

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ATTORNEYS (TAANA) AND  
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ATTORNEYS FOUNDATION (TAANAF) PRESENTS:



*October 9 - 11, 2014*

**WESTIN LAS VEGAS HOTEL**

**Post-Conference Seminar: October 11, 2014**



### **Who Should Attend?**

- Attorneys
- Nurses and Other Health Care Professionals
- Risk Managers
- Health Care Administrators
- Legal Nurse Consultants
- Law School Students

### **Don't Miss this Meeting!**

You can network with other colleagues across the country and you will gain knowledge in these areas:

- Affordable Care Act
- Medical Marijuana
- The Federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act
- Nursing Licensure Defense
- End of Life Care: Legal and Medical Issues
- Regulatory Risk and Compliance
- HIPAA, HITECH and the OMNIBUS

### **Nursing Contact Hours**

- The Nursing CEU's application has been submitted and the approval is pending.

### **Continuing Legal Education (CLE)**

- Continuing Legal Education credits will be available for the TAANA Annual Meeting & Educational Conference.

# TAANA

## Vision

## Statement

*Advocating excellence and creating opportunities for nurse attorneys.*

### TAANA Mission Statement

The American Association of Nurse Attorneys (TAANA) provides resources, education and leadership to its members and the healthcare and legal communities.

- To promote and enhance TAANA and the profession of the nurse attorney
- To provide educational programs, products and services to members, chapters and the public
- To facilitate communication, collaboration and leadership among members
- To serve as a resource for the healthcare and legal communities

### TAANA Foundation

The TAANA Foundation is a charitable affiliated organization of TAANA and was separately incorporated in 1984 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to educate the public and members of the legal and health care profession about the impact of legal decisions and legislation upon the health care delivery systems and its participants.

### More TAANA Information

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## Your Invitation To Attend

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the Board of The American Association of Nurse Attorneys (TAANA) and the TAANA Foundation, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 33rd Annual Meeting and Educational Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 9 - 11, 2014.

This year, the Educational Conference has two keynote speakers who will discuss two hot topics in the legal and health care arena; namely, controversial end of life issues and medical marijuana. TAANA is honored to have Rob Schwartz and Marc Lowry as its keynote speakers.

The Educational Conference will also cover hot topics related to The Federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act, the Affordable Healthcare Act, HIPAA, HITECH and the Omnibus Rule, and Liability Risks with Robotic Surgery, to name a few.

In addition to receiving cutting edge information that will assist you in your practice, TAANA provides networking opportunities for everyone, including new members and first time attendees.

The **Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon**, graciously sponsored by NSO, will include the presentation of TAANA awards and the TAANA member business meeting.

This year, TAANA will host a Post-Conference Seminar that will begin at 1pm on Saturday, October 11. This half day seminar offers in-depth study and insights on particular topics specifically developed for the TAANA audience, addressing the most relevant needs of today's nurse attorneys. The post-conference will be taught by noted industry experts, and will include information and practice pointers in the area of disciplinary defense and due process. The post-conference also offers practice tips for health care professionals that will help to protect their licenses.

Come join us and be a part of this exceptional conference in this amazing city!!

Sincerely Yours,

*Teresa Sanzio, RN, JD*

*TAANA 2014 Conference Planning Committee Chair*

# Conference Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 9, 2014 . . . . .

8:00am - 12noon: **TAANA Board of Directors Meeting**

12noon - 2:00pm: **Exhibit, Poster & Silent Auction Setup**

12noon - 5:00pm: **Registration Open**

1:00pm - 1:15pm: **Welcome and Opening**

1:15pm - 2:15pm: **Promoting Clinician Resilience: Ensuring Effective Support after Adverse Events**

*Patricia McCotter, RN, JD, CPHRM, CPC, Physicians Insurance A Mutual Company, Seattle, Washington*

CLE's: 1

Objectives:

- Describe the second victim phenomenon and 6-stage trajectory of recovery from the impact of involvement in an adverse event.
- Describe the correlation between provider distress and burnout and medical errors.
- Identify coping techniques and support programs to assist health care providers.

