



Clark County Law Library Board of Trustees Application

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The Clark County Law Library Board of Trustees (Board) exists pursuant to NRS 380.020, which states that the Clark County Board of Commissioners (County Commission) shall appoint four (4) competent persons, including at least two (2) who are not attorneys at law, to serve as law library trustees. Each member serves a two-year term with the possibility of reappointment.

The Board of Trustees meets at least four (4) times each calendar year. Additional board meetings may be held as needed.

Application Overview:

If you are interested in applying to be a Trustee on the Clark County Law Library Board of Trustees, please complete the application below. If you have any questions related to the Board of Trustees or the application process, please contact Chanteyl Hasse at Chanteyl.Hasse@ClarkCountyNV.gov.

Full Name: (First, Middle Initial, Last): Tamara Beatty Peterson

Home Street Address: [REDACTED]

Home Address City/State/Zip Code: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Mailing Address City/State/Zip Code: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Employer: Peterson Baker, PLLC

Occupation: Attorney

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Best Daytime Contact Phone: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Availability: Please provide the times you are available to serve on this Board/Commission/Council.

As needed.

Relevant Affiliations: Please list below any other committees you are currently serving on. Please list, if applicable, the jurisdiction and term of appointment. If you were appointed by an individual and not by a local jurisdiction, please include that information. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

I am currently serving as a Trustee on the Clark County Law Library Board of Trustees.

I was initially appointed to this Board pursuant to NRS 380.030 to fill a vacancy created by the death of my father, Thomas D. Beatty, in April 2020. The Board approved my interim appointment in July 2020.

The Clark County Commission then approved my appointment to a two-year term as a Trustee in December 2020, and approved my appointment to a second two-year term as a Trustee in December 2022.

My term of office expires on December 31, 2024.

Skills and Experience: Please provide a brief description of your qualifications; include any special skills, interests, experience, or training which you possess that would benefit the work of this Board, Commission or Council. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

I am an attorney, practicing primarily in commercial and complex litigation. Over the course of my career, I have served as a law clerk to a federal judge (the Hon. Philip M. Pro, retired); a deputy district attorney in the Clark County District Attorney's office (Criminal Division); and in private practice as a partner in large Nevada and national Firms (Jones Vargas and Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck). In 2016, I opened my own law firm, Peterson Baker, PLLC.

Separately, I have an extensive background in volunteer and nonprofit organizations, serving as a board member, President, and Chairman of various nonprofit groups over time.

As an attorney with a varied and demanding practice, I have excellent written and communication skills, as well as analytical and legal research skills. Due to my background in the nonprofit sector, I have significant skills in nonprofit management, governance, and leadership.

I am a lifelong Nevada, born and raised in Las Vegas. On a personal note, I spent formative years researching in the Clark County Law Library, learning research skills from my father, who served many years on this important Board. I would like to continue to dedicate my skills toward promoting access to sources of law and community resources, as this Board is charged to do. I would be tremendously honored to continue to serve on this Board.

A resume or letter of interest is REQUIRED. Please attach it to this application.

I verify with my signature below that all statements made on this application, as well as any information attached hereto, are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that an electronic signature has the same weight and effect as a handwritten signature. Furthermore, I understand that an incomplete application and any modifications to this application will not be accepted or considered.


Signature

11/8/2024
Date

Hand Deliver/Mail Application to:

Director

Clark County Law Library

309 South Third Street, Suite 400

Las Vegas, NV 89155

Operating hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:30am--5:30pm

or

Email Scanned Copy to:

chanteyl.hasse@clarkcountynv.gov

PETERSON BAKER PLLC

Tamara Beatty Peterson
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November 8, 2024

Chanteyl Hasse
Director
Clark County Law Library
309 South Third Street, Suite 400
Las Tracy, NV 89155

VIA EMAIL

RE: Clark County Law Library Board of Trustees

Dear Ms. Hasse:

Please consider this letter, resume, and enclosed application to serve as a trustee on the Clark County Law Library Board of Trustees.

I am currently serving as a Trustee and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Clark County Law Library, having first been appointed in an interim capacity pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stats. §380.030, appointed to a two-year term in 2020, and appointed to a second two-year term in December 2022. My current term expires this December 2024. It is an honor to serve our community in this capacity. I am committed to the mission and vision of the Law Library in providing equality of access to sources of law and legal commentary, and hope to continue to serve.

As is detailed in the attached resume, I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada, having obtained my license in 1994. I began my career as a law clerk to the Honorable Philip M. Pro, United States District Court for the District of Nevada. Following my clerkship, I then served as a prosecutor and deputy district attorney with the Clark County District Attorney's Office for six years. In 2002, I entered private practice, first as an associate and then partner with the law firm Jones Vargas, then as a partner with the law firm Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. In 2016, I formed my own law firm, Peterson Baker, PLLC, where I remain to this day.

I would be thrilled to continue serving as a Trustee on this important Board, and I thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

PETERSON BAKER, PLLC



Tamara Beatty Peterson, Esq.

Enclosures as stated.

