

William (Bill) Werner Biography

Bill Werner is an Associate Professor in the College of Hospitality at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in hospitality law, employment law, labor relations, hotel security, and risk management. He has served two terms as Chair of the Hotel Management Department and presently chairs the department and college Bylaws Committees. He is a Certified Hospitality Educator and has twice been named Boyd Distinguished Professor.

Prior to his appointment to UNLV in 2001, Bill practiced law in Las Vegas for 12 years, first in the law firm of Smith & Kotchka, then as in-house counsel for Mirage Resorts (now part of MGM Resorts) and Boyd Gaming Corporation. His law practice included representation of employers in employment litigation, personal injury litigation, and labor negotiations. He is an active member of the State Bar of Nevada, the Clark County Bar Association, and the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education.

Professor Werner's primary research interests are in the areas of employment dispute resolution, wage and hour laws, and labor-management relations. His research has been published in the Cornell Hotel and Restaurant Administration Quarterly, the Florida International University Hospitality Review, and the Nevada Practitioner's Journal on Labor and Employment Law. He co-edited *Student Freedom Revisited: Contemporary Issues and Perspectives* (NASPA, 2006) and co-authored *Managing Hospitality Human Resources* 6th ed. (AHLA, 2021).

Bill is a graduate of The Ohio State University (B.A.) and the University of Cincinnati College of Law (J.D.). He was born and raised in Kettering, Ohio and has resided in Las Vegas since 1989.