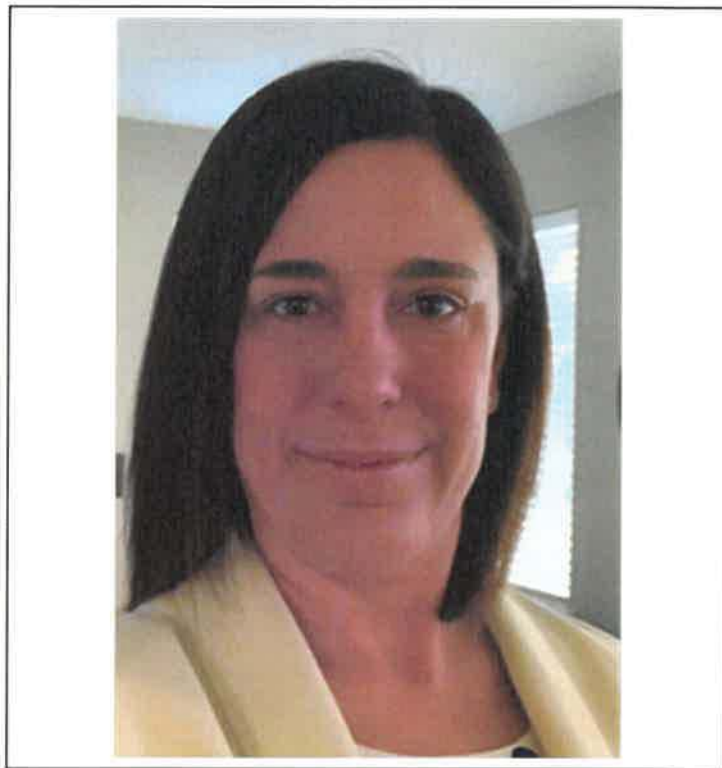


**COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION
APPLICATION
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
DEPARTMENT 11**

By

DENA RINETTI



**SECTION I: PUBLIC INFORMATION
(QUESTIONS 1 THROUGH 47)**

Personal Information

1. **Full Name:** Dena Irene Rinetti
2. **Have you ever used or been known by any other legal name (including a maiden name)? If so, state name and reason for the name change and years used.**

No
3. **Work Address:** 200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89101
4. **How long have you been a continuous resident of Nevada?** 16 years
5. **Age:** 41
(NRS 3.060 states that a district judge must be at least 25 years old.)

Employment History

6. **Using the format provided in Attachment "A" please start with your current employment or most recent employment, self-employment, and periods of unemployment for the 20 years immediately preceding the filing of this Application.**

Educational Background

7. **List names and addresses of high schools, colleges and graduate schools (other than law school) attended; dates of attendance; certificates or degrees awarded; reason for leaving.**

La Reina High School- 106 West Janss Road Thousand Oaks, California 91360, 1992-1998 (7th to 12th grade). High School Honors Diploma.

Dickinson College- 28 North College Street Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013, 1998-2002. Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, in Political Science.

8. Describe significant high school and college activities including extracurricular activities, positions of leadership, special projects that contributed to the learning experience.

La Reina High School

I was involved in many high school activities while at La Reina High School. One of my most important activities was belonging to the all-girls mock trial team, one of very few in the state of California at the time. I was given the enormous honor to be the only freshman student to be selected to assume the role of an attorney, which I continued to hold for all four (4) years of high school. As captain of our awarding winning mock trial team, we won the regional competition twice and placed at the state level competition. My involvement in this worthwhile pursuit is one of the early motivating factors in my decision to pursue a legal career.

I also was captain of the school's speech and debate team. I travelled all over the state of California competing in tournaments in several categories, including policy debate, original oratory, extemporaneous speaking, and expository speaking. I won multiple competitions where hundreds of students competed. As a result of my efforts in mock trial, speech and debate, and theater, I was awarded the Communication Arts Award for the senior who demonstrated excellence in the communicative arts.

Another extremely influential high school activity was playing softball. I played competitive girls softball from the age of five (5) years old. I was the pitcher and second baseman for my high school, travel, and recreational teams. I also became a member of the Girls' Athletic Association. The countless hours training, competing, and travelling gave me a strong work ethic knowing that others relied upon my performance. Additionally, I had to balance this very time-consuming sport with my other activities and demanding schoolwork.

I spent four (4) years in Student Council in a variety of different roles, including class president. I organized fundraisers, school activities, and represented the school in the local community. I was selected to attend the National Student Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. and served on a local youth programming board for Ventura County.

I was also a member of the school's Campus Ministry. I was responsible for organizing school masses and religious ceremonies. I also participated in a wide range of outreach programs in the local community, including feeding the homeless, clothing and toy drives, and helping female inmates write letters to their family and friends. I also assisted in taking care of the retired members of the Sisters of Notre Dame, which had a convent located on the school's property.

The faculty also recognized my academic achievements by allowing me to become a member of the National Honors Society as well as a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation.

I had the privilege of being selected as a member of several honors societies while at Dickinson College. I was a member of Phi Sigma Alpha, a political science honors society, Omicron Delta Kappa, an academic and leadership honors society, as well as Alpha Lambda Delta, a freshman honors society.

