

YOUR LOCAL FULL SERVICE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LAW FIRM



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VAN DUYNE LAW GROUP – WHY CHOOSE US?

We are a local law firm. We work and live in this community. We are committed to offering the best service possible and the most convenient option for Board Members and Community Managers that work in Reno, Sparks, Carson City and other nearby towns and communities.

We will find time for you here at our conveniently located office in downtown Reno.

We offer New Board Member Training Seminars to Associations. We host luncheons on topics of interest for Board Members and Managers.

Our firm's success stems from making a conscientious effort to complete work on time for our Associations, as well as an effort to fit legal work to the client's needs instead of to the lawyer's needs.

We look forward to meeting you and working with you in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheila Van Duyne', with a long, sweeping horizontal line underneath.

Sheila Van Duyne, Esq.
Managing Partner

WHO WE ARE



SHEILA D. VAN DUYN, ESQ
General Partner

Sheila Van Duyne is the owner of Van Duyne Law Group. Van Duyne graduated from Harvard University cum laude in 1984. She then obtained her J.D. from University of Santa Clara School of Law in 1987. Having practiced law throughout California and Nevada for the past 30 years, she brings trial experience, litigation experience, and knowledge of all aspects of pre-trial discovery and motion work to her practice. Van Duyne has litigated large scale construction defect cases and many failure to disclose real estate cases here in Nevada.

In 2005 she became active in running a 1200 member Homeowners Association as a board member and as a president. After that experience she began to focus her practice on working with community associations as legal counsel.

She enjoys using the law to help people find peace and stability in the communities where they live. She has worked for the Courts as a settlement conference judge, arbitrator and a mediator. Currently she serves on two Nevada State Bar Committees.

She regularly assists her associations in interpreting and analyzing their Bylaws, CC&Rs, Rules and Regulations, and Policies. She drafts Board Resolutions, Committee Charters and reviews contracts with vendors. She prepares opinion letters which help her Association Boards fulfill their duties to consult with professionals under the business judgment rule and often prepares complete restatements of an Association's governing documents to bring them current with the law.



BETTY CHRONISTER
Paralegal

Betty comes to the firm with more than 30 years of experience as a paralegal, legal assistant, legal secretary, and billing secretary in both Nevada and California law firms.

She especially enjoys working with our local vendors and contractors and helping Associations going through the Chapter 40 process. She understands construction defect cases and has attended and managed numerous destructive testing proceedings and forensic inspections as a paralegal.



Van Duyne Law Group has extensive experience guiding an Association or an individual through a construction defect case and Van Duyne is familiar with all aspects of the Chapter 40 Process from start to finish. Van Duyne has successfully negotiated millions of dollars in settlements for her clients over the past several years. Such successful resolutions have allowed her Association clients to complete extensive and necessary repairs of Common Area Defects without having to vote in a large special assessment on its Membership.

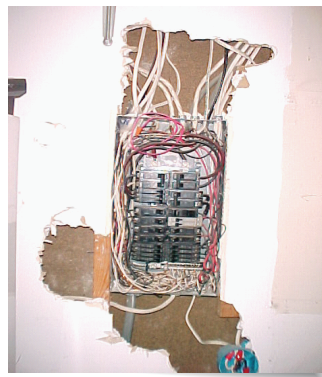
In a related area of litigation, Van Duyne has handled numerous real estate cases stemming from sales that went “bad” either due to failure to properly and legally disclose defects in a home during an escrow via the “SRPD” or due to a deliberate attempt to cover up defects existing at a home. Oftentimes an Association’s governing documents play an important part in these types of cases.



Crawlspace / Attic Ventilation



Plumbing Problems – Water Heater



Electrical Panels – Owner Repairs



Foundation

"I have known and worked with Sheila for over 5 years in the field of construction defect litigation. I have the highest regard for her integrity, intellect and work ethic. She is a wonderful attorney who takes great care in protecting her clients best interests. I have no doubt that she will find great success in her new venture."

Curtis Odom
President at Esperanza Architecture & Consulting, Inc.

"I just wanted to thank you again for helping me through this mess. I am eternally grateful. Thank you, Sheila, truly."

Ryan Chaney.
Successful Plaintiff in Real Estate Case

TOP 10 HOME DEFECTS

Foundation

Electrical Panels - Owner Repairs

Non-Professional/ Homeowner Wiring

Roof Leaks

Roof Deck Rot Due To Moisture

Heating - Insufficient Combustion Air

Improper Maintenance- Owner Repair

Non-Professional Repairs

Structural Damage

Plumbing Problems

Water and Air Infiltration

Crawlspace / Attic Ventilation

Non-Inspected Construction Defects



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS



Van Duyne Law Group works with small, medium and large size Associations. Van Duyne has experience working with Associations made up of single family homes as well as associations located in the high rise buildings throughout Reno and Sparks.

Van Duyne likes visiting the Associations she works for and often stops by at board meetings to answer questions or to explain a particular legal issue.

This enables her to better understand the particular needs and concerns of an Association.

Van Duyne values her business partner membership in CAI. Van Duyne attends and speaks at many of their educational programs.

Van Duyne Law Group is here to help and will make the time to work with you and listen to your particular legal problems.

Sheila and I served on the Arrowcreek Homeowners Association Board in Reno, Nevada, She provided excellent legal insight and advice for the Board during our time on the Board. Sheila is an imaginative lawyer. She is well versed in the law concerning Homeowner Associations. She will provide top notch service to all of her clients. I highly recommend that you seek out her excellent legal advice"

Paul Burkett
Member at Forensic Expert Witness Association



What began as simply helping friends and clients with their end of life planning has turned into a substantial estate and probate practice. Van Duyne works with her clients to tailor a particular estate package to fit the client instead of using a “one size fits all” approach.

After meeting to discuss the client’s life, assets, heirs, wishes at a complimentary first meeting, Van Duyne will structure a multi-layered plan to fit the particular client.



The main goal in this process is to allow for post death transfer of assets without a need for the family to expend a lot of time and money on a lengthy probate. Van Duyne will address issues related to real estate, personal property, business assets, time shares, limited liability companies, corporations as well as a variety of other assets in formulating a good plan for a client.





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