

## **About Edward M. Bernstein**

### ***Professional Appointments & Service***

Edward M. Bernstein is the owner of Edward M. Bernstein & Associates, a law firm with offices in Las Vegas. He has served as a Judge Pro Tem for the City of Las Vegas Municipal Court and for the City of North Las Vegas. He was the Democratic candidate for the United States Senate in 2000. He has been appointed by the Governor to serve as a hearing officer for the State of Nevada Personnel Advisory Commission as well as a hearing officer for the State of Nevada Department of Administration and the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners. He is active in serving on committees within the Nevada State Bar such as the Professionalism Committee and Southern Disciplinary Board and has in the past served as a member of the Nevada State Bar Fee Dispute Committee; Nevada State Bar Lawyer Referral Service Committee and Nevada State Bar Judicial Fund-Raising Practices Study Committee. He is a member of the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association, having served on its Board of Governors. He is also a member of the Clark County Bar Association and a past member of the Clark County Bar Professionalism Committee. He has been appointed by United States District Court Judge, Lloyd George, to serve on the Federal Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group for the District of Nevada and as a member of the Supreme Court Community Relations Committee. He was also appointed by the City Council to serve on a Citizen's Priority Advisory Committee and appointed by the Mayor to serve on the Clark County Regional Flood Control Citizen's Advisory Committee and the Downtown Las Vegas Business Partnership Committee.

He has appeared dozens of times in Worker's Compensation Hearings and Appeals, as well as in Employment Hearings, Equal Rights Commission Hearings, Nevada Gaming Commission Hearings, and Driver License Hearings. He has litigated approximately a dozen cases to jury decision in District Court and tried approximately 100 bench trials in Municipal, Justice and District Court, The Las Vegas City Council and The Clark County Commission; and has appeared and argued before the Nevada Supreme Court. His law firm has helped over 25,000 injured clients. He was selected by the American Trial Lawyer Association to Top 100 Trial Lawyers.

### ***Community Appointments and Service***

Since 1989 he has been the moderator and host of The Ed Bernstein Show, a 30-minute television talk show which is the longest running television talk show in the State of Nevada and airs on the NBC affiliate in southern Nevada. He was also the host of a 30-minute radio program on K-NEWS which featured prominent southern Nevadans discussing legal, political and local issues.

Ed has been very active in the community especially with reference to diversity and minority issues. He has served as an executive board member and is a former presiding chairman of The National Conference (formerly National Conference of Christians and Jews). He was a member of the Committed 100 Men, where he has been a mentor to an African-American boy who does not have a father. He was a regional board member of the Anti-Defamation League, an organization that fights racism and bigotry worldwide. He has served as a board member of Temple Beth Shalom since 1986 and served as its president for three years. He has served as a director of the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas and he has an honorary board member of the Catholic Jewish and Christian Student Center at UNLV. His activism in working with diversity in our community has resulted in Ed acting as a moderator for an educational

forum regarding minority concerns and working as a founder of the Community Coalition to ease community tensions after the L.A. riots.

He has worked to stop drinking while driving for over ten years with MADD wherein he and Sandy Heverly developed the first Red Ribbon campaign which become a national prototype, as well as one of the first Home For The Holidays campaigns which offered free taxi rides over Christmas and New Year's to those who had been drinking. He has also produced PSAs and was active as a spokesperson for MADD then STOP DUI.

### ***Speeches & Publications***

In addition to being a spokesperson for MADD, Ed has spoken before various community groups including Rotary Clubs; US Small Business Association; Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center; The American Marketing Association and Toastmasters as well as speaking at various public schools and religious schools. Ed speaks on a variety of topics ranging from ethics, community responsibility, law and marketing. He has spoken on numerous occasions to students at UNLV on law and/or marketing. He has been contributing writer to *Journal of Psychology*; *Sentinel Voice*; *El Mundo*, *Imagenes Magazine*; *Nevada State Bar Journal*, *Inter Alia*; Clark County Bar Publication, *The Communiqué*.

### ***Honors & Awards***

Ed has been honored for his recognition on behalf of his work with MADD on numerous occasions. He has been recipient of the Clark County Bar Association's Professionalism Award, the Citizen Committee on Victims' Rights Award, the American Muslim Women of Nevada Community Service Award and honored by the Executive of the Year presented by the Professional Secretaries International (PSI). He has been honored for his community achievement by the Women's American ORT and recognized by Outstanding Young Men of America and Distinguished Men in Southern Nevada.

