



## **Henderson District Public Libraries**

### **Board of Trustees Application**

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Henderson Libraries seeks to cultivate a literate community by providing every citizen free access to books and information resources, as well as state of the art technology that supports work, school and recreational activities. The mission of the Henderson Libraries is to imagine possibilities, discover opportunities, and connect with the community.

The Board of Trustees for the Henderson District Public Libraries (Board of Trustees) exists pursuant to NRS 379.025 (h). The Board of Trustees consists of five (5) competent persons appointed by the Clark County Board of County Commissioners and two (2) competent persons appointed by the Henderson City Council.

Among its duties (NRS 379.025), the Board of Trustees shall hire a professional librarian to serve as the Executive Director of the Henderson Libraries, review and approve an annual budget, establish and review policies, and attend Board of Trustees meetings regularly.

The Board of Trustees meets the third (3rd) Thursday of the month at 7:45am.

Members serve four-year (4-year) terms and may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Members must reside in the City of Henderson.

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#### **Application Overview:**

If you are interested in applying for membership on the Board of Trustees, please complete the application below. If you have any questions related to the Board of Trustees or the application process, please email [Kathleen.Walpole@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Walpole@ClarkCountyNV.gov).

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**Full Name (First, Middle Initial, Last):** Robert E. O'Brien

**Home Street Address:** 229 N White Cloud Circle

Home Address City/State/Zip Code: Henderson, NV 89074

Mailing Address: 229 N White Cloud Circle

Mailing Address City/State/Zip Code: Henderson, NV 89074

Employer: Clark County Public Defender

Occupation: Attorney

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Best Daytime Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

**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.

Board of Directors, Nevada Attorneys for Criminal Justice (2014-present) - elected to position by members

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

**Skills & Training**

Legal Training

Research and Writing

Teaching and Professional Development Presentations

**Experience**

Start Up Non-Profit Organizing

Outreach Planning for Non-Profit

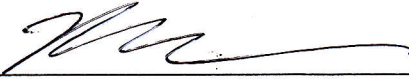
Labor and Work Environment Policy Negotiating

Journalism and Media Experience

Networking with Businesses for Community Involvement

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

***I certify that I am a resident of the City of Henderson. 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 any modifications to this application will not be accepted or considered.***



Signature

5/18/21

Date

**Your signed application must be received no later than 5:00 pm on May 19, 2021. Please allow appropriate time if mailing.**

**Hand Deliver Application to:**

**Clark County Department of  
Administrative Services  
6th Floor  
500 S. Grand Central Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89155**

**Fax Application to:**

**(702) 455-3558**

**Mail Application to:**

**Department of Administrative Services-  
6th Floor  
Attn: Kathleen Walpole  
P.O. Box 551712  
Las Vegas, NV 89155-1712**

**Email Scanned Copy to:**

**[Kathleen.Walpole@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Walpole@ClarkCountyNV.gov)**

# Robert O'Brien

## Experience

### **Clark County Public Defender's Office**

Las Vegas, NV

Chief Deputy Public Defender, 2011-19; 2021 – Present

- Promoted to Specialty Team Attorney and Attorney Supervisor/Team Chief
- Litigated 15 multi-felony jury trials, including murder and sex assault trials
- Argued hearings on legal issues before magistrate, trial, and appellate judges
- Organized CLE programs on developing trial strategy and authoring creative motions

### **Federal Public Defender's Office**

Las Vegas, NV

Assistant Federal Public Defender, 2019 – 2021

- Served in Trial Unit, handling variety of felony and misdemeanor cases
- Authored suppression and procedural motions
- Coordinated with expert witnesses to develop mitigation for sentencing hearings
- Developed CLE programs on ethics and trial strategy

### **Hon. George Foley, Jr., U.S. Magistrate Judge**

Las Vegas, NV

Law Clerk, 2009 – 2011

- Prepared draft opinions on substantive and procedural motions
- Authored bench memoranda on issues raised in Section 1983 claims, criminal and habeas corpus matters, and social security appeals
- Discussed pending decisions on pre-trial criminal matters

### **Alverson, Taylor, Mortensen & Sanders**

Las Vegas, NV

Associate Attorney, Civil Litigation Group, 2007 – 2008

- Practiced in the areas of Insurance Defense, Attorney Malpractice, and general Civil Litigation
- Authored dispositive motions, discovery motions, and discovery requests
- Prepared expert witnesses for depositions