2:15pm - 3:15pm: **The Federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act: A Prescription for a Culture of Safety**

*Ronnie McKinnon, RN, JD, CPHRM, CPSO, CPPS, TeamSTEPPS® Master Trainer, Stony Brook University Health Sciences Center, Stony Brook, New York*

CLE's: 1

Objectives:

- Identify two reasons why health care providers are afraid to report medical errors.
- Describe two reasons why state based quality assurance privilege laws do not provide adequate legal privilege protection to health care providers.
- Describe two provisions of The Federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act that foster the reporting of errors within the Federal Quality Assurance Peer Review Privilege and Confidentiality Statute.

3:15pm - 3:30pm: **Afternoon Break & Silent Auction**

3:30pm - 4:30pm: **License Protection Defense Claims in the NSO and HPSO Programs for Both Severity and Frequency**

*Loretta D'Antonio, Nurses Service Organization, Hatboro, Pennsylvania*

CLE's: 1

Objectives:

- Discuss claim metrics for the Allied program.
- Create awareness of allegations, expense payments for paid claims and factors that may contribute to claims.
- Provide risk management recommendations to support managing professional liability risks.

4:45pm - 5:15pm: **Past Presidents' Reception**

5:30pm - 7pm: **Welcome Reception, Silent Auction, TAANA Foundation Community Award Presentation & Poster Session**

**The InterProfessional Pediatric Advocacy Program (IPAP)**

*Natalie Bachynsky, MSN, RN, CNE, UTMB Health School of Nursing, Galveston, Texas*  
*Mary O'Keefe, PhD, JD, RN, UTMB Health School of Nursing, Galveston, Texas*

Poster Objectives:

- Discuss the development of IPAP.
- Discuss the implementation of the IPAP.
- Analyze the evaluation of the IPAP.

## Career Paths for Nurse Attorneys

Jonathan Stewart, JD, MS, RN, Veterans Health Administration, Vancouver, Washington

### Poster Objectives:

- Nurse attorneys are found in a wide variety of professional roles. This poster will present aggregated, de-identified TAANA membership data, selected demographic data, and profiles of nurse attorneys in representative roles.

## Friday, October 10, 2014 • • • • •

7:30am - 8:30am: **Continental Breakfast and Meet the Board of Directors**

7:35am - 8:25am: **Chapter Presidents' Meeting**

8:00am - 5:00pm: **Registration**

8:00am - 6:00pm: **Exhibits & Silent Auction Open**

8:30am: **Morning Announcements & Updates**

8:30am - 9:45am: **Morning Keynote Address**

CLE's: 1 ***New Directions in End of Life Care: Is Aid in Dying a Medical Issue or a Legal Issue?***  
*Robert L. Schwartz, JD, BA, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, New Mexico*

### Objectives:

- Understand current developments around end of life legislation in the United States.
- Apply the complicated and uncertain law of end of life care.
- Recognize the value of treating end of life care as an issue to be governed by the medical standard of care rather than by law.

9:45am - 10:00am: **Break**

10:00am - 11:00am: **Legal Issues Keeping Nurses Awake at Night: How, What and When to Advise Them**  
*Carolyn Buppert, RN, JD, Law Office of Carolyn Buppert, P.C., Boulder, Colorado*

CLE's: 1 Objectives:

- Discuss legal dilemmas nurses face.
- Analyze the attorney's response to the client.
- Differentiate among the cases to determine how the attorney can be effective.

11:00am - 12noon: **Safe Staffing in a Just Culture: Really???**  
*Alice Dupler, JD, APRN-BC, Gonzaga University School of Nursing & Human Physiology; WSU College of Nursing, Valley, Washington*

CLE's: 1 Objectives:

- Describe the laws governing safe staffing in the United States.
- Compare nurse sensitive outcome measures associated with safe staffing.
- Determine how safe staffing is measured by intensity and acuity of care.
- Analyze how staffing effects negative client outcomes resulting in malpractice and professional licensure claims.
- Develop professional licensure and practice strategies to prevent litigation due to unsafe staffing in a just culture setting.

