

## **Incline group challenges DA's defense assessor**

The League to Save Incline Assets has filed a motion in Washoe District Court to disqualify the district attorney and his deputies from representing Assessor Robert McGowan in the league's effort to oust him from office.

State law allows the district attorney to defend county public employees in lawsuits filed against them for not performing their duties. But the motion also quotes state law as saying the district attorney only has to represent the accused if his actions were done in "good faith."

The league claims McGowan intentionally ignored new state rule on appraising their Tahoe properties, a claim McGowan denies.

Brian Brown, deputy district attorney who is representing McGowan, declined to comment, saying he'll file his response with the court.

Both sides have agreed to hold off on a hearing until the Nevada Supreme Court acts on the district attorney's request to dismiss the removal proceedings as bordering on frivolous.

*- Staff reports*