

Sidebar: Bishop Family Law Conference

By Erin Houston, Esq.

The annual Family Law Conference is a popular two-day selection of lectures and networking opportunities hosted by the Executive Council of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Nevada. This year, the Executive Council made the controversial decision to move the location of the annual conference from Ely, Nevada to Bishop, California. Below is some brief feedback regarding the new location from conference attendees:

“It was a great program and the drive to Bishop was very pretty. The lunches at the convention were horrible (at least there was a great BBQ place nearby). Overall, it was an upgrade from the Ely conference with nicer hotels. I will be back!” -Jason Stoffel, Roberts Stoffel Family Law Group



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Frances-Ann Fine of Fine Carman Price.

“I hated going to Ely or Tonopah – the restaurants and evening activities were marred by the incessant smell of cigarettes everywhere. Bishop was not only lovely, clean, and had nice restaurants that were affordable, but NO smoking was allowed. The Fairgrounds were perfect – large, plenty of room. I would recommend that they try to cover the floor so that the sound is not so magnified from those who are not listening but chatting – or there should be an area for those who want to chat and not listen. The heating elements above were effective except for the last afternoon when the room was freezing. Perhaps, it was to keep us awake. The curriculum was good. I appreciated most of what we learned, but some of it was boring to a fault. Still, we learn something from everyone. I will definitely go again if it is offered in Bishop. I won’t if it is in Ely or Tonopah. Hats off to the Executive Council – they did a great job.” -Fran Fine, Fran Carman & Price

“I personally feel the drive is too long and too dangerous; on the way, we took the mountain route unknowingly. On the way back, we went to 6 to the 95 back. I would rather do Reno – Las Vegas alternatively. I would like to

see our section travel to nice cities like other sections and bar associations.”
-Anonymous.

The Family Law Executive Council has voted unanimously to hold the conference in Bishop, California again in 2018. 🇸

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