

The Notes

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Benjamin J. Comin has joined **Hutchison & Steffen** as an associate attorney in the corporate and commercial law department. He will practice corporate, commercial, real estate and technology law. Comin received his bachelor's degree in political science from Brigham Young University and his Juris Doctor from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.



COMIN

Wendy Starr has joined the interior design team at **Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects**, working on projects including Ameristar Lake Charles and Zappos.com's Photo and Video Studio. Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto also is working with TEPA/Komada to design portal signs for the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. Other projects include the Black Rock NCA Facility and the Ely Seed Warehouse.



STARR

Adam Greenbaum has joined the **Las Vegas Conventions and Visitors Authority** as a digital marketing analyst. He is responsible for digital data analysis for the lasvegas.com family of websites. He previously was the social media and digital data specialist at MassMedia Corporate Communications in Henderson.



GREENBAUM

Nevada State College held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its recently renovated library named for **Marydean Martin**. An original member of the Nevada State College Foundation, Martin and her husband, **Charles Silvestri**, are longtime supporters of the college and its library.

Gary Ackerman and **Tony Bonnici** have joined the board of directors at **Nevada Children's Medical Center Foundation**. Ackerman owns Gaudin Motor Company, and Bonnici is vice president and general manager of Lotus Broadcasting.



ACKERMAN



BONNICI

Jeff Grace, president and CEO of **NetEffect**, a Las Vegas computer and information technology support and consulting company, was appointed to the board of trustees for the **Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce**. Grace has been a member of the chamber since 2004 and serves on the chamber's Business Council.



GRACE

The **Destination Services Association**, a nonprofit state tourism group, added four new members: **Judy DiPietro**, owner and industry consultant for Hotel Help For You; **Jill Glantz**, director of sales for Rebel Party Rentals; **Monica Maciel**, owner of Talent Concepts Inc.; and **Ava Bahnam Wideen**, marketing manager for CSI: The Experience at the MGM Grand.

Zachary Redman, an attorney in the Las Vegas office of Snell & Wilmer, was appointed to the executive committee of the Business Law Section of the **Nevada State Bar**. It aims to enhance the role and skills of business law attorneys.

Justin Cochran, an attorney in the Las Vegas office of Snell & Wilmer, was accepted into the **Federal Defense Mentor Program** chaired by U.S. Magistrate Judge **Peggy Leon**. The program was developed to introduce lawyers to federal criminal practice and train them for the Criminal Justice

Act Panel. Participants are paired with mentors, who are experienced federal criminal lawyers and members of the CJA Panel.

Jason Shkorupa has been named president and **Kelley Jones** chairman of the board for the **Epicurean Charitable Foundation** of Las Vegas. Shkorupa has more than 20 years experience as an executive chef and director of food and beverage.



SHKORUPA



JONES

Gabrielle McGhie was hired as a relationship manager for the Twin branch of **City National Bank**. McGhie previously worked as a sales consultant for Paychex Inc. in Reno.



MCGHIE

Jennifer Bradley, **Cynthia De La Torre** and **Chelsie Mollaun** have been hired as account executives at **BRAINtrust Marketing and Communications**, a Las Vegas advertising, marketing and communications agency.

Andrea Lautner was named director of membership services for the Las Vegas chapter of the **Associated General Contractors and the Nevada Contractors Association**. She will manage membership relations, new member recruitment and retention and data.



LAUTNER

Aynalem Workneh received an ATHENA Award for "Young Professional Leadership" from the **Women's Chamber of Commerce of Nevada**. Workneh is president of Angels of Las Vegas, a nonprofit organization that helps children and adults battling cancer.

The nation's second-largest real estate broker, **Berkshire Hathaway Inc.**, has formed a joint venture with **Prudential Real Estate's** parent company, **Brookfield Asset Management**, to create **Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices**. The new franchise joins the existing brands and affiliate networks of Prudential Real Estate and Real Living Real Estate.

Dr. Souzan El-Eid, a surgeon with the **Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada** and breast center director at **Summerlin Hospital**, received a 2012 Patients' Choice Award. In 2012, only 5 percent of the country's 830,000 doctors received the honor. Recognition is based on monthly feedback from more than 200,000 patients nationwide.

