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As a group composed of patent practitioners, trademark, and copyright attorneys, the Intellectual Property Section of the State Bar of Nevada supports and encourages the selection of Las Vegas, Nevada as a satellite office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Las Vegas is more than just a vacation destination for millions of visitors each year – our great city is a gateway of innovation. Located near the major technology centers of the West, our busy international airport is just minutes from the heart of the city, and brings thousands of innovators to the world's largest consumer technology tradeshow. Our world-class data centers facilitate bringing millions to the Internet's leading websites.

The patent industry is growing in Las Vegas, as evidenced by the participation of our Federal courts in a pilot program designed to streamline patent litigation. In addition to increasing patent litigation activity in our courts, the patent practitioners in our Section contribute to the growing patent portfolios of Fortune 500 companies that choose the favorable business climate of Nevada for patent preparation and prosecution. Additionally, the hundreds of Nevada companies that have filed for patents generate more than \$12 billion in annual revenue.

Our residents are ready to work, and Las Vegas is poised to welcome new employees and new employers with its low cost of living, abundant available real estate, and year-round favorable weather. Our spirit of invention and vision for the future helped turn a spot in the Southwestern desert into an internationally known destination, as well as a home for over 2 million residents.

We invite you to join us.

Yours sincerely,



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