



## **WILLIAM S. BOYD (Class of 1949)**

Bill Boyd has lived in Las Vegas since 1941, and graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno and the University of Utah Law School. Mr. Boyd practiced law in Las Vegas for 15 years.

He and his father, Sam, opened the Eldorado Casino in Henderson in 1962. It is still part of the Boyd Gaming family. In 1961 Bill and his father were partners in the Union Plaza Hotel and Casino in downtown Las Vegas. In 1973, Bill and Sam co-founded Boyd Gaming Corporation and opened the California Hotel and Casino in 1975. At that time, Bill left the practice of law and began his full-time career in the gaming industry.

William S. Boyd has served as a director of the Boyd Gaming Corp since its inception, and as Chairman of the Board of Directors since August 1988. Mr. Boyd held the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Company from August 1988 through December 2007, when he was elected to the office of Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company, effective January 2008.

Bill served on the Board of Nevada State Bank for over 20 years and 10 years ago founded BankWest of Nevada, which has now been expanded into a multi-bank holding company - Western Alliance Bancorporation. Boyd has been involved with many civic and charitable organization.

Bill Boyd, his company Boyd Gaming, and the Boyd Foundation have been major donors to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, United Way, Boys & Girls Clubs and Boy's Town of Nevada to name a few. In 1997 Bill provided the initial \$5 million for the creation of the William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV and has since pledged an additional \$25 million.

In addition, Bill has sponsored the annual Las Vegas High School Wildcat Reunion, held at Sam's Town Hotel and Casino, since 2000.

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