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Former U.S. Senator Richard Bryan focuses his practice on government relations at the federal, state and local levels, particularly in the area of public land use issues.

Senator Bryan began his legal career in 1964 as a Deputy District Attorney in Clark County, Nevada. Two years later, he was named Clark County's first Public Defender. In 1968, Senator Bryan was elected to the Nevada State Assembly and re-elected in 1970, he was elected to the State Senate in 1972 and re-elected in 1976. The former prosecutor won his first statewide election as Nevada's Attorney General where he played a major role in successfully defending Nevada's gaming regulatory structure in the federal courts.

In 1982, Senator Bryan was elected to his first of two terms as the Governor of Nevada. Under his leadership as Governor, economic diversification and the attraction of new businesses to Nevada became a priority. In 1988, he was elected to the first of two terms in the U.S. Senate. Senator Bryan was the only Senate member to simultaneously serve on the following U.S. Senate Committees: Finance; Commerce, Science and Transportation; and Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. He authored the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998.

### EDUCATION

- LL.B., University of California, Hastings College of Law
- B.A., University of Nevada, Reno
- Doctor of Humane Letters (honorary doctorate), University of Nevada, Reno
- Order of the Coif

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Government Relations and Regulatory

### AWARDS AND HONORS

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Administrative/Regulatory Law, Government Relations Practice, Land Use and Zoning Law, 2008-2021

- *Best Lawyers in America®*, Lawyer of the Year, Land Use and Zoning Law, 2019
- Education Hero, The Public Education Foundation, 2019
- ACLU Lifetime Achievement Award, 2018
- "Legal Elite," *Nevada Business Magazine*, 2015
- Distinguished Nevadan, Presented by the Nevada System of Higher Education, 2011
- *Mountain States Super Lawyers®*
- Alumnus of the Year, University of Nevada, Reno
- Richard H. Bryan Elementary School
- Richard H. Bryan State Office Building
- Senator Richard Bryan Senior Apartments
- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated (the highest rating available), by Martindale-Hubbell

## ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Interview, "The Most Interesting Man in Nevada Law: Featuring Senator Richard Bryan," Fenn.Talks Podcast, June 24, 2021
- Quoted, "Tradition continues: 38th annual Nevada Day Chili Feed returns to Carson Nugget Casino," Carsonnow.org, October 31, 2020
- Quoted, "Remembering Irwin Molasky, who helped build Las Vegas," 3 News Las Vegas, July 7, 2020
- Quoted, "Las Vegas Strip Resorts Alight With Messages of Hope," *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, April 1, 2020
- Quoted, "Nevada Democrats: 'What Happened in Iowa, Won't Happen Here'," 3 News Las Vegas, February 4, 2020
- Interview, "On Trump Trial, Sen. McConnell Gets Fact Checked by Six of His Senate Colleagues at Once," MSNBC, January 9, 2020
- Interview, "EXTRA: Las Vegas Through the Decades," 8NewsNow, November 26, 2019
- Interview, "Looking Back at the 1970s in Las Vegas," 8NewsNow, November 7, 2019
- Panelist, Nevada Governors Panel, University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law, September 12, 2019
- Speaker, The Village Foundation 8th Annual Gala Fundraising Banquet, March 2, 2019
- Quoted, "MGM Resorts International and NHL Announce Official Partnership," 3 News, October 29, 2018
- Speaker, "Trailblazers Panel," Leadership Las Vegas' History + Arts Session Day, October 12, 2018
- Quoted, "Paul Laxalt: A Governor Who Cared About His State," Nevada Public Radio, August 7, 2018
- Quoted, "Civic Engagement Leads to Active Citizenship for University Students," *Nevada Silver and Blue*, Summer 2018
- Interview, "After a Life Time of Service, Richard Bryan Honored by Las Vegas, ACLU," Nevada Public Radio, June 15, 2018
- Quoted, "Yucca Mountain Vote Reignites Decades-Long Battle," ABC 13 News, May 10, 2018

- Speaker, Mayors' Prayer Breakfast, November 16, 2017
- Speaker, Latin Chamber of Commerce Business and Networking Luncheon, October 20, 2017
- Speaker, "Improving Your Odds," ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries, October 2016
- Author, "Heck's Unfounded Attacks Cross Line," *Las Vegas Sun*, September 7, 2016
- Quoted, "Reid's Exit Will Make Fighting Yucca Mountain Project Tougher, Ex-Governor Says," *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, June 3, 2016
- Interview, "Ex-Sen. Richard H. Bryan Honored With Statue, Plaza at UNR," News 4, April 29, 2016
- Speaker, "Looking at the Years 1956-1971," The American Institute of Architects, February 2016

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Counselor, International Association of Gaming Advisors
- Trustee, National Judicial College
- Board of Trustees, Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce
- Chairman of the Board, Preserve Nevada
- Member, City of Las Vegas Centennial Committee
- Board Member, Great Basin National Park Foundation
- Member, Board of Directors, Mob Museum

## ADMISSIONS

- Nevada
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

## MILITARY SERVICE

- United States Army, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, Adjutant General Corps, 1959-1960
- United States Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General Corps, Discharged as Captain