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**UNLV Immigration Clinic at the Boyd School of Law and the
College of Southern Nevada Come Together to Expand Legal Services**

Multi-Institute Service Demonstrates NSHE's Dedication to its Diverse Student Population

LAS VEGAS – The Nevada System of Higher Education, College of Southern Nevada (CSN), and UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law on Thursday formally launched the expansion of the UNLV Immigration Clinic's University Legal Services project to the students, staff and families of CSN. This expanded service is made possible by grants from CSN and UNLV.

The project, which serves students, staff and their families, combines outreach to the campus community, direct legal services, and problem-solving to overcome common issues facing immigrant students and their families. The project also assists U.S. citizens seeking legal assistance who wish to sponsor a relative so that families can stay together. Additionally, it helps legal residents apply for citizenship, defends families threatened with separation through deportation, and provides assistance with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) paperwork.

"With about 1 in 5 Nevada residents being foreign-born, the need for legal services from our growing immigrant population has increased exponentially," said Governor Steve Sisolak. "I am pleased to see Nevada's renowned law school, the William S. Boyd School of Law, partner with NSHE, CSN, and UNLV to address these needs by delivering free legal assistance to students, staff, and families to ensure immigrants can take full advantage of the services and protections afforded to them. When immigrants succeed, Nevada succeeds."

Chancellor Thom Reilly said: "The importance of the work being done by Prof. Kagan and his students cannot be understated. Our diversity makes us stronger and enriches the educational experience our institutions provide. I am proud this program is expanding to help an even larger group of people. The Nevada System of Higher Education must continue to provide opportunities and support for all of our students and staff no matter their immigration status."

Since July 2018, the [UNLV Immigration Clinic](#) has offered legal services to the UNLV community. Within its first year, the clinic assisted 52 individuals with immigration legal needs. In addition, the clinic's law student volunteers have helped more than 200 Nevadans renew their DACA permits. The clinic has also trained nearly 60 volunteers on the DACA renewal process, and has trained more than 60 Clark County School District counselors on how best to meet the needs of immigrant students.

"The College of Southern Nevada is thrilled to offer the services of the UNLV Immigration Clinic to our students," said CSN President Dr. Federico Zaragoza. "With one-third of our students identifying as Hispanic, CSN provides critical path to prosperity for many members of the local Latino community. To be able to offer our students these vital legal services will only enhance

our efforts to ensure that all of our students reach their educational goals and prosper in the workforce.”

This announcement was made during an immigration resources fair at the CSN North Las Vegas campus. Lawyers from the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada offered free consultations with immigration attorneys, law student volunteers offered free assistance with DACA renewal forms, and several organizations and congressional offices were on hand to provide information about education, health and other resources.

“Many of our students are immigrants, or have immigrant family members. At the law school and in the Immigration Clinic want to do what we can to support the community we’re a part of,” said Michael Kagan, Joyce Mack Professor of Law and Director of the UNLV Immigration Clinic. “I am thrilled we can do this now at CSN.”

The event also included remarks from UNLV President Marta Meana and UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law Dean Daniel Hamilton.

ABOUT UNLV WILLIAM S. BOYD SCHOOL OF LAW

Established in 1998, the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas has nearly 400 students and offers three juris doctor degree programs: a full-time day program, a part-time day program, and a part-time evening program. The school also offers a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Gaming Law and Regulation and three dual degree programs: the J.D./MBA, J.D./M.S.W., and J.D./Ph.D. It is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. For more information about UNLV Law, please visit law.unlv.edu and stay connected on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

About CSN

Founded in 1971, the College of Southern Nevada is the state’s largest and most diverse higher education institution. CSN is accredited through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and specializes in two-year degrees and workforce development that lead directly to high-demand careers or transfer to a university. It also offers seven bachelor’s degrees in specialized fields and is the state’s largest provider of adult basic education and literacy training. CSN is a Minority Serving Institution and Nevada’s first Hispanic Serving Institution. Our students create flexible schedules with day, evening and weekend classes taught on three main campuses and multiple locations throughout Southern Nevada or online. CSN is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution.

About NSHE

The Nevada System of Higher Education, comprised of two doctoral-granting universities, a state college, four comprehensive community colleges and one environmental research institute, serves the educational and job training needs of Nevada. NSHE provides educational opportunities to more than 100,000 students and is governed by the Nevada Board of Regents.

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