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Tamara Beatty Peterson

Partner

Peterson Baker, PLLC



EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, University of Arizona College of Law (n/k/a James E. Rogers College of Law), Tucson, Arizona, May 14, 1994

- Order of the Barristers
- Dean's List, all semesters
- American Jurisprudence Award, Conflict of Laws
- National Moot Court Team, 1993-1994
- Moot Court Board, 1993-1994
- Jenckes Award for Best Oral Advocate, 1993
- O'Connor, Cavanaugh, Anderson, Westover, Killingsworth & Beshears Award for Best Brief, 1993
- Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Scholar

Bachelor of Arts, Economics / International Area Studies, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, 1991

- Area of specialization was Latin America. Analyzed the factors contributing to the increase of public sector labor unions in Mexico as part of senior project.

EXPERIENCE

Founding and Managing Partner, Peterson Baker, PLLC, Las Vegas, Nevada. June 2016 to present. Founding and managing partner of the Firm, with practice focusing on commercial and complex litigation.

Partner, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, Las Vegas, Nevada. June 2010 through June 2016. Partner and member of the firm's litigation practice group, with practice focusing on commercial and complex litigation. Representative clients included gaming entities, insurers, healthcare providers, large public and private corporations, and individuals.

Shareholder, Jones Vargas, Chtd., Las Vegas, Nevada. July 2002 through June 2010. Hired as an Associate Attorney in July 2002, and promoted to Shareholder in January 2007. Practice concentrated on general business and commercial litigation, before all courts in the State of Nevada, in all aspects of litigation. Representative clients included those in the construction industry, as well as title companies, gaming entities, security companies, retail establishments, and brokerage firms.

Deputy District Attorney, Clark County District Attorney, Clark County, Nevada.

August 5, 1996 through July 1, 2002. Assigned to Special Victim's Unit, a specialized team focusing on the prosecution of child sexual abuse, sexual assault, physical child abuse, and child homicide cases; August 2000 to July 2002. Primary duties included handling all aspects of criminal prosecution of felonies and misdemeanors, including, but not limited to, search warrant preparation, case approval and pleading, initial appearances, bail hearings, preliminary hearings, pretrial motions and hearings, returns to pretrial writs of habeas corpus and hearings, negotiated resolutions, trial, sentencing, appeal, and post-conviction. Completed twenty-seven felony jury trials (to verdict) in the Eighth Judicial District Court; numerous misdemeanor trials and felony preliminary hearings in Las Vegas Justice Court, North Las Vegas Justice Court, Henderson Justice Court, Mesquite Justice Court, and Moapa Valley Justice Court. Argued before the Nevada Supreme Court on defense appeal of convictions.

Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Philip M. Pro, United States District Court, District of Nevada. August 8, 1994, to August 2, 1996. Assisted Judge in all aspects of civil and criminal cases relating to broad areas of substantive law, including, but not limited to, administrative law and procedure, bankruptcy, civil rights, employment, ERISA, habeas corpus, and state tort and contract claims. Primary duties included drafting orders relating to case dispositive motions in civil matters, preparing bench memoranda for use in various civil and criminal proceedings, and advising Judge on various evidentiary and procedural matters.

ADMISSIONS

- Member, State Bar of Nevada (Bar No. 5218, admitted October 1994)
- Member, State Bar of California (Bar No. 177538, admitted May 1995) (inactive)
- Admitted, United States District Court, District of Nevada (admitted October 1994)
- Admitted, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (admitted March 2011)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers. Inducted in Chicago, Illinois, in Fall 2015

Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America, Trial Lawyer Honorary Society

Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Master, Howard D. McKibben Chapter of the American Inns of Court

Ranked, Chambers USA Guide for General Commercial Litigation (2014-present)

Recognized, Best Lawyers in America, for the category of Commercial Litigation (2014-present) and for the category of Bet-the-Company Litigation (2023-present)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Clark County Law Library, Board of Trustees, 2020-present. The Clark County Law Library is a public law library created by ordinance and dedicated to providing equality of access to sources of law, related information and community resources.

Las Vegas Children's Hospital Foundation, 2019-present. The Las Vegas Children's Hospital Foundation is a Nevada nonprofit organization dedicated to the development of a children's hospital in Las Vegas. Founding member of the nonprofit organization and member of the Board of Directors since 2019.

Friends of the Las Vegas Academy, 2021 – 2024. The Friends of the Las Vegas Academy is a Nevada nonprofit organization whose purpose is to increase public awareness and raise funds for the Las Vegas Academy of the Arts. Member of the Board of Directors and Secretary from 2021 through 2024.

Junior League of Las Vegas, Inc., 1999-present. The Junior League of Las Vegas is a Nevada nonprofit organization affiliated with the Association of Junior Leagues International. The Junior League of Las Vegas is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. Member since 1999; President (2005-2006).

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Las Vegas, Inc., 2015-present. The RMHC of Greater Las Vegas is a Nevada nonprofit organization that provides a supportive "home away from home" for families and children who are receiving inpatient or outpatient medical treatment at local hospitals. Member of the Board of Directors (2017-2023) (term limited) and committee member since 2015.

Better Business Bureau of Southern Nevada, 2001-present. The BBB of Southern Nevada is a Nevada nonprofit organization whose mission is to be the leader in advancing marketplace trust, through accreditation and rating standards. Member since 2001, and Chairman in 2007.

Howard D. McKibben Chapter of the American Inns of Court (formerly Nevada American Inn of Court, Ltd.), 1996-present. The Howard D. McKibben Chapter of the American Inns of Court is a Nevada nonprofit organization and an association of lawyers, judges, and other legal professionals dedicated to professionalism, ethics, civility, and excellence in the legal profession. Member since 1995; served on the Executive Committee from 2002-2006, and from 2019-2021.