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Family Services Citizen's Advisory Committee

Application Description Placeholder

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Employer: Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada **Occupation:** Attorney

Affiliations: N/A

Skills & Experience:

Currently, I am a children's attorney in the Children's Attorneys Project (CAP) at Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (LACSN). I have worked in this capacity since 2015. I also serve as a team chief. I am interested in joining this committee because I see a great opportunity for helping advance children's rights and learning about resources and programs to obtain better outcomes for children and families within the child welfare system. There are numerous programs and resources available however, without proper coordination and communication, not everyone is aware of their existence. I would like to learn about resources and policies and help to utilize them to improve our system in Nevada.

Since becoming a children's attorney ten years ago, I have not only enhanced my skills as an advocate and my knowledge of child welfare, but I have also developed my organizational, communication, interpersonal, and management skills by taking on more leadership roles within LACSN and the community. At LACSN, I serve as a team chief, supervising and supporting a team of five attorneys and two legal assistants. In this role, I review and assign incoming cases, participate in monthly team chief meetings, lead team meetings, set goals and help to achieve them, and respond to the needs of team members and outside agencies. I also balance my own caseload of clients. I have developed and taught Continuing Legal Education (CLE) classes on child welfare and mentored pro bono attorneys.

I am also an adjunct professor of law for William S. Boyd School of Law's Samuel S. Lionel Externship Program, where I manage and advise students in their legal externships, deliver lectures on ethics and professional development, prepare course materials, and evaluate and grade student assignments. In a previous teaching position as an adjunct faculty lecturer in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, I lectured on criminal justice and law, prepared course materials, evaluated and graded student assignments, and advised students about careers in the legal field. I was also an adjunct professor in the Poverty Law & Policy Clinic, where I helped to prepare course materials, guide students on researching policy issues, and reviewed, edited, and graded student assignments. These positions have taught me how to educate, motivate, and encourage individuals to learn.

Outside of work, I served on many boards in various positions and have helped to establish organizations' short and long term goals, plans, and strategies, work with members to achieve the goals of the organization, support the work of committees, and be responsive to and incorporate other members' input, maintain a collaborative and respectful atmosphere, facilitate board and general assembly meetings, and monitor the financial standing of the organizations.

My knowledge of child welfare, enthusiasm, experience, and strong organizational, communication, interpersonal, and problem-solving skills, gained from these experiences, would be helpful to the committee.

I believe that my experiences, combined with my willingness to learn and collaborate, make me a well-rounded candidate. Thank you for your consideration.

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Application Questions:

Please provide which position you are applying for?:General Public|Child Welfare Advocate|Private Providers of Mental Health

Child Welfare Advocate

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

Flexible during the week and on weekends.

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

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I verify by my signature below that all statements made on this application, as well as attached information, 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 or any modifications to this application will not be accepted or considered. This document and accompanying materials become public record once received by Clark County.

Yes

Signature

Angela Cook

Date

12/18/2025

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EDUCATION

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice, August 2006

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Master of Arts, Criminal Justice, May 2008

William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

Juris Doctor, May 2013

Honors: Dean's Award, 2013

NBLSA Western Region Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition, 2nd place winners, 2013

Las Vegas National Bar Association, Scholarship Recipient, 2012

Society of Advocates (1 of 16 invited to join moot court team), Member, 2010 – 2013

CALI Award (for highest grade in course), Lawyering Process II (Legal Writing II), Spring 2010

CALI Award, Thomas & Mack Legal Clinic's Family Justice Clinic, Spring 2013

Activities: UNLV Gaming Law Journal, Business Editor, 2012 – 2013; Junior Staffer, 2011 – 2012

Black Law Student Association, Vice President of Operations & Philanthropy, 2012 – 2013; Vice President of Communications, 2011 – 2012; Member, 2009 – 2013

Minority Law Student Association, President, 2011 – 2012; Secretary, 2010 – 2011; Member, 2009 – 2013

Public Interest Law Association, Vice President of Legal Community Outreach, 2010 – 2011

Organization of Part-time and Non-traditional Law Students, Member, 2009 – 2013

Williams Institute Moot Court Competition, Participant, 2012

Clark County Moot Court Competition, Participant, 2010

Street Law, Volunteer, 2010 – 2013

Thomas & Mack Legal Clinic, Kids' Court Volunteer, Summer 2010

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Nevada, admitted 2014

U.S. Federal Court, admitted 2014

EXPERIENCE

William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

Adjunct Professor of Law in the Poverty Law & Police Clinic, August 2023 – May 2025