12noon - 1:30pm: **Annual Business Meeting & Awards Luncheon**

1:30pm - 2:30pm: **Cross Examination of Physicians and Nurses at Trial**  
*Kathleen Kettles, BSN, JD, Wingate Russotti Shapiro & Halperin, LLP, New York City, New York*

CLE's: 1 Objectives:

- Identify materials necessary for the preparation of cross.
- Conduct online research of the MD/RN/PA/NP.
- Identify how to obtain prior transcripts.
- Identify how to utilize medical records/electronic medical records, including HER, for preparation of questions for cross.
- Discuss the handling of objections.



2:30pm - 3:30pm: **Reel in Regulatory Risk: Avoid a Government Catch**  
*Kathleen Hessler, RN, JD, Simone Healthcare Consultants, Albuquerque, New Mexico*

- CLE's: 1 ethics      Objectives:
- Identify statutes, regulations and recent actions that highlight the government's fight against healthcare fraud and abuse.
  - State several practice tips for developing and maintaining a sound ethics and compliance program.
  - Name two lessons learned from a Corporate Integrity Agreement (CIA).

3:30pm - 3:45pm: **Break**

3:45pm - 4:45pm: **Beyond OSHA: Legal and Ethical Issues Related to Bullying in the Nursing Profession**  
*Susan Matt, PhD, JD, MN, Seattle University, Seattle, Washington*

- CLE's: 1      Objectives:
- Describe at least two laws applicable to bullying in the workplace.
  - Apply bioethical principles to bullying behaviors in the workplace.
  - Describe sections of the ICN Code of Ethics for Nurses applicable to bullying in the workplace.
  - Describe the sections of the ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses applicable to bullying in the profession.

4:45pm - 6pm: **Afternoon Keynote Address**

***Through Scrooge's Eyes: The Past, Present, and Future of Medical Cannabis Programs and Patient Rights***  
*Marc M. Lowry, JD, MS, the Rothstein Law Firm, Albuquerque, New Mexico*

- CLE's: 1.2 ethics      Objectives:
- Provide a summary of the medical cannabis movement, addressing the patient-centered approach of such programs.
  - Provide an understanding of the relationship between federal and state laws governing the use of medical cannabis, including the limitations of the reach of each jurisdiction and discuss the rights of States to experiment in this area.
  - Outline the rights of patients who use medical cannabis, including: (1) legal issues regarding the transport of medical cannabis across state lines; (2) how an employee's home use impacts an employer's right to terminate employment; (3) rules on workers' compensation involving medical cannabis; and (4) insurance coverage.

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## *Taana Special Event*

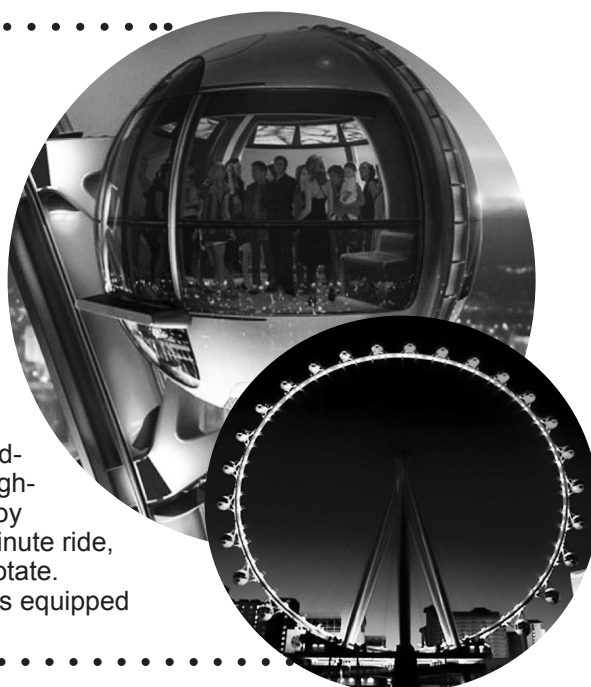
### The LINQ

*(Special registration and fees apply)*

6:30pm

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## Saturday, October 11, 2014 . . . . .

