

It's the Hypocrisy



Attorney General Adam Laxalt, "Mr. Irrelevant"

"It's not the BS that drives me nuts, it's the hypocrisy," I shouted. Even I was surprised by my loud reaction.

For loyal readers, it's no secret that *The Vegas Voice* (despite my oft-mentioned reservations) continues to press for guardianship reforms. While the political editor (and my Ladylove) Rana Goodman remains ever vigilant in her Don(na) Quixote quest to clean up this cesspool, I did not want this newspaper to be labelled as the "guardianship paper."

It remains our mission that the publication be much more than that; namely: *to be the voice for your health, wealth & good times.* As one example - our entertainment shows that are nothing short of phenomenal.

We are not talking amateurs on stage, but first rate, Las Vegas Strip entertainers. Credit goes to our entertainment and nightlife editors Evan Davis and Sam Wagmeister. They have strongly suggested that although the guardianship issue is "somewhat" important, it's the entertainment and the performers that should be the paper's main focus.

And then there's our travel columnists, Stu Cooper, Crystal Sarbacker and now Marilyn Sirna. What other "senior paper" provides fantastic travel opportunities they ask? From bus trips to "bucket list" destinations, they continuously urge Yours Truly to focus *The Vegas Voice* on vacation locations.

But with Rana's "pillow talk" advantage, she keeps bringing me back to guardianship. To make matters worse, she doesn't argue, yell or demand. Rana simply shows me some paperwork and asks, "What do you think?"

Hence my opening sentence. This time, it was in response to two press releases from Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt.

We have previously and will continue to call Laxalt "Mr. Irrelevant" for his guardianship (non) actions. Despite *The Vegas Voice* (and others) presenting his office with compelling and numerous victims (along with a ton of medical and financial documentation)

the Attorney General still refuses, or remains paralyzed to touch the guardianship scandal in Clark County.

In all candor, if it wasn't for his hypocrisy, I would leave it alone. However, his "look-at-me" insistence that he is working for seniors is disgraceful.

You can only imagine the other *New York words* I used when Rana handed me the press release from the Attorney General last month. In it, Mr. Laxalt, proclaimed how "thrilled" he was in announcing his "record-breaking" campaign report.

He reported he now has a \$1.5 million campaign war chest. Laxalt also reiterated that despite speculation as to whether he will run for Governor in 2018 (he states that he has not made a decision, but, **SPOILER ALERT:** he's running) the Attorney General had the audacity to advise, "...I will continue to fight on behalf of all Nevadans to protect our state and our citizens."

This announcement came one week after the AG, without any shame had the gall to release the following: "Attorney General Announces Third Elder Exploitation Guardianship Abuse Prosecution."

While Laxalt pats himself on the back for such action, I remain astonished that these cases are all in Northern Nevada - as if all the noise, public outcry and scandal is unheard of in the Las Vegas Valley. "Is there a guardianship problem in Clark County?" he must be asking his staff.

By the way, the total amount of money stolen in these 3 cases combined are what private guardians April Parks and Jarad Shafer and their co-conspirators call "pocket change." Such prosecutions are not just "low-hanging fruit" but crumbs on the ground.

Mr. Attorney General: If you don't have the guts to go after the real bad guys; the ones that caused you and your office to ever hear of guardianship problems in the first place, spare us the "good news" of prosecuting two-bit, BS cases.

And if "Mr. Incompetent", Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson is not capable or smart enough to do his job, just let him continue to appear and smile before the various TV cameras. Do what's right for the Clark County families financially and emotionally destroyed by the still corrupt and rigged guardianship system.

Oh, and one more thing. Kindly stop promoting that "\$400,000 of non-taxpayer" monies you were able to transfer to the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada to "boost their capacity to fight guardianship abuse."

First of all, that amount of money (which is already gone) would have funded approximately four years' worth of our proposed budget to **totally resolve and erase** guardianship as an issue. More importantly, unless this money came from your \$1.5 million campaign war chest, or, perhaps some loose change under your seat cushions, **ALL** money from your office is taxpayers' money.

Until then, good luck in your Governor's campaign, but I'm begging you to drop the hypocrisy of asking us to believe and trust you. *Believe me* - if you stop, I'll get Rana to back-off and *The Vegas Voice* will concentrate on our entertainment and travel stuff.

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