- Prepared course materials
- Advised and guided students in researching laws and policies related to poverty and develop possible solutions
- Evaluated and graded students' assignments

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

Adjunct Faculty Lecturer in the Department of Criminal Justice, August 2018 – December 2021

- Delivered lectures on criminal justice and law
- Prepared course materials
- Evaluated and grade students' assignments

William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV

Adjunct Professor of Law in the Samuel S. Lionel Externship Program, January 2017 – present

- Supervise and advised students in their legal externships
- Deliver lectures on ethics and professional development
- Prepare course materials
- Evaluate and grade students' assignments

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV

Team Chief in the Children's Attorneys Project, February 2021 – present

Attorney in the Children's Attorneys Project, April 2015 – February 2021

- Represent abused and neglected children in the foster care system
- Conduct legal research on issues such as jurisdiction, mental health, and placement
- Draft memos, motions, and orders

- Train new attorneys in case file management
- Supervise and advise attorneys
- Prepare and teach Continuing Legal Education (CLE) classes
- Mentor pro bono attorneys

Clark County Eighth Judicial District Court - Family Court, Las Vegas, NV

Law Clerk to the Honorable Sandra L. Pomrenze, August 2013 – March 2015

- Conducted legal research on issues such as jurisdiction, custody, child support, deployed parents, and gestational carriers
- Drafted memos and orders
- Prepared case briefs, reviewed decrees and orders
- Maintained Judge's calendar and case files

Barbri (Bar Exam Prep Course), Las Vegas, NV

Course Administrator, May 2013 – July 2013

- Supervised course registration and simulated exams; ensured course location and facilities were functioning

Thomas & Mack Legal Clinic, William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, NV

Student Attorney in the Family Justice Clinic, January 2013 – May 2013

- Conducted legal research, fact investigation, trial work
- Drafted complaints, motions, pre-trial memos; represented clients in court

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV

Legal Extern in the Domestic Violence Unit, August 2012 – November 2012

- Researched case law on custody, visitation and the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure
- Assisted in writing complaints, motions and pre-trial memos; conducted interviews with clients

Nevada Supreme Court, Las Vegas, NV

Judicial Extern to the Honorable Justice Michael L. Douglas, January 2012 – April 2012

- Conducted legal research and fact investigation on medical malpractice, construction defect, insurance defense and jurisdiction
- Assisted in drafting bench memos and orders; attended oral arguments

Aspen / Wolters Kluwer Publishers, Las Vegas, NV

Aspen Student Representative, August 2011 – May 2013

- Advertised Aspen/ Wolters Kluwer study aids to law school students; ensured campus bookstore stocked appropriate study aids

Servisair Globe Ground, McCarran Airport Terminal III, Las Vegas, NV

Passenger Service Agent, August 2002 – August 2013

- Checked-in passengers, boarded aircrafts, made announcements
- Trained agents to check-in, solve ticketing issues and process travel /immigration documents
- Trained in detecting hazardous materials and security procedures

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Las Vegas, NV

Volunteer Research Assistant, August 2007 – September 2009

- Trained in and granted access to utilize primary computer programs used by law enforcement

United States Probation Office, Las Vegas, NV

Student Intern, January 2006 – May 2006

- Maintained and archived case files; conducted home and employment visits
- Attended court sentencing, revocation hearings, and pre-sentence investigation interviews of federal defendants

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Criminal Justice Seminar on Leadership, Innovation, and Adaptability, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, *Guest Lecturer*, 2020

CLE on Basics of Representing Children in Abuse & Neglect Cases, *Presenter*, 2019 & 2020

CLE on Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children in a Nutshell, *Presenter*, 2018

Center for Court Innovation's Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Project, *Research Assistant & Account Manager*, 2011 – 2012

Criminal Justice Seminar on Victimization, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, *Guest Lecturer*, 2010, 2017, & 2020

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Domestic Violence Panel, *Moderator*, 2010

Criminal Justice Seminar on Law and Legal Procedure, *Guest Lecturer*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2008

Criminal Justice Department, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, *Research Assistant*, 2007