7:30am - 8:30am: **Continental Breakfast (for All Attendees)**

7:35am - 8:25am: **Section Meetings**

8:00am - 12noon: **Registration Open**

8:00am - 12noon: **Exhibits & Silent Auction Open**

8:30am - 9:30am: **Opportunities and Consequences of the Affordable Care Act for Healthcare Litigators**

*Neil Ekblom, JD, LeClairRyan, New York City, New York*

CLE's: 1

### Objectives:

- Understand the overall structure of the ACA.
- Have a working knowledge of the provisions in Title I that enforce the employer mandate.
- Have a working knowledge of provisions in Title III that will change reimbursement and potentially impact the quality of care.
- Have a working knowledge of whistleblower provisions in the ACA.
- Have a working knowledge of changes to Fraud and Abuse and Transparency and Program Integrity Provisions.

9:30am - 9:45am: **Break**

9:45am - 10:45am: **Robotic Surgery Liability Risks**

*Laura Nordberg, RN, JD, MBA, CPHRM, CHSP, AHRMQR, Trinity Health, Livonia, Michigan*

CLE's: 1

### Objectives:

- Describe the robotic surgery claims data trends evident from legacy Trinity Health data.
- Identify the basic equipment used during robotic surgery and how it works.
- Describe how to build a successful robotic surgery program.
- Describe how to manage liability risks inherent within a hospital's robotic surgery program.

10:45am - 11:45am: **Do You Know When a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement is Required? HIPAA, HITECH & the OMNIBUS RULE: What Non-Health Lawyers Need to Know for Their Clients and Themselves to Comply with the Law**

*Randi Kopf, RN, MS, JD, Kopf HealthLaw, LLC, Rockville, Maryland*

*Rose Matricciani, RN, BS, JD, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP, Baltimore, Maryland*

CLE's: 1

### Objectives:

- Recognize that HIPAA, the HITECH Act and the amendments in the 2013 OMNIBUS Rule may apply to client matters and the attorney.
- Identify key aspects of the amendments to HIPAA and the HITECH Act in the 2013 OMNIBUS Rule that can apply to clients and the attorney.
- Determine practice actions required to be compliant with the laws and regulations.

11:45am - 12noon: **Closing Ceremony**

# Post Conference Seminar

**Saturday, October 11, 2014**

*Additional registration fees apply for the seminar. Lunch will be included.*

**Target Audiences:** *Attorneys, Nurses, Nurse Managers, Risk Managers, Student Nurses, Investigators, Nurse Consultants and Board of Nursing Members*

12noon - 1pm: **Lunch**

1pm - 2:30pm: **Framework of Disciplinary Defense: Your Procedural Rights; Climbing the Ladder of Due Process**

*Christine Whitney, PA, Jacksonville, Florida  
Kathleen Murphy-Jones, Las Vegas, Nevada*

This portion of the seminar will examine the following topics:

- Types of activities that will result in disciplinary action
- Job loss
- Reports to the Board of Nursing
- First notices of action by the Board
- Your choices of action
- The Interventional Project for Nursing
- Hearings, appeals and final orders

2:40pm - 4:10pm: **Surrender, Revocation and Suspension of A Professional License and the OIG/National Practitioner Data Bank**

*Judy Ringholz, RN, JD, CHC, VP, Internal Audit and Compliance Services, Lehigh Valley Health Network, PA*

This portion of the seminar will examine the following topics:

- Situations that may lead to exclusion action by the Office of Inspector General (OIG)
- Consequences of exclusion
- Exclusion from Medicare
- National Practitioner Data Bank reporting

4:20pm - 5:05pm: **Practice Tips for Health Professionals – Staying Out of Hot Water, What to do to Avoid Board Investigations**

