***Qualifies for 1 General CLE credit***

The 2022 Law Day theme is “Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change” “We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union...” are the opening words of the U.S. Constitution. At 4,400 words and signed in 1787, it is one of the shortest and oldest written constitutions in the world. This program will explore moments of constitutional change in the United States, both historically and in more recent times. We’ll look at constitutional amendments, as well as social movements that lead to legislation, shifts in U.S. Supreme Court jurisprudence, and other indicators of significant legal change. With that, we’ll be exploring the significant legislation in Westlaw, discussing recent amendments and providing some tips for municipalities and organizations to prepare for the social movements that inevitably lead to protests and demonstrations.

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

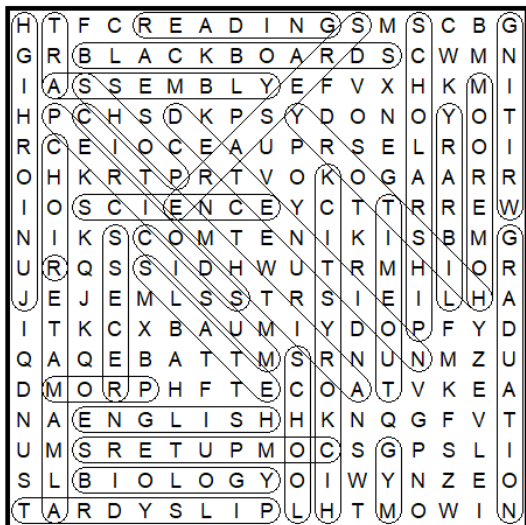


April 2022 – Past Law Day Topics

DCLP presents  
Cognitive Fitness



Answer to the March 2022 Puzzle  
regarding School Memories



Find and circle/mark the words below in the grid above.  
Words may be printed forwards, backwards, up, down,

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| FREEDOM OF THE PRESS | SEPARATION OF POWERS |
| FREE SPEECH          | MAGNA CARTA          |
| RULE OF LAW          | MIRANDA              |
| ROLE OF COURTS       | EQUALITY FOR ALL     |
| LIBERTY              | A MORE PERFECT UNION |
| AMERICAN JURY        | CIVIL RIGHTS         |
| EQUAL JUSTICE        | VOTING               |
| WE THE PEOPLE        | AMENDMENTS           |
| DUE PROCESS          | BILL OF RIGHTS       |
| E PLURIBUS UNUM      |                      |

Are you enjoying these puzzles?  
What kind is your favorite? Please  
let The Tickler know by emailing:  
[NALSdclp@gmail.com](mailto:NALSdclp@gmail.com)

Answer to the April puzzle will appear in the next issue.

## Legal Technology Trends to Watch in 2022

With our society slowing emerging from pandemic lockdowns, what will be the most important legal technology trends for lawyers and legal professionals to follow in 2022?

- **A rapid adoption of everything digital.** This means ensuring that you are discoverable and reachable on the tools potential clients are using for their research (e.g., Google Business, etc.). Make sure that your information is up to date.
- **A higher bar for how we communicate.** If lawyers haven't already pivoted to find new ways to engage with current and prospective clients, they need to do that. Focus on new, seamless communication and collaboration channels for every part of the client engagement.
- **The automation of basic administrative work.** Legal professionals should be following the technology that transforms how basic administrative work can be automated. Any technology that changes the one-to-one model of lawyers to allow lawyers to serve a much larger market will be a game changer.
- **Increased interest in digital interfaces from courts and government agencies.** For lawyers that regularly work in contact with courts and other government agencies, keep an eye on the providers of digital interfaces, both with legal professionals and the public. COVID-19 pushed many courts into online worlds that they didn't think they would ever be forced to do and stress-tested many systems (e.g. online unemployment applications). We could really use more competition in the space, greater adoption of open source technology, and more knowledge around purchasing decisions (such as data ownership) by governments.

- **A more deliberate, thoughtful approach to remote work.** It will be important for legal professionals to embrace how technology can make the new distributed workforce model work more seamlessly. Many firms took a 'just make it happen' approach to collaboration, mobility, virtual meetings, and working remotely. The opportunity now is to revisit the tools firms are using, and the training the legal professionals need to be able to leverage the technology, making the experience as good as—or better—than it was when everyone was in the office. The ROI for doing this right will be high, and will benefit the firm for years to come.

- **The prioritization of empathy in tech.** Consumers are more wary and anxious than ever; they want quick responses to their concerns but in a compassionate and empathetic way. To stay competitive these days, attorneys must always be 'on'—available to answer questions, ease client's anxieties, capture new leads—all while trying to manage their own lives.

We've already seen an increase in firms investing in solutions that provide that human touch, and I think we'll see that expand in the next year. Attorneys can't work 24/7, but websites and phone numbers do, so identifying a partner that can be there for your clients when you can't, providing that empathetic voice, is going to be a critical factor in determining who survives and thrives in the coming years.

- **Further improvements to document automation.** Lawyers are already moving beyond wet ink signatures; now they need to move beyond wet-ink document preparation.