### **Eureka Recycling**

St. Paul, MN

Outreach Specialist, 2002-03

- Conducted outreach program to local Latino, Hmong, and Ethiopian communities
- Developed database for study of recycling methods in local communities
- Organized with local social service and cultural organizations to develop outreach program in several languages

## Education

### **Rutgers University School of Law**

Camden, NJ

Juris Doctorate, 2007

Law Review: Rutgers Law Journal – Senior Editor

Honors: Graduation Award for Leadership and Academic Excellence

Dean's List 2006, 2007

Mary Philbrook Student Public Interest Award, 2006

Judge Rodriguez Community Involvement Scholarship, 2005

Activities: Trial Advocacy Competition Team

Founder, Election Protection Pro Bono Project

Editor-at-Large, American Constitution Society, 2004-05

**University of Minnesota**

Minneapolis, MN

B.A. in English Literature, 2000

Honors: Waller Community Involvement Scholarship

Activities: Editor and Staff Writer, Minnesota Daily

Admitted Nevada Bar, 2008; U.S. District of Nevada, 2008; California Bar, 2010

Associations Attendee, National Criminal Defense College, 2014  
Member, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers  
Member, National Association for Public Defense  
Member, National Lawyers Guild

Publications *Nevada Criminal Discovery-Brady-Subpoena Manual*, Editor and Head Writer (Clark Co. Public Defender's Office, 2018)  
You Can't Get a Detention Hearing in Las Vegas, *Unreasonable Doubt* (2018)  
Police Unlawfully Ignoring Defense Subpoenas in Clark Co. District Court: What They're Arguing and What to Do about It, *Unreasonable Doubt* (2017)

Teaching Pre-trial Release: Conditions and Bail CLE (2018)  
Unconstitutional Bail Litigation CLE (2017)  
Nevada Criminal Discovery, *Brady*, and Subpoena Procedures CLE (2016)  
Nevada's Lifetime Supervision Statute and Challenges (2012)

Board / Committee Work Nevada Commission on State Rules of Criminal Procedure (2018)  
Clark County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (2018)  
Nevada Commission on Evidence-Based Pretrial Release Committee - Risk Assessment Validation Subcommittee (2017)  
Nevada State Bar Disciplinary Board (2013-15)  
Nevada Attorneys for Criminal Justice (2013-present)

Awards Attorney of the Year, Clark County Public Defender's Office (2017)

Legislative Work Bill on Nevada Motion to Suppress Procedure (SB 368), Drafter (2017 session)

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Henderson, NV 89074

**Robert O'Brien**

May 15, 2021

Department of Administrative Services  
6th Floor  
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P.O. Box 551712  
Las Vegas, NV 89155-1712  
[Kathleen.Walpole@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Walpole@ClarkCountyNV.gov)

Ms. Walpole:

Please accept this letter of interest, application form, resume, as my application for Henderson District Public Libraries Board of Trustees Application.

I am applying for the opportunity to serve the Henderson Public Libraries because libraries have been my second home since I was a toddler. My parents knew the value of giving me access to stories and books at an early age. So, I grew up with libraries, having at least a weekly trip to our local branch growing up. As a child, I looked forward to my time wandering the stacks and dreaming of the stories and histories inside. Every week, I would collect a stack of books to read that week and talk to the librarians about what they liked and recommended. When our local branch hosted readings or clubs for children, we always went.

As I grew up, libraries remained a favorite place of mine – a quiet space for contemplation or study. Through my undergraduate and graduate studies at college, I continued to visit. The library became a place to meet up with study groups and learn together and a place of research for assignments. After moving to the Las Vegas valley in 2007, I visited the libraries for inspiration on new books and to explore books on developing new skills and hobbies.

Professionally, I have spent the last 14 years of my life as an attorney in Nevada. Currently, I serve as a Trial Attorney with the Clark County Public Defender's Office. Prior to beginning my career in the law, I worked in community outreach and developing non-profit organizations. In these positions, I developed skills in performing outreach to businesses and organizations, writing strategic plans and media releases, and developing employment policies.

My love of the Henderson libraries and background make me an excellent candidate to become a Trustee. I welcome the opportunity to further discuss my qualifications. Please feel free to contact me at ( [REDACTED] )

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert O'Brien