*Christine Whitney, PA, Jacksonville, Florida  
Melanie Balestra, NP, JD, Newport Beach, CA*

This panel discussion that will examine the following topics:

- Various strategies to avoid Board action

5:15pm - 6:00pm: **Practice Issues for Attorney – Red Flags, Difficult Defense Cases**

*Taralynn Mackay, RN, JD, Dallas, Texas  
Teresa Sanzio, RN, JD, Phoenix, Arizona  
Paula F. Henry, RN, BSN, NP, JD*

This panel discussion that will examine the following topics, and others:

- Jurisdiction considerations associated with the Nurse Compact Statute
- Payment issues
- Client selection
- Collaboration with other attorneys on collateral issues such as a concurrent criminal or medical malpractice matters
- Use of expert witnesses

CLE's: 4 including 1 ethics



## Conference Venue

### Hotel Information:

#### Westin Las Vegas Hotel, Casino & Spa

160 E Flamingo Road | Las Vegas, NV, 89109  
P: 702-836-5900

The Westin Las Vegas Hotel, Casino & Spa offers a premiere setting for your next trip to Las Vegas. Located one block from the Las Vegas strip, the Westin Las Vegas Hotel, Casino & Spa puts you close to all the action and excitement at the heart of Vegas. Whether you are enjoying an entertaining performance, taking in the sights of the strip from our outdoor pool, or trying your luck in our casino, we provide an experience unlike any other on The Strip.

### Room Rates:

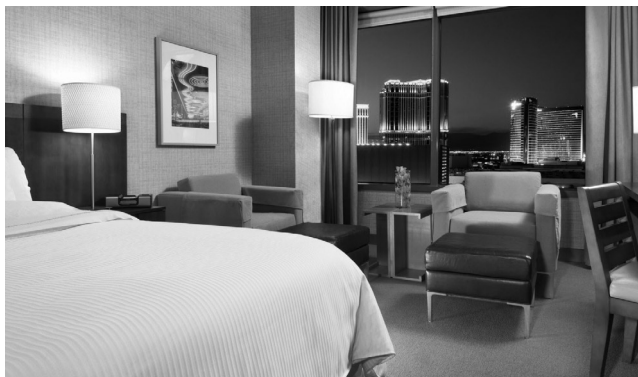
Standard room, single/double/ \$149.00 per night. Lodging taxes are currently 12% plus \$10.00 per night occupancy fee. The special rate of \$149 per night cannot be guaranteed after September 7, 2014.

### Reservations:

Individual reservations must be made on or before September 7, 2014, by calling 702-836-5900. Mention that you are attending the TAANA conference in order to obtain the special room rate.

### Transportation:

Attendees traveling to Las Vegas by plane should arrive via **McCarran International Airport**. It is approximately 15 minutes/4 miles from The Westin Las Vegas Hotel, Casino & Spa. Taxi is the recommended method of transportation between the hotel and the airport.



## Conference

## Registration

The preferred method for registration is online, using the secure registration process at <http://www.taana.org/2014/registration>. You may also download a PDF registration form and return it by mail or fax to the TAANA Executive Office. Acceptable methods of payment are check, money order, American Express, Discover, MasterCard or VISA.

A confirmation of registration will be emailed to you after your registration is processed. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Annual Meeting & Educational Conference can sell out at any time; therefore, we highly encourage you to register for the meeting before making travel arrangements.

### Cancellation, Refund, & Substitution Policy

- Cancellations prior to September 7, 2014: refund 90% of registration fees.
- Beginning September 8, 2014: No refund due to cancellation.
- Substitutions are permitted at no additional cost if received by September 7. All substitutions must be in writing and accompanied by a completed registration form.

### Sponsorship & Exhibit Opportunities

Sponsorships and exhibiting are opportunities to build relationships while marketing your company to a highly targeted audience of nurse attorney professionals. Opportunities to sponsor, advertise and exhibit are available.

Visit <http://www.taana.org/2014/exhibits>, call the TAANA Executive Office at (877) 538-2262 or email [TAANA@primemanagement.net](mailto:TAANA@primemanagement.net) for more information.

