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**LIBERTY BELL AWARD HONORS JUDGE ALLAN EARL AND SECRETARY OF THE SENATE DAVID BYERMAN**

*Award honors community leaders who promote a greater respect for the law and government*

**Las Vegas** – The Honorable Allan R. Earl and Secretary of the Senate David Byerman are the recipients of the 2014 Liberty Bell award. Judge Earl and Mr. Byerman will be honored on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, from 4 to 5p.m., at the Las Vegas replica of the Liberty Bell (located at the corner of Fourth Street and Lewis Avenue) at Centennial Plaza.

The annual award recognizes individuals in the community who uphold the rule of law, contribute to good government within the community, stimulate a sense of civic responsibility, and encourage respect for the law in the courts.

**The Honorable Allan R. Earl** practiced law in Las Vegas for over 46 years and was appointed to the bench by Governor Kenny Quinn on December 5, 2000. Prior to joining the Eighth Judicial District Court, Judge Earl served for 25 years as a partner in the law firm of Galatz, Earl & Associates in Las Vegas, where he specialized in Personal Injury Trial Advocacy.

When he was an attorney, Judge Earl served as the President of the Western Trial Lawyers Association, the President of the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association, now known as the Nevada Justice Association, and was the Lawyer Governor from Nevada to the Board of Governors of Association of Trial Lawyers of America, now known as the American Association for Justice.

As an author, Judge Earl has written several articles that have been published in nationwide legal journals, and was appointed by the Nevada Supreme Court to the original Select Committee to redraft the Discovery Rules under the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure.

Judge Earl was listed in the original publication of "Best Lawyers in America."

**David Byerman** is the 40th Secretary of the Senate of the State of Nevada. His unique career path has spanned executive roles in both the private and public sectors. Secretary Byerman has a strong track record and an outstanding reputation with business, nonprofit, and government constituencies alike. Secretary Byerman has brought a variety of innovations to the office since his appointment in August 2010, in his continuing quest to make the legislative process more accessible and understandable.

Secretary Byerman serves as Executive Director of the Nevada Youth Legislature, the State's award-winning leadership development program geared toward the best and brightest high school students from throughout the state. Nevada Youth Legislature became an official program of the Nevada Senate in 2012. In the private sector, Secretary Byerman has served as Director of Communications for organizations as small as Clean Fuels Technology (a transportation sector start-up in Reno) and as large as MGM MIRAGE, where he served as a corporate communicator on environmental and sustainability issues. In the public sector, Secretary Byerman has served as Chief of the Program Development Division for the Nevada Department of Transportation, on the senior staff for Governor Bob Miller, and as Chief Government Liaison for Nevada for the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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Why the Liberty Bell? No icon better personifies the struggles in the birth of our nation. The Liberty Bell tolled on July 4, 1776, for all to come to Philadelphia's Independence Hall to hear the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. The Annual Liberty Bell Award, a partnership between the Clark County Law Foundation's Let Freedom Ring Committee and the City of Las Vegas, has been recognizing and honoring outstanding citizens since 1983.

The Clark County Law Foundation is dedicated to providing community service programs throughout Southern Nevada that are integrated with law-related education. If you would like more information on the Clark County Law Foundation or the Liberty Bell Awards, please contact Patrick Montejano at (702) 333-8277 or [Director@ClarkCountyLawFoundation.org](mailto:Director@ClarkCountyLawFoundation.org).