## Legal Technology Trends (Cont'd)

- **Continued industry-wide technology adoption.** When the world (and particularly courts) reopen the tide will swing against video conferences and remote hearings, depositions, mediations, etc. This will only be temporary. By the end of the year, we will begin seeing the positive impacts of the recent tidal wave of technology adoption in how court procedures and other legal events take place. The lessons learned [during the pandemic] will open the door for distributed, asynchronous legal proceedings and if done right, the positive impact on access to justice will be greater than anything we have seen before. Many legal consumers who had been barred from justice due to financial, physical, intellectual, or even emotional barriers need not be barred in the future.
- **Using tech to deliver easier experiences.** There's no doubt that technology will grow in importance, but technology alone won't save the practice of law. The biggest gains will be made by lawyers who integrate technology with human service to deliver the easiest experience for their clients
- **Increased comfort with non-legal-specific technology.** The biggest legal technology trend should be for lawyers to become comfortable with is non-legal technology. It's just technology. Just because it wasn't specifically made for a lawyer, does not mean that we can't use it .
- **Modernized communication methods.** More firms will be looking to modernize their office phone systems so their distributed workforces can continue to communicate with each other, and with clients and callers, from anywhere. They'll look for and to cloud-based systems with softphones, sophisticated features, and direct integration into their practice management systems. Alongside this trend, they will really dig into being able to text with clients via a platform that allows anyone in the firm to participate and also integrates with their PMS. Finally—and hopefully more than anything—more firms will start to recognize the benefits (and ease!) of portals and encourage their every day, every communication use.
- **Increased focus on data for performance tracking and profitability.** [Technology that] relates to capturing data and building reports that identify what work is getting done, by whom, and how efficiently to answer questions like: “How profitable is this practice area or attorney/ paralegal?” [During the pandemic], law firms realized they can get work done with less. [Moving forward], they will want to see how this transfers into more profit. The technology behind not only capturing the data but building meaningful and easy-to-understand reports to help measure these areas will help drive decision making to lead to a more profitable business.
- **Lawyers taking a more active role in cybersecurity.** The most important tech trend for lawyers and legal professionals to follow will be cybersecurity. As more of our work transitions to an online or virtual format, we will have to take a more active role in the security of our firms and our client's confidential information.
- **Videoconferencing to better serve client needs.** Videoconferencing will not die with the pandemic. It has quickly become the preferred method of communication for our clients who don't want to spend the resources to meet in person if they don't have to. So be prepared by streamlining your video conference scheduling to auto-populate and disseminate video conference links to your clients and equip yourself with the tools to present yourself professionally on that call. Both of these things can have a huge impact on the client's experience and turn them into raving fans.
- **Learning to use the tools we already have.** Because of the pandemic, most firms will be struggling to



## Legal Technology Trends (Cont'd)

recover economically for a year or two. So firms will look for ways to do more with less—but rather than turning to new tools and new expenses, firms will finally learn to get more value from the tools they have. I hope that what will start as a belt-tightening response will prompt an overall interest in learning and training in your everyday tech, like case management systems and Microsoft Word.

Excerpted from an article by Teresa Matich at [clio.com](http://clio.com) and reprinted with permission. You can read the complete article [here](#).



By Kathy Sieckman, PP, PLS, ACP

I had a reader ask “Question: When formatting a pleading, what is the /// called at the bottom of the page? What are the rules?” After some research, here’s what I find:

It is usually called a “slash” (or in this example, three slashes). This slash is also called “forward slash,” “diagonal,” “virgule,” or “solidus.”

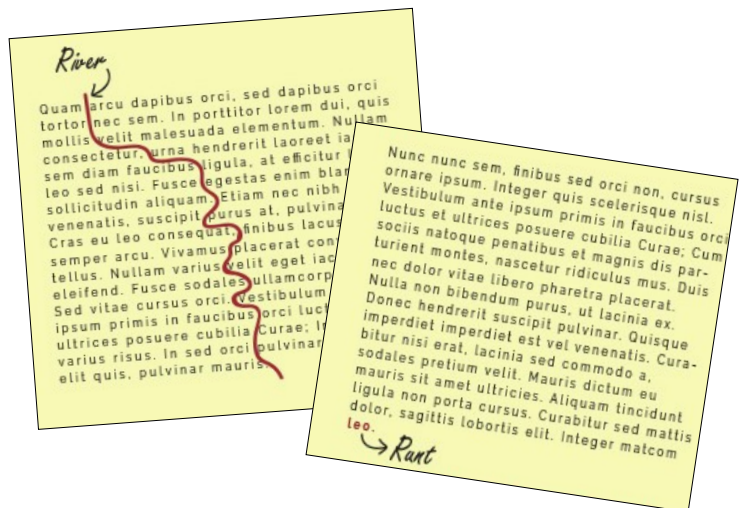
In formatting a legal document, you should always leave at least two lines at the bottom and at the top of a page avoiding a single line in either place. The single lines are called widows (at the top of a page) and orphans (at the bottom of the page) and there are settings in Word to avoid that (Paragraph, Line and Page Breaks, Pagination, Widow/Orphan control). Sometimes, moving the orphans to the next page leaves a larger margin at the bottom of

