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LEGAL DIVISION

Eileen O’Grady received a degree in political science from University of California, Berkeley and her juris doctorate from the University of California, Davis School of Law. She began working for the Legal Division of LCB in 1993 and is currently a Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel. Prior to working for the LCB, she served as a clerk for Nevada Supreme Court Justice John Mowbray.

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RESEARCH DIVISION

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Scott Young spent a decade in private law practice and business management, served as General Counsel to the Nevada State Industrial Insurance System, and started with the LCB's Research Division in 1994 where he staffed the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee for seven sessions, and the Senate Committee on Energy, Infrastructure and Transportation in 2009. He presently serves as a Principal Policy Analyst for the Senate Committee on Commerce, and Labor. Mr. Young attended Northwestern University and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a bachelor's degree in economics. He received his juris doctorate from the University of California Hastings College of the Law located in San Francisco.

Marsheilah Lyons is a Principal Research Analyst and has been with the Research Division since 2000. Prior to working at the LCB, she worked in social service organizations and local and state government. She earned her master of arts degree in Christian education from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with an emphasis in social work and her bachelor's degree in occupational education with a minor in criminal justice from Wayland Baptist University. Ms. Lyons currently staffs the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services and the Interim Legislative Committee on Health Care.

Patrick Guinan has been with the LCB Research Division for over eight years. He has worked with the Constituent Services Unit, and has served as the primary policy analyst for several legislative committees including Senate Transportation, Assembly Elections, and the interim Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste. For the past two sessions, Mr. Guinan has staffed the Assembly Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics and Constitutional Amendments, an assignment he will continue during the 2011 Legislative Session. He holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from the University of Nevada, Reno, and a master's degree in English literature from San Francisco State University.

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