

Board, Commission or Committee  
Application



General Information

Name of Board, Commission or Committee: DFS Citizens Advisory Committee

Applicant Name: Kimberly Abbott

Home Address: [REDACTED] City [REDACTED] Zip [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED] City [REDACTED] Zip [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Work Phone: [REDACTED] Fax: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Employer: Legal Aid Center of Southern NV Occupation: Attorney

Availability

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

The current meeting time works with my schedule. With appropriate notice, I can rearrange my schedule to accomodate meetings during business hours.

Relevant Affiliations

Please list below any other committees you are currently serving on. Please list, if applicable, the jurisdiction and the term of appointment. If you were appointed by an individual and not by a local jurisdiction please include that information.

NV Supreme Court Children's Commission, Behavioral Health Subcommittee

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:

I am a certified Child Welfare Law Specialist. I have extensive child welfare training and am TBRI informed. I have worked as a children's attorney in Clark County for more than 9 years. I regularly train and mentor other lawyers on child welfare topics and have presented at local and national conferences.

I also have prior board and committee experience, including serving on the Board of Directors of Helping Hands of Vegas Valley, on the 8th Judicial Pro Bono Foundation, and on the NV Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission.

I have a passion for work with youth and improving our system.

Please attach a **required** resume/letter of interest.

*I certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the bet of my knowledge.*

Kimberly Abbott  
Signature

11/12/23  
Date

You may deliver this application to the Clark County Administrative Services Department, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, or mail to the following address:

**Administrative Services Department – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Attn: Agenda Coordinator**  
**P. O. Box 551712, Las Vegas – NV 89155-1712**  
*(This document becomes a public record once it has been received by Clark County.)*

# KIMBERLY MUCHA ABBOTT

## EDUCATION

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, WASHINGTON, DC**

Juris Doctor, May 2002 G.P.A.: 3.17/4.00

*Clinics:* Street Law High School Clinic, Domestic Violence Legal Clinic

**BOSTON COLLEGE, CHESTNUT HILL, MA**

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, May 1999 G.P.A.: 3.73/4.0

*Major:* Sociology *Minor:* Women's Studies *Teaching Assistant:* Intro to Feminisms

*Language:* Met Requirements for Spanish Proficiency

**UNIVERSITEIT VAN AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS**

August - December 1997

## EXPERIENCE

**LEGAL AID CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA, LAS VEGAS, NV**

*Mental Health Initiatives Manager, Children's Attorneys Project, October 2022-Present*

Advocate for systematic changes to help improve the continuum of mental health services available to child clients. Collaborate with community partners on new initiatives and quality improvements. Train, mentor, and support staff attorneys and pro bono volunteers, as well as maintain a caseload, carrying out all of the attorney duties below.

*Team Chief, Children's Attorneys Project, August 2018 – October 2022*

Supervised five attorneys and two administrative assistants in the provision of legal representation to all children and handled assessment and assignment of all new intakes in two courtrooms, as well as all of the attorney duties below.

*Staff Attorney, Children's Attorneys Project, August 2014 – August 2018*

Represent child victims of abuse and neglect in all aspects of dependency court proceedings. Advocate for positive changes within the child welfare system. Work collaboratively with district attorneys, court-appointed special advocates, parents' attorneys, case workers and mental health professionals to resolve disputes and achieve favorable outcomes for child clients. Coordinate training of and provide mentorship to volunteer attorneys unfamiliar with the child welfare system. Develop and regularly update training materials and assist in the presentation of a variety of continuing education seminars.

*Pro Bono Project Director, October 2004 – April 2011*

Managed and grew the Project, matching low-income clients with volunteer attorneys. Developed and implemented innovative strategies to recruit, retain, support, and recognize volunteers. Authored numerous articles for local, state-wide and national publications. Engaged in public speaking and community outreach on a daily basis. Collaborated with the judiciary, bar associations, the law school, other non-profits, law firms and other service providers in identifying areas of greatest need and crafting new programs and partnerships. Organized, produced and spoke at dozens of continuing legal education programs designed to recruit and train attorney volunteers. Planned and produced volunteer awards luncheon.

*Committee Work:* Nevada Supreme Court Children's Commission's Behavioral Health Subcommittee, Nevada Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission, Pro Bono Bankruptcy Committee, Clark County Bar Association New Lawyers Committee, ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference "Nuts & Bolts for New Pro Bono Managers" Design Team, State Bar of Nevada Access to Justice Section, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Pro Bono Foundation

*Recognition:* Clark County Bar Association's Martin P. Dowling Volunteer of the Year Award, 2007  
Clark County Bar Association's Ambassador of the Year Award, 2006

*Affiliations:* National Association of Counsel for Children, American Bar Association, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, National Association of Pro Bono Professionals, Clark County Bar Association, Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys, Southern Nevada Association of Bankruptcy Attorneys

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## **JESSE'S PIZZA, HENDERSON, NV**

*Sales & Marketing Director, April 2011 – August 2014*

Assisted in all day-to-day operations and overall management of the business. Developed new business through outreach to potential new corporate and non-profit customers and maintained effective communication with ongoing accounts. Prepared invoices and maintained customer accounts. Coordinated catering orders. Interviewed, hired, trained, and supervised staff. Handled all customer complaints and human resource issues. Established policies, procedures and forms to help the business run more efficiently. Programed, customized and updated Point of Sale System. Reviewed all business contracts and interacted with outside vendors. Designed all menus and marketing materials. Managed the business' online presence. Coordinated community partnerships and charitable giving, including development of "Pizza for a Cause" initiative.

## **MURPHY, HESSE, TOOMEY, & LEHANE, QUINCY, MA**

*Associate Attorney, September 2002 – September 2004*

*Summer Associate, 2001*

Represented client school districts at the Bureau of Special Education Appeals, at disciplinary hearings, and various meetings relative to special and regular education matters. Counseled client school districts on legal issues including special education, discipline, student records, and compliance with state and federal education legislation. Conducted workshops and seminars on various education topics. Drafted legal briefs, memoranda, and agreements. Served as a mentor for law students in the firm's Summer Associate Program.

*Affiliations:* Massachusetts Bar Association, Massachusetts Women's Bar Association, National School Board Association's Council of School Attorneys, Massachusetts Council of School Attorneys

## **HOUSE OF RUTH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGAL CLINIC, HYATTSVILLE, MD**

*Intern, Summer 2000*

Conducted client intake and referred clients to appropriate agencies and organizations. Prepared victims for protective order hearings. Assisted attorneys in preparing for trial by maintaining contact with clients and drafting legal documents. Conducted legal research.

## **RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **HELPING HANDS OF VEGAS VALLEY, LAS VEGAS, NV**

Volunteer Pantry Delivery Driver, May 2016 - Present

Face 2 Face Connections Committee Chair, July 2014 – March 2015

Board of Directors, February 2008 – April 2011

### **PEBBLE CREEK HOA, HENDERSON, NV**

Park Remodel Committee, Summer 2013

## **BAR ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS**

STATE BAR OF NEVADA, LIMITED PRACTICE ADMISSION 2014, EMERITUS CERTIFICATION 2009

MASSACHUSETTS SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT, DECEMBER 17, 2002

U. S. FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR MASSACHUSETTS, MARCH 26, 2003

U. S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT, JUNE 10, 2003

CERTIFIED CHILD WELFARE LAW SPECIALIST, BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNSEL FOR CHILDREN, JANUARY 25, 2022