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Busick Group Plays Active Role in Attempt to Change Nevada's State Constitution

Government relations firm supports judicial appointment reform through modified Missouri Plan bill.

WASHINGTON, DC – (MARKET WIRE) – January 23, 2007 – The Busick Group announces it is actively working with agencies including the Nevada State Bar Association, attorneys, and private citizens, to change to the [current judicial selection system in Nevada](#).

Nevada has been the subject of nationwide discussions regarding the conduct of its elected officials. The [Nevada judicial system](#) currently operates using an election process to fill vacated judicial seats. Judicial candidates are not subjected to any pre-qualification standards.

The Nevada Plan – a modified [Missouri Plan](#) – changes how judges are qualified, seated, and retained in judicial positions. It starts by inviting qualified applicants to apply for vacated judicial positions. A commission reviews the applicants' qualifications and recommends three candidates to the governor. Nevadans will be notified of the candidates recommended for appointment and will be afforded the opportunity to respond. The governor will appoint one of the candidates to serve until the next general election at which time their job performance will be evaluated and statistics on preemptions and appeals will be provided to the public. Nevadans then have the opportunity to vote "yes" or "no" to retain the judge based upon his/her performance.

"Frequently, the candidate with the most money, best advertising, and endorsements gets elected," said Alecia Biddison, managing partner of The Busick Group. "Unfortunately this process often elects the least qualified candidate to serve a lengthy judicial term. Nevada needs to be able to pre-qualify the judges it seats and the people must have the power to retain them based upon their performance. The Nevada Plan achieves this goal."

The Busick Group will lobby bill draft C-177, sponsored by Nevada State Senator William Raggio, through the state legislature and upon its successful passage will establish a Political Action Committee (PAC) to educate Nevadans on the importance of modifying the state constitution.

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About The Busick Group

The Busick Group assists companies in obtaining federal funding for research and development. The firm also actively lobbies on behalf of clients to change existing laws and support the enactment of new legislation. Relationships on Capitol Hill, associations with lobby firms, and an extensive array of government agency contacts are just some of the tools the Busick Group provides to clients.

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