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Nevada's Most Influential Citizens

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Nevadans can be born and raised in the state, or can come from half the world away to find their home. Once here, Nevada becomes a part of most people's lives in short order, and many want to give back.

Nevada Business Magazine asked readers to nominate those Nevadans who have had a significant impact on our state. The 12 individuals chosen are leaders in their fields who have weathered our economic storms and worked to diversify and strengthen the economy, to regulate chief industries, to guide Nevada into a healthy future, to provide necessities, improve healthcare or make sure we get from here to there on time – and so that we remember what happens here, stays here.

One of the 12 individuals is far-thinking, clear-sighted and pro-Nevada. Each has made significant contributions to our state.



Samuel McMullen

*Partner,
Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.*

Sam McMullen is a fourth generation Nevadan from a ranching family who says Elko is in his blood. A lawyer and lobbyist, he graduated from UNR and has a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. McMullen has a 30 year career here working in legislative advocacy, policy development and project implementation in Washoe and Clark Counties. He's also worked on water issues around the state.

Over the years McMullen has worked on healthcare issues, the foreclosure crisis, energy and telecommunication reform, economic diversification and workers' compensation issues. In addition he's been

president of the Northern Nevada Gaming Industry Alliance and chair of the Greater Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Committee.

"I have a long track record of working on tax and revenue issues and working on the budget, basically trying to make sure that there is some sense of how we fund and control the budget in terms of things we can do and things we can't do given various circumstances we [are experiencing]," said McMullen.

"Nevada is in my blood. I think it's got wonderful potential. I've watched it grow and I believe it can become so much more. If we look at what we've created just within the space of my lifetime, we've really built something beautiful and powerful here and I think we can do good things in Nevada for a lot of people."