

**Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council Interest Application**

**(Note: This document and accompanying materials become public record once received by Clark County.)**

The Clark County Board of County Commissioners (County Commission) is currently seeking applications to select two (2) individuals to be appointed to the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council (Council).

The Council was created during the 2019 Nevada Legislative Session. Among its duties (NRS 176.014), the Council shall:

- a) Advise the Nevada Sentencing Commission on matters related to any legislation, regulations, rules, budgetary changes, and all other actions needed to implement the provisions of this act as they relate to local governments;
- b) Identify county-level programming and treatment needs for persons involved in the criminal justice system for the purpose of reducing recidivism;
- c) Make recommendations to the Nevada Sentencing Commission regarding grants to local governments and non-profit organizations from the Nevada State General Fund;
- d) Oversee the implementation of local grants;
- e) Create performance measures to assess the effectiveness of the grants; and
- f) Identify opportunities for collaboration with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services at the state and county level for treatment services and funding.

The Council consists of one (1) member from each county in Nevada whose population is less than 100,000, and two (2) members from each county in Nevada whose population is 100,000 or more. Terms of the members are two-years (2-years), and members are eligible for reappointment.

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**Required Additional Information:**

Along with this application, please submit a resume and a letter of interest detailing your experience with the criminal justice system and mental health and treatment communities.

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**Full Name (First, Middle, Last):** Julia M. Murray

**Home Street Address:** 2311 Llewellyn Drive

**Home Address City/State/Zip Code:** Las Vegas, NV 89102

**Employer:** Clark County Office of the Public Defender

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Cell Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

*I verify by 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 modifications to this application will not be accepted or considered.*

**Julia M. Murray** Digitally signed by Julia M. Murray Date: 2021.02.25 12:06:12 -08'00' **2/25/2021**

Signature

Date

**Submitting Application:**

Your signed application and supporting documents must be received no later than **5:00PM, March 22, 2021**. You may email your completed application packet to [Kathleen.Walpole@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Walpole@ClarkCountyNV.gov), or deliver the same in-person to the County Manager's Office, 6th Floor, Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas.



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500 South Grand Central Parkway  
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*Sent via email to:* [Kathleen.walpole@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:Kathleen.walpole@clarkcountynv.gov)

RE: Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my interest in being considered for appointment to the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council. I have been an attorney at the Public Defender's Office for nearly fourteen years. In my time here, I have had a variety of assignments covering all types of criminal cases. My role as a direct advocate has provided me with invaluable insight to the needs that our community has when it comes to implementing the goals of N.R.S. 176.014. So many individuals that enter our criminal justice system have or are struggling with addressing underlying issues related to mental illness. While Clark County has made significant strides towards creating options for addressing these needs via the various specialty courts, this remains an area of our justice system in need of improved access and creative solutions.

In addition to my role as a trial attorney, over the last few years I have undertaken some administrative and management responsibilities. As I have learned more about how the administrative side of my office works, I have become interested in branching out to other areas of leadership within the community. This Council presents an opportunity to work with other agencies both locally and on a state level to address the needs of many within our county.

If appointed to this Council, I bring to the table both a history of experience in dealing with the mentally ill in the court system as well as an interest in learning what can be done to reduce recidivism through continued advancements in funding and programming. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this further if provided the time. I have include my resume with this letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julia M. Murray".

Julia M. Murray  
Chief Deputy Public Defender – Training Director

Enclosures/JMM

**JULIA M. MURRAY**  
**309 S. Third St., Las Vegas, NV, 89155**

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**BAR ADMISSIONS:** Nevada, April 2008

**EDUCATION:**

**Loyola University Chicago School of Law**, Chicago, IL – Juris Doctor, May 2007  
**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI – (2) Bachelor of Arts degrees, December 2003  
Bachelor of Arts, English – Concentration in American Literature & Analytical Writing  
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science – Concentration in Constitutional Theory

**EMPLOYMENT:**

**2007-PRESENT: CLARK COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

**2018-PRESENT: CHIEF DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER, TRAINING DIRECTOR**

**TEACHING & TRAINING**

Responsible for planning and executing New Lawyer Training Program (NLTP) for all attorneys. The NLTP is an intensive roughly 8 week program covering all areas of Nevada criminal law, practice and defense strategy. Developed a continuing training program for all attorneys under 3 years experience in defense work.

Created a statewide Continuing Legal Education (CLE) platform to assist in bringing access to indigent defense practitioners outside of Clark County. Taught numerous CLEs and trainings covering both substantial and skills oriented topics.

**MANAGEMENT**

Supervise full time law clerks, paralegal and support staff. Assist in recruitment and interviewing for attorney and law clerk positions. Developed and manage our extern program by recruiting, interviewing, training and supervising all law student externs.

**2008-CURRENT: CHIEF DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER, TRIAL ATTORNEY**

**LITIGATION**

Represented clients charged with murder and capital murder while on the Public Defender Murder Team. Worked closely with investigators, mitigation specialists and experts in preparing cases for trial or negotiations. Represented over 40 clients charged with non-capital first degree murder and approximately 10 clients charged with capital murder. I maintain a partial caseload with this team currently.

Represented clients charged with life sentence eligible sexual offenses while on the Public Defender Sexual Assault Team. Worked closely with investigators and experts in preparing cases for trial or negotiations. Represented over 60 clients charged with life sentence eligible sexual offenses.

Represented clients in all other types of misdemeanor and felony charges.

**2007-2008: LAW CLERK**

## **INTERNSHIPS & CLINICAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**2006-2007: Cook County Public Defender, Felony Trial**, Chicago, IL – Student Attorney  
**2006 (Summer): Public Defender Services, Felony Trial**, Washington D.C. – Law Clerk  
**2006-2007: Loyola Community Law Center Clinic**, Chicago, IL – Student Attorney  
**2003-2007: Cabrini Green Legal Aid**, Chicago, IL – Extern  
**2005 (Summer)-2006: Loyola University Chicago Law Professor Christian Johnson** – Legal Research and Writing Assistant  
**2004: Brinks, Hofer, Gilson, Lione (via Law Resources)**, Chicago, IL – Legal Project Assistant

## **CRIMINAL TRAINING (EXTENDED TRIAL PROGRAMS)**

**Death Penalty College, Santa Clara University School of Law (2015)**  
**Trial Practice Institute, National College of Criminal Defense, Macon, GA (2012)**

## **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & TEACHING**

**William S. Boyd School of Law Misdemeanor Clinic**, Las Vegas, NV - Consultant/Advisor

Since the clinic's development, I have acted as a consultant to Professors Anne Traum and Eve Hanan on court practice issues. I have held skills training workshops for students and assist in case strategy sessions.

**Nevada Department of Indigent Defense (“DIDS”)**, Carson City, NV

I have been assisting with a small group of state, federal and academic attorneys to advise and assist DIDS with the implementation of training and out reach goals for indigent defense attorneys throughout Nevada. I am co-teaching a statewide CLE with Dr. Melissa Piasecki re: Representing the Mentally Ill through Competency Court in Nevada in April 2021.

**Nevada Attorneys for Criminal Justice – Board of Directors member 2011-Present**

**National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers – Member 2006-Present**