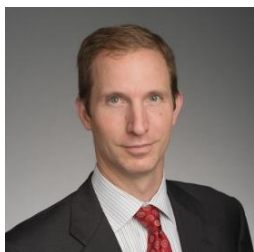


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## Speakers



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**Zach Conine** currently serves as Nevada's 23rd State Treasurer. Elected on November 6th, 2018, Zach knows that responsible financial management is the key to ensuring long-term growth for the State. As Treasurer, Zach leads a team of professionals that are responsible for investing the State's and many local governments' money, financing community assets and facilities, processing payments for public agencies and collecting and returning unclaimed property. Additionally, Zach is responsible for Nevada College Savings Plans and administration of numerous scholarship programs that help Nevadans save and pay for post-secondary education. Zach also serves as a member of the State Board of Finance and the Executive Branch Audit Committee. Zach serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the College Savings Plans of Nevada and the Nevada State Infrastructure Bank. In time as Treasurer, Nevada has received two bond rating increases, the first since 2006; generated the highest investment returns since the recession of 2008; and returned the largest amount of unclaimed property back to Nevadans since the inception of the State's Unclaimed Property Program. Prior to serving as State Treasurer, Zach built a successful business career in the gaming, finance, and consulting sectors. Over the course of his career, Zach has been committed to creating economic opportunities for local businesses and working families. As co-founder of a consulting business, he has helped dozens of small and medium sized businesses expand, increase efficiencies, and decrease expenses. In doing so, he assisted in the creation and preservation of more than 3,000 jobs in Nevada. Zach graduated with from Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration and holds a J.D. from the from UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law.



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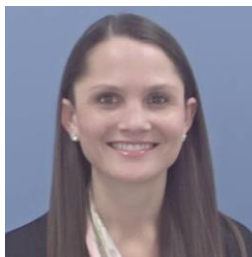


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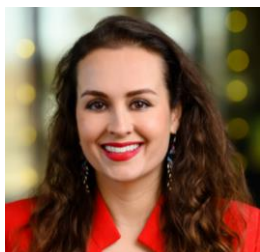
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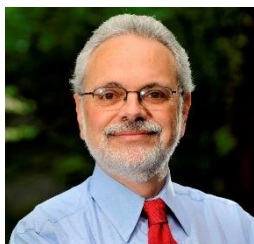
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