

**10th Annual Trina Grillo  
Public Interest and Social Justice Law Retreat  
March 7-8, 2008  
UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law**



The 10th Annual Trina Grillo Public Interest and Social Justice Law Retreat will be held at the Boyd School of Law, UNLV on Friday, March 7th and Saturday, March 8th. The title of this year's retreat is ***Communities Building Social Justice***. This year's retreat will focus on how to create and strengthen institutions promoting social justice in cities, towns, and regions where the social justice infrastructure is less developed. The retreat will also be useful for anyone interested in building the skills and vision to start new projects, promote social justice in private practice, or improve existing social justice organizations at any point in their careers.

**Registration**

Registration will be \$50 for law students and \$125 for all others interested in attending the conference. Registration includes a reception on Friday; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday; and limited shuttle service between the hotel and the law school.

**Program**

We will post a conference program soon. The conference will have a keynote address followed by a reception on Friday evening. On Saturday, we will have discussions during the day ending with dinner in the evening.

**Hotel Information**

[Clarion Hotel & Suites - Emerald Springs](http://www.clarionlasvegas.com/main.htm)

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The hotel is located two miles from the airport, one mile from the law school (walkable, but a long walk), and a few blocks to the Strip. It does not have a casino, but it is convenient to casinos and nice restaurants.

**Rates**

Rooms reserved at \$129.00 per night (plus 9% room tax) for March 6-9. If you reserve a room for the other nights, the hotel will honor the conference rate.

### **Reservations**

Guests must make their own reservations by calling **702-732-9100** and let them know that is for the "**Trina Grillo Retreat**" (**Boyd School of Law**) event. The reservation must be guaranteed with the individual's credit card by **February 1, 2008**, to ensure the group rate. Any reservations made after that date will be given the group rate based upon availability.

Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is 12:00 noon.

### **Transportation**

The hotel has complimentary transportation service from and to the airport for individual arrivals. The hotel will offer some transportation to the law school (once in the morning to the law school and one pick up from the law school to the hotel).

### **Parking Information**

For anyone driving to the law school, click [here](#) (PDF) for parking instructions and a print ready map.

## COMMUNITIES BUILDING SOCIAL JUSTICE

During last year's Trina Grillo Retreat at Seattle University, law students from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas marveled at the comparative strength of Seattle's legal services institutions and organizations. These students decided that this year's retreat should focus on how to create and strengthen institutions promoting social justice in cities, towns, and regions where the social justice infrastructure is less developed, such as Nevada. This retreat will build on the creativity and entrepreneurship of law students and new lawyers to help them determine how to establish their own organizations or how to incorporate themselves more effectively into existing social justice institutions. Although a key focus will be on building social justice and public interest organizations where few exist, the retreat will also be useful for anyone interested in building the skills and vision to start new projects, promote social justice in private practice, or improve existing social justice organizations at any point in their careers.

Retreat participants will identify effective models for pursuing social justice work; address funding, student debt and mentorship issues; and brainstorm how existing legal delivery systems can be expanded or become more effective. Communities with new and relatively scarce social justice organizations provide opportunities for law students to have important roles promoting social justice where the needs are very great. The Las Vegas location of this Social Justice Retreat provides a rich site for a focus on entrepreneurial social justice lawyering and organization-building, and the participation of successful and visionary social justice advocates from many locations will ensure that the lessons about institutionalizing social justice will be relevant for all communities.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 7

6:00 pm Keynote Address  
7:00 pm Reception

Saturday, March 8

8:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast  
9:00 am Welcome

9:15-10:45 am Plenary I - Models for Social Justice: Framing Your Mission

10:45 am Break

11:00-12:15 pm Concurrent Panel I - Private Pro and Low Bono: Combining  
Private and Public Interest

Concurrent Panel II: - Setting Up Your Own Shop: Choosing a  
Model and Getting Started

Concurrent Panel III - Getting Involved with Existing Social  
Justice Projects

12:12-1:30 pm Career Strategies Lunch

2:00-3:15 pm Plenary II - Resources for Social Justice Programs: Funding  
Your Project

3:15-3:30 pm Break

3:30-4:45 pm Concurrent Panel I - Government Funding

Concurrent Panel II - Student Loan Forgiveness: Creation and  
Maintenance

Concurrent Panel III - How to Pitch Your Own Project

4:45-5:00 pm Break

5:00-6:00 pm Plenary Workshop: Putting it all together: Framing and  
Funding Your Project

6:30-8:30 pm Dinner and Closing Presentation  
Remembering Trina Grillo