

Board, Commission or Committee
Application



General Information

Name of Board, Commission or Committee: Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Applicant Name: Judge Stephanie Charter

Home Address: Confidential City Las Vegas Zip

Mailing Address: City Las Vegas Zip

Home Phone: Confidential Cell Phone: Confidential

Work Phone: Fax:

Email Address:

Employer: Supreme Court of NV / 8th Judicial District Court Occupation: Judge

Availability

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

I am available to serve for the regularly scheduled monthly meeting

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.

CIP select Committee (Court Improvement Project);
Child Welfare Committee; CIP Legislative Subcommittee -
for mental health

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 currently serving as a Judge in the
8th Judicial District Court in the Juvenile / Dependency
Division. Prior to my election, I worked as an
attorney for 30 years with half of these years dedicated
to child welfare as a children's attorney and then as a
deputy district attorney in Clark County and Washoe County.
I am very concerned about the mental health crisis hitting
our youth in care - especially post-covid. I have created a
Panel to assist our teenaged youth as they age out of care.

Please attach a required resume/letter of interest.

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

Signature

Date

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

Administrative Services Department - 6th Floor Attn: Agenda Coordinator

P. O. Box 551712, Las Vegas - NV 89155-1712

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June 28, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this as my letter of interest to be appointed as a member of the Clark County Family Services' Citizen's Advisory Committee. I am deeply honored to have been nominated for this position on the CAC by the Honorable Frank Sullivan who is retiring from his position on the committee in anticipation of his retirement from the bench later this year. Judge Sullivan has long been my mentor and I am fortunate to also consider him a friend.

My interest in serving on the CAC stems from my commitment to the children and families who find themselves part of the Clark County child welfare system. My introduction to child welfare began in the early 2000's when I took a case pro bono for the then very new Children's Attorney's Project. Through my representation of my young client in that one case, my passion for child welfare was born. I went on to serve as one of the first dedicated children's attorneys in Clark County for the Children's Attorney's Project for several years. From there, I served as a deputy district attorney in child welfare in both Clark and Washoe Counties. I also volunteered outside of my advocacy role to serve as a Truancy Diversion Court Judge when asked to do so by Judge Gerald Hardcastle. Later, I was able to start the Truancy Diversion Program in Washoe County with the assistance of the program coordinator in Clark County. Now, as a Judge serving in dependency, I started an Other Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (OPPLA) Panel to help conduct the semi-annual review hearings and provide these youth with invaluable insight, support, and encouragement regarding their future opportunities in the work place and in higher education.

It would truly be my honor to bring my passion and commitment for helping those in our child welfare system to the CAC. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SA' or 'Stephanie A.', written in a stylized, cursive-like font.

Judge Stephanie A. Charter

BIO for Judge Stephanie A. Charter

Judge Charter began serving with the 8th Judicial District Court in January, 2021. She is assigned to hear dependency (child abuse and neglect) cases in the Family Division. Judge Charter's experience in dependency began many years ago when she worked for the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada as one of the first dedicated children's attorneys with the Children's Attorney's Project. While with LACSN, Judge Charter started the Nevada Chapter of the National Association of Counsel for Children. As an active member of the NACC, Judge Charter was part of panel presentations at the NACC's annual conventions on topics related to best practices in child welfare. Judge Charter's experience in dependency also includes working as a deputy district attorney in the dependency divisions for both Washoe and Clark Counties.

Judge Charter has long been a supporter of the Truancy Diversion Program for which she served for several years as a volunteer Judge. While with the Washoe County District Attorney's Office, Judge Charter spearheaded the effort to start the TDP Program in conjunction with the Washoe County School District.

Judge Charter is admitted to the Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and California State Bars. She earned her undergraduate degree with honors from South Dakota State University in 1988 where she was a member of the Pi Gamma Mu social sciences honor society. Judge Charter earned her Juris Doctorate degree from Creighton University School of Law in 1991. At Creighton Law, Judge Charter earned the highest grade award for Advanced Constitutional Law. She was also a member of the International Moot Court Board.

Judge Charter and her husband have three children as well as a trio of dogs, including Judge Charter's certified courthouse dog, Bianchi.