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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO ANNOUNCES CLARK COUNTY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHRIS OWENS NAMED 2012 WILLIAM J. RAGGIO AWARD RECIPIENT**

**Carson City, NV** – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto and the [Nevada Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys](#) (NACPA) announced today that Clark County Assistant District Attorney Chris Owens will receive the William J. Raggio Award for 2012. This award presented annually, from the NACPA, is given to a current or former prosecutor who has contributed significantly to the improvement of the administration of justice in Nevada.

“Chris Owens has dedicated his career to serving the people of Clark County and the State of Nevada with distinction, leadership and integrity,” said Masto. “I appreciate his collaborative nature, especially when working with other law enforcement agencies, including my office. Chris, an excellent trial lawyer, is very deserving of this award and we applaud him for his accomplishments.”

Owens was presented the award during the Nevada Prosecutors Conference in Pahrump.

The award is named in honor the late William J. Raggio, a former Washoe County District Attorney and former Nevada State Senator.

Previous recipients include Senator Raggio in 1998, Ben Graham in 1999, Thomas Leen in 2000, William Koot in 2001, Mills Lane in 2003, Melvyn Harmon in 2004, Howard McKibben in 2005, Noel Waters in 2006, Kristin Erickson in 2007, Richard Wagner in 2008, James Tufteland in 2009, Archie Blake in 2010, and Larry R. Hicks in 2011. Frankie Sue Del Papa and Stewart Bell were co-recipients of the award in 2002.

The Nevada Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys is an executive branch state agency created by [NRS chapter 241A](#) with a broad statutory mandate to provide leadership, resources and legislative advocacy on legal and public policy issues related to the duties of Nevada's prosecutors. AG Masto serves as Chairperson of the Advisory Council.

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