

Support, Outreach and Assistance Resource (SOAR)

Need a hand with research? Want to brainstorm a case with another lawyer? The Department of Indigent Defense Services and UNLV Boyd School of Law announces the Support, Outreach and Assistance Resource (SOAR) to provide student support and mentorship opportunities to indigent defense attorneys in rural Nevada.

SOAR is designed to accomplish three goals:

- 1) Provide a resource to rural communities and lawyers who provide public defense in rural areas.
- 2) Help generate interest in, and prepare law students for, rural practice and service.
- 3) To provide networking, communication, and support between law students and public defense providers across Nevada.

SOAR can assist by connecting you with (1) other attorneys well-versed in your issue, and/or (2) law students to brainstorm cases, research, and prepare memoranda of authority pertaining to pre-trial writs, motions, defenses, jury instruction, post-trial motions, sentencing, appeals, etc.

To use SOAR, follow these steps:

- Send an email request to didscontact@dids.nv.gov with SOAR in the subject line.
- In the email, provide a brief synopsis of the problem or issue.
- DIDS will review the request and schedule an initial meeting to discuss the case with the appropriate faculty, student, and/or lawyer, gather additional information, and determine deadlines. Zoom and/or Microsoft Teams will be used for meetings and the secure transfer of documents. Meetings are confidential.
- Requests must relate to indigent defense cases and should be reasonably in advance of any case deadline.

SOAR IS TAKING REQUESTS NOW!

Attorneys are strongly encouraged to take advantage of SOAR in the Spring 2021 semester as participation will inform program viability through the summer and subsequent semesters.

For more information about SOAR, please contact the Department of Indigent Defense Services at 775-687-8490 or email didscontact@dids.nv.gov.