Sex Offender Management Task Force of Southern Nevada, *Research Assistant*, 2006

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Nevada, Member of Board of Directors, 2023 – present
ACLU of Nevada, President of Board of Directors, 2024 – present
ACLU National Board of Directors, State Representative for Nevada, 2024 – present
Department of Indigent Defense, Board of Directors, Member (appointed by Governor), 2023 – present
Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Nevada (YLS), Member, 2014 -2020
YLS Committee Chair for Project Salute, 2014 – 2015
YLS Committee Chair for the Roger D. Foley Essay & Poster Contest, 2015 – 2016
YLS State of Nevada Delegate, 2017-2019
YLS Southern District Representative for Law Related Education, 2016 – 2020
Howard D. McKibben American Inn of Court, Member, 2014 – 2024
University of Nevada, Las Vegas Alumni Association, Member, 2014 – present
Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association (LVNBA), Member, 2013 – present
LVNBA, President, 2021 – 2023
LVNBA Recording Secretary, 2019 – 2021
LVNBA Racial Justice Committee, Member, 2020 - present
LVNBA Mentorship Program, Attorney Mentor, 2020 - present
LVNBA Team Liaison to the Latino Bar Association's Annual Andale! 5k Run/ Walk Committee, 2020
LVNBA Breathe I: Virtual Vigil & Breathe II: Foreword, *Action-oriented Community Forum facilitating a new era of racial justice*, Organizer, 2020
LVNBA Liaison for the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major for Justice Advocacy Competition, 2021
Youth & Justice Forum, Instructor, 2013 – present
LVNBA Foundation, Immediate Past President & Secretary, 2023-present
LGBTQ+ Youth in Out-of-Home Placements Work Group, Liaison on behalf of Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, 2018 – present
National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC), Member, 2015 – present
NACC State Coordinator for Nevada, May 2022 – present
Rebel Trojan Mock Trial Competition, Volunteer Judge, 2016 & 2020
Caucus, Precinct Captain, 2016 & 2020
Nevada Preservation Foundation, Vintage Vegas Home Tours, Volunteer, 2017 - 2019
Las Vegas Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, Legal Observer, 2020 – 2021
Clark County Bar Association's (CCBA) Diversity Inclusion Committee for Equity (DICE), Member 2021- present
Southern Nevada Women's Lawyer's Association (SNAWA), Member, 2021 – present
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Las Vegas Chapter, member, 2022 - present

Honors

Women's Chamber of Commerce of Nevada, Young Professional Leadership Award, 2022
Clark County Bar Association, Circle of Support Volunteer Award, 2023
Women's Chamber of Commerce of Nevada, Young Professional Leadership Induction into 2023 NV's Women Hall of Fame, 2023
National Bar Association, 2023 Top 40 under 40 Nation's Best Advocates Award, 2023
Las Vegas Raiders, 2023 Inspire Change Changemaker Award, 2023
National Bar Association, 2024 President's Award, 2024
Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association, Attorney of the Year Award, 2024
Clark County Bar Association, Committee Circle of Support Award, 2024
The Links, Incorporated, Western Area, Services to Youth Facet Outstanding Service Award, 2025
Clark County Bar Association, Committee Circle of Support Award, 2025

PUBLICATIONS

Nevada Lawyer Magazine, State Bar of Nevada, Article, "Reflections of a Legal Observer," Author, Issue: Social Justice, January 2021
Nevada Lawyer Magazine, State Bar of Nevada, Article, "National Bar Association & Las Vegas National Bar Association: Still Standing Strong," Co-Author, Issue: Celebrating Black History Month, February 2021
Communiqué Magazine, Clark County Bar Association, Cover's Background Photo, photographer, Issue: Seeking Justice, February 2021
Nevada Lawyer Magazine, State Bar of Nevada, Article, "Affinity Bars Offer Other Avenues to Get Involved," Quote, Issue: Unlock Your Member Benefits, February 2022
Nevada Lawyer Magazine, State Bar of Nevada, Article, "The Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association Hosts the 2022 Harlem Renaissance Gala," Co-Author, Issue: 2023 Legislative Preview, February 2023
Nevada Lawyer Magazine, State Bar of Nevada, Article, "The Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association 2023 Soul Train Scholarship & Awards Gala," Co-Author, Issue: 2023 Legislative Preview, February 2024