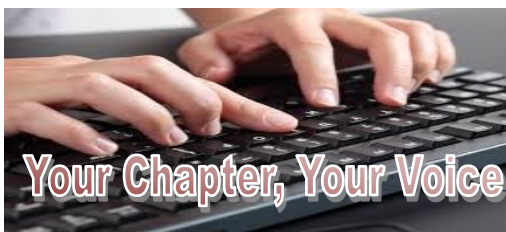
the page and is particularly noticeable when you are using numbered pleading paper. To avoid the reader thinking that is the end of the document, some people use the three slashes—either without space or with a space between each slash—to signal that there is more text on the next page. I typically see the slashes with spaces between each slash and on each line—with the same spacing as the document itself—on as many lines as you need to get to the last numbered line. Here is an example:

21 |           The second step shifts the burden to the plaintiff. Once the defendant makes  
22 | its threshold showing, the *plaintiff* must show a probability of success on the merits.  
23 | *Id.* The cause of action must be dismissed if plaintiff fails. *Id.*, citing, *Navellier v.*  
24 | *Stetten*, 29 Cal. 4th 82, 88–89 (2002).  
25 | ///  
26 | ///  
27 | ///  
28 | ///

While it is not necessary and there is no rule that I find requiring it, it will depend on your firm’s preference. Using the three slashes does make it clear that there is additional language on the next page, so I see the usefulness. The caveat is to make sure that that is among the last tasks you do when finalizing a document. Otherwise, if language is deleted or moved around, the slashes could end up in the middle of a paragraph or between two paragraphs and just cause confusion, so be very careful when using them.

**Widows and orphans ... Okay, got it, Kathy!  
But did you know what a river and a runt are?**





April 3— Mary Baldecchi, Emeritus PP, PLS, CLA

April 10— Micki Arguello, PLS

April 11— Debra Burns

April 26— Susan Happe, PLS

### New to Zoom?

You can join DCLP's November meeting as a participant without creating a Zoom account.

### Windows or Mac

1. Open the **Zoom** desktop client.
2. **Join** a meeting using one of these methods: (a) Click **Join a Meeting** if you want to **join without** signing in, or (b) sign in to Zoom and then click **Join**.
3. Enter the **meeting** ID number and your display name. If you're signed in, you can change your display name. If you're not signed in, enter a display name.
4. Select if you would like to connect to audio and/or video and click **join**.

### For other devices, visit:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>



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The NALS Legal Brief is a biweekly newsletter that delivers to you the trends, updates, and news from around the legal industry that is necessary to help you succeed in your career. Along with some association news, the NALS Legal Brief will give you a rundown of the current state of the legal support world by giving you a list of relevant industry-focused articles to educate and inform you.

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## MEMBER RENEWALS



If you are unsure of your renewal date visit [nals.org](http://nals.org) OR contact VP Sharon Coates, PP, CLP

**Don't Forget to Renew  
Your Membership**



*Dance like no one is watching.  
Email like it may one day be  
read aloud in a deposition.*

## NALS Code of Ethics & Professional Responsibility

Members of NALS are bound by the objectives of this association and the standards of conduct required of the legal profession. Every member shall:

- Encourage respect for the law and administration of justice
- Observe rules governing privileged communications and confidential information
- Promote and exemplify high standards of loyalty, cooperation, and courtesy
- Perform all duties of the profession with integrity and competence
- Pursue a high order of professional attainment

Integrity and high standards of conduct are fundamental to the success of our professional association. This Code is promulgated by NALS and accepted by its members to accomplish these ends.

**Canon 1.** Members of this association shall maintain a high degree of competency and integrity through continuing education to better assist the legal profession in fulfilling its duty to provide quality legal services to the public.

**Canon 2.** Members of this association shall maintain a high standard of ethical conduct and shall contribute to the integrity of the association and the legal profession.

**Canon 3.** Members of this association shall avoid a conflict of interest pertaining to a client matter.

**Canon 4.** Members of this association shall preserve and protect the confidences and privileged communications of a client.

**Canon 5.** Members of this association shall exercise care in using independent professional judgment and in determining the extent to which a client may be assisted without the presence of a lawyer and shall not act in matters involving professional legal judgment.

**Canon 6.** Members of this association shall not solicit legal business on behalf of a lawyer.

**Canon 7.** Members of this association, unless permitted by law, shall not perform legal functions except under the direct supervision of a lawyer and shall not advertise or contract with members of the general public for the performance of paralegal functions.

**Canon 8.** Members of this association, unless permitted by law, shall not perform any of the duties restricted to lawyers or do things which lawyers themselves may not do and shall assist in preventing the unauthorized practice of law.

**Canon 9.** Members of this association not licensed to practice law shall not engage in the practice of law as defined by statutes or court decisions.

**Canon 10.** Members of this association shall do all other things incidental, necessary, or expedient to enhance professional responsibility and participation in the administration of justice and public service in cooperation with the legal profession.

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