Patti Hart, CEO of **International Game Technology**, will serve as chairwoman of the **American Heart Association's** 2013 Go Red for Women initiative and luncheon. Hart has volunteered for the cause since it began in 2004. Go Red for Women aims to raise awareness about heart disease and educate people about risk factors.

Laura Ellen Browning, an attorney in the Las Vegas office of Snell & Wilmer, was appointed to the **State Bar of Nevada Fee Dispute Panel**. Members of the panel mediate disagreements between clients and attorneys about costs paid.

Deborah L. Danielson, of **Danielson Financial Group**, recently attended the seventh annual Barron's Top Women Advisors Summit, which promotes best industry practices. Danielson was named one of the Top 100 Women Financial Advisors in the United States in the June 4 issue of Barron's. The list is composed of advisors from major security firms and independent operations.

Amelia Gulling, the **Desert Research Institute's** GreenPower program administrator, was recognized by the Nevada Chapter of the **U.S. Green Building Council** for her dedication to promoting sustainability in Nevada. Gulling won a "2012 Amazing Individual" award for her work encouraging teachers to educate their students about how to be environmentally conscience.

John Lynch has joined **Sunbelt Controls**, a building automation controls contractor. Lynch has more than 16 years of HVAC project management, engineering and sales experience.

Steven Eklund and **Bill Marcus** have joined the board of directors at **Respect Your Universe Inc.** Eklund retired as the chief financial officer for RYU and joined the board immediately. Marcus is senior managing director at Hedgeharber and president of Evolution Trading Partners. He has 28 years of experience building and managing institutional trading firms in financial derivative markets.

Aaron Loreth will succeed Eklund as vice president of finance. In addition, Director **Emmanuel "Kofi" Brown** will leave the board to pursue his job as chief marketing officer, and **Kristian Andresen** will retire from the board.

Keith Kudrewicz and **Valery Jeffries** have joined **Rampart Casino** as casino hosts.

Chef **Angelo Sosa** opened his first Las Vegas restaurant, **Poppy Den**, inside Tivoli Village. It is a 5,400-square-foot Asian gastropub.

Balloons With A Twist, owned by **Michele Rothstein**, was named a Las Vegas party and event planning "Best of 2012" winner on Kudzu, an online guide to service providers. More than 5 million businesses competed in 30 categories. Winners were chosen by online vote.

Dr. Rebecca Edgeworth has been appointed medical director of the Paradise clinic for **Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada**. VMSN, a volunteer-driven nonprofit organization, provides health care services to uninsured people in Southern Nevada. Edgeworth previously served as a volunteer physician, then staff physician for VMSN.

Bombard Renewable Energy, of Las Vegas, was named one of the "2012 Top 100 Solar Contractors" by Solar Power World magazine. Bombard was No. 13 on the list.

Alligator Soup at Village Square was named the "2012 Best Wedding Invitations" company by Las Vegas Bride Magazine. The store recently celebrated its 30th anniversary.

Two businesses, **Glamorous Doodads** and **Laid Back Lux**, opened on Main Street downtown, just north of West Charleston Boulevard. Glamorous Doodads specializes in wine carriers, accessories and hand-crafted jewelry. Laid Back Lux is an interior design firm founded on the premise that everyone, regardless of budget, can have a home worthy of showing off.

KLAS-TV was awarded a 2013 Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Award for its in-depth news series "Desert Underwater." The investigative series examined Nevada's housing and foreclosure crisis. The duPont-Columbia award is regarded as one of the most prestigious in broadcast and digital journalism.

NEWave, a gaming industry software supplier, deployed three programs for **Alliant Gaming LLC** at the Alliant Casino and Hotel in North Las Vegas: Title 31 Manager, Records Manager and Check Prove software. NEWave now serves 89 Nevada casinos.

Luxury Optical Holdings opened its 15th boutique in the Las Vegas Valley. The store is at the Appian Way Shops at **Caesars Palace**. It offers designer eyewear to tourists and locals and staffs a licensed optician.