### Being Green – Conference Handouts Online

Conference attendees will be provided with online links giving them to access the presentation handouts.

**PRINTED HANDOUTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE**



# Conference Registration Form

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## #1: TAANA Membership Dues (optional, membership valid until 12/31/2015)

Fellow (Nurse Attorney)	First Year Post Graduate	Student	Affiliate*
<input type="checkbox"/> \$235	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$190

\*Affiliate members are legal nurse consultants, risk managers, physician attorneys, government employees, speakers, and others including organizations and corporations with an interest in the goals of TAANA.

## #2: Conference Registration

Please check one only:

\*\*Considered student if enrolled full time.

	Until September 7	Beginning September 8
	US\$	US\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Fellow/Affiliate Member	\$385	\$435
<input type="checkbox"/> Student/First Year Post Graduate	\$125	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	\$650	\$700
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest Registration	\$125	\$175
(includes all social events unless otherwise noted above or below)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Single day Fellow/Affiliate	\$225	\$275
___ Oct 9 (Thu) ___ Oct 10 (Fri) ___ Oct 11 (Sat)		

## #3: POST-Conference Seminar Registration

Please check one only:

<input type="checkbox"/> Fellow/Affiliate/Student/First Year Post Grad	\$225	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	\$275	\$325

## #4: TAANA Special Event – The LINQ – Friday, October 10, meet in hotel lobby at 6:30pm

See <http://www.taana.org/2014/special> for more details

# Tickets	Cost per Ticket	Total
_____	_____ x \$45	\$ _____

#5: Total Amount Due (1 + 2 + 3 + 4): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Method of Payment

☐ Check (U. S. Dollars only) ☐ Credit card: (Amex, Discover, Visa, MasterCard)

If paying by credit card complete the following information and return to the TAANA:

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CID/Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your payment to "TAANA" in US Dollar currency and return with this form to:

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# THE LINQ



## HIGH ROLLER

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### High Roller-Hours of Operation

**11:30 am- 2:00am**

### Website

[www.caesars.com/thelinq](http://www.caesars.com/thelinq)



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## RESTAURANTS

## HOURS

1. Brooklyn Bowl- *Casual American Dining*
2. Yard House- *Upscale American Dining*
3. FAME- *Casual Asian Fusion*
4. Tilted Kilt- *Casual Other*
5. Chayo- *Upscale Mexican/Southwestern*
6. Haute Doggery- *Casual American*
7. Flour & Barley- *Casual Italian*
8. Ghirardelli *Quick Bites Dessert*
9. Sprinkles- *Quick Bites Dessert*
10. Squeeze- *Casual Café/Variety*
11. Starbucks- *Casual Café/Variety*

Sunday- Thursday 12pm-2 am/ Fri-Sat 12pm-3am  
Sunday-Thursday 11am-12: 30 am/ Fri-Sat 1am  
Sunday-Thursday 11am-10:00 pm/ Fri-Sat 12am  
Sunday- Thursday 12pm-2 am/ Fri-Sat 12pm-3am  
Daily- 11:00am- late  
Sunday- Thursday 10am-12 am/ Fri-Sat 10pm-2am  
Daily- 11:00am- Midnight  
Sunday-Thursday-10am-11pm/ Fri-Sat 10am-1am  
Monday-Wed- 10am-12am/ Thurs-Sun 10am-1am  
Daily- 11:00am- late  
Open Daily- 24/7

## NIGHTLIFE

1. TAG
2. O'SHEAS
3. Purple Zebra
4. Blvd. Cocktail

Open Daily- 24/7  
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Daily- 11:00am- late  
Daily- 10:00am- late

## SHOPPING

1. 12 A.M. Run
2. Bella Scarpa
3. Chilli Beans
4. Goorin Brothers- Bold Hat Makers
5. Kitson
6. Style Lounge
7. Koto
8. Polaroid Fotobar
9. Ruby Blue



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Bella Scarpa



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