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Speaker Biographies

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Assemblyman Horne has served District 34 in the Nevada Assembly since 2002. He is Majority Whip; Chair of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary; and Chair of the Assembly Elections, Procedures, Ethics, & Constitutional Amendments Joint Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice. He also serves on the Committee on Commerce and Labor. He has served on the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice’s Subcommittee on the Reclassification of Crimes; and on the state’s compact councils for adult offender supervision and interstate juvenile supervision; and with the National Conference of Uniform State Laws. He currently is a Co-Chair of the NCSL Law and Criminal Justice Committee. Other affiliations include the National Black Caucus of State Legislators; Nevada Black Elected Officials Caucus; with the advisory board of Bridge Counseling Associates; Phi Alpha Delta International Law Fraternity; Tau Kappa Epsilon; and as an advisor and adjunct professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Assemblyman Horne is a practicing attorney. He earned his bachelor’s degree at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and his law degree is from the William S. Boyd School of Law, at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

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Mr. Eaton has represented Winston clients in the First, Sixth, Seventh, and Federal Circuits, the Supreme Courts of several states, and the Supreme Court of the United States in a diverse array of matters, ranging from the application and scope of the dormant Commerce Clause to products liability, tax disputes, First Amendment freedoms, and civil rights claims.

A former clerk on the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, he has extensive experience in patent infringement litigation, at both the trial and appellate levels. Mr. Eaton is a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States and has successfully represented clients at both the *certiorari* and merits stages.

Education

Mr. Eaton holds a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was a member of the *Law Review* and the Order of the Coif, and an LL.M. in Constitutional Law, with distinction, from Georgetown University Law Center. He also received a B.A. in English, *magna cum laude*, from the College of William & Mary, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.