I was a member and officer in the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority for three (3) years. I organized sorority events, campus events, and fundraising events for local charities. Interestingly, one of the charities the sorority supported was CASA, the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association. It is an organization that I interacted with frequently as a Special Victims prosecutor while advocating on behalf of abused and neglected children.

I also volunteered at the Carlisle Area School District assisting in after school programs for disadvantaged students. I participated in arts, foreign language, and physical education programs for low-income, elementary school children.

9. List names and addresses of law schools attended; degree and date awarded; your rank in your graduating class; if more than one law school attended, explain reason for change.

Roger Williams University School of Law-10 Metacom Avenue Bristol, Rhode Island 02809, Juris Doctorate, cum laude, 2005.

Top 10%

10. Indicate whether you were employed during law school, whether the employment was full-time or part-time, the nature of your employment, the name(s) of your employer(s), and dates of employment.

I had the great fortune to participate in some unique and challenging experiences in law school. After my first year, I studied abroad in London, England taking classes in various aspects of international law. I also interned with Two King's Bench Walk, which consisted of dedicated barristers specializing in criminal, family, civil, and immigration law. I spent time preparing for and observing court proceedings at the historic Royal Courts of Justice. I also received training in case preparation and written work from several mentors.

After my second year, I interned with the Public Defender's Division in New Bedford, Massachusetts. I attended daily court proceedings and spoke with indigent defendants prior to their first court appearance. I drafted pre-trial motion work on behalf of the attorneys and argued several motions. I was involved in trial preparation and strategy on several

cases. I also assisted in communicating with clients' families regarding the court process, as permitted by the client.

During my final year at law school, I was an extern for Chief Justice Frank J. Williams of the Rhode Island Supreme Court. I briefed cases set for oral argument. Many of the cases I briefed and researched for Justice Williams involved civil and family law. I met with Justice Williams prior to the oral arguments to review the relevant issues on appeal and discuss my written briefs. I attended all oral arguments set during my externship.

Finally, I interned with District Court Pretrial Services during my final year at law school. My most important responsibility was to interview recent arrestees to collect information to aid the District Court in assessing their custodial status. In the early morning hours, I would sit on a trash can, outside a cell, and talk to an inmate about his or her background and then slide the trash can over and interact with another inmate. I would continue to move the trash can and talk to inmates until all the arrestees had been interviewed. As a result, I was awarded the Feinstein Institute for Legal Service Honors for my public service work.

11. Describe significant law school activities including offices held, other leadership positions, clinics participated in, and extracurricular activities.

I was admitted into the Honors Program at Roger Williams School of Law. It was a three (3) year program requiring a select group of students to attend roundtable discussions and enroll in certain small, special elective courses reserved only for Honors students. As a result of my admission into the program, I was given a full merit-based scholarship.

I was a Senior Staff Member of the Roger Williams Law Review. I reviewed and edited submitted written work and discussed articles to be selected for publication. One of my case review notes was selected for publication.

I was also a Research Assistant for Professor Jane Rindsberg and Professor Elizabeth Colt of the Legal Writing Department. I did a tremendous amount of legal research for both professors as well as helped prepare them for conferences and seminars. Furthermore, I was tasked with researching and writing the first-year writing project wherein each first-year student was given a hypothetical case in which to write their first brief.

Law Practice

12. State the year you were admitted to the Nevada Bar.

2006

13. Name states (other than Nevada) where you are or were admitted to practice law and your year of admission.

I was admitted to practice law in California in 2005.

14. Have you ever been suspended, disbarred, or voluntarily resigned from the practice of law in Nevada or any other state? If so, describe the circumstance, dates, and locations.

In 2017, I was administratively suspended for a few days for failure to pay CLE fees. My office pays my bar and CLE fees, but my paperwork did not make it over to the CLE board in a timely manner. As soon as I learned of the mistake, I rectified the situation immediately. I am solely responsible for payment of my California bar admission. I have been an inactive member since my admission but have never failed to timely provide my necessary disclosures or fees.

15. Estimate what percentage of your work over the last 5 years has involved litigation matters, distinguishing between trial and appellate courts. For judges, answer questions 16-20 for the 5 years directly preceding your appointment or election to the bench.

My work at the Clark County District Attorney's Office has almost exclusively involved trial litigation in the Eighth Judicial District Court, but I have argued several times before the Nevada Supreme Court.

16. Estimate percentage of time spent on:

- (1) domestic/family and juvenile law matters:** none
- (2) civil litigation:** none
- (3) criminal matters:** 100%
- (4) administrative litigation:** none

17. In the past 5 years, what percentage of your litigation matters involved cases set for jury trials vs. non-jury trials?

My litigation experience has been primarily devoted to matters set for jury trial, but I have litigated multiple misdemeanor non-jury trials in Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Moapa, and Henderson Justice Courts.

18. Give the approximate number of jury cases tried to a conclusion during the past five years with you as lead counsel. Give the approximate number of non-jury cases tried to a decision in the same period.

I have tried twenty-one (21) jury cases as either lead or co-lead in the five (5) years leading up to the COVID shut down of jury trials. Since jury trials have resumed, I completed one