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Keith helps lead the Las Vegas National Bar Association, where he holds a seat on its executive board, which aspires to promote diversity within the local legal profession. He has served as Corresponding Secretary for the Las Vegas National Bar Association since December 2019. During law school, Keith received two LVNBA scholarships, the Honorable Johnnie B. Rawlinson Scholarship and the Judge Dell Guy Scholarship.

In his profession, Keith directs the government affairs and corporate relationships at Teach For America Las Vegas. He joined TFA's team as the Director of Corporate and Public Partnerships in October 2019. A decade earlier, Keith was selected to join the 2009 TFA Hawaii corps where he taught middle-school social studies and science and chaired the Social Studies department.

Prior to his role with TFA, Keith served on, Nevada Governor, Steve Sisolak's senior leadership team as the Governor's Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs Director. Keith also served as the Legislative Director for Governor Brian Sandoval. In a period of hyper-partisanship and political-polarization, Keith earned trusted advisory roles from these successive governors belonging to opposite political parties.

Keith was born in Youngstown, Ohio, attended high school in Atlanta, Georgia, and then went into business with his brothers in Columbus, Ohio where they notably opened a chain of cellular phone stores and produced three motion pictures. After achieving entrepreneurial success with his brothers, Keith pursued and achieved academic success. He majored in Political Science and earned his BA from Columbia University in 2009, his Master of Education in Teaching from the University of Hawaii in 2013, and his Juris Doctor from the University of Nevada Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law, graduating in 2017 with Pro Bono Highest Honors.

After graduating from law school, Keith served at the university as the Assistant Director of Development and Admissions. He was appointed and currently serves on the UNLV Law School Advisory Board for the Justice Michael L. Douglas Pre-Law Fellowship Program. And in 2019, UNLV Law presented Keith with its prestigious Young Alumni Award.