### ***Education***

Long Island University, B.A., 1971

Widener University, J.D., 1975

### ***Courts Admitted***

United States Supreme Court – April 1982

Nevada Supreme Court – September 1977

United States District Court of Nevada – October 1977

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals – October 1977

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania – May 1977

United States District Court of Pennsylvania – June 1977

Supreme Court of New Jersey – December 1977

United States District Court of New Jersey – June 1977

Nevada Gaming Commission – October 1977

***Professional Appointments & Service***

Owner of Edward M. Bernstein & Associates	1977 to present
Judge Pro Tem – Municipal Court, City of North Las Vegas	1986 to 1988
Judge Pro Tem – Municipal Court, City of Las Vegas	1984 to 1994
Hearings Officer – State of Nevada Personnel Advisory Commission	1982 to 1992
Hearings Officer – State of Nevada Department of Administration	1985 to 1986
Member – Masters Marketing Group (MMG)	1987 to present
Director – Institute for Access to Legal Services (IALS)	1990 to 1994
Member – Clark County Bar Association Professionalism Committee	1993
Member – Nevada State Bar Judicial Fund-Raising Practices Study Committee	1993
Member – Nevada State Bar Fee Dispute Committee	1994 to 1995
Member – Nevada State Bar Professionalism Committee	1995
Member – Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group for the District of Nevada	1995
Member – Nevada Trial Lawyers Association Public Relations Committee	1995
Member – Supreme Court Community Relations Committee	1997
Speaker – Various Law Seminars and Marketing Seminars	
Board of Governors – National Trial Lawyers Association	1998 to 2001
Nevada Supreme Court Lawyer Advertising Committee	2006 to 2007
Nevada State Bar Disciplinary Panel	2002 to present
Nevada Supreme Court Professionalism Summit Committee	2009

### ***Community Appointments & Service***

Democratic Candidate for the United States Senate	2000
Owner and Host of The Ed Bernstein Show a 30-minute talk show which airs on NBC affiliates throughout Nevada	1989 to present
Host of The Ed Bernstein Show, a 30 minute radio program on KNEWS Radio which featured prominent Southern Nevadans discussing legal, political and local issues.	1990 to 1994
Host of 60 Seconds political commentary on radio with Hank Tester	1992
Clark County Regional Flood Control Citizens Advisory Committee	1990 to 1991
City of Las Vegas Citizens Priority Advisory Committee	1992 to 1994
Executive Committee Co-Chair, National Conference (formerly NCCJ) Presiding Chair – National Conference (formerly NCCJ)	1992 to 1995 1996
Nevada Psychology Board Member	2006 to 2008
Board Member – National Conference (formerly NCCJ)	1992 to 1996
Board Member – Downtown Las Vegas Partnership	1994 to 1996
Founding Member – Community Coalition	1994 to 1996
Member – Committed 100 Men	1994 to 1996
Host – Arthritis Foundation Telethon	1993, 1994
Judge – American Marketing Association's Excellence in Business Award	1993, 1994
Speaker – U.S. Small Business Association and Rotary Club, AARP	
Speaker – Various Public Schools	
Moderator – Educational Forums	
Speaker – UNLV	1998 to present

### ***Honors and Awards***

Outstanding Young Men of America	1977
Honorary Recognition by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD)	1986 – 1993
Recipient – Executive of the Year Award presented by PSI	1992
Recipient – Women's American ORT Community Achievement Award	1992
Recipient – Citizens Committee on Victims' Rights Award	1994
Recipient – American Muslim Women of Nevada Community Service Award	1994
Distinguished Men in Southern Nevada	1994, 1996
Recipient – Clark County Bar Association Professionalism Award	1997
American Trial Lawyers Association – Top 100 Trial Lawyers	2008

### ***Publications***

Contributing Writer – <i>Imagenes Magazine</i>	1992
Contributing Writer – <i>Sentinel Voice</i>	1992
Contributing Writer – <i>El Mundo</i>	1992
Author, "A Lawyer's Right to Advertise" – <i>Inter Alia</i>	Apr. 1992
Author, "Improving our Image Through Lawyer Advertising" – <i>The Communiqué Journal of Psychology</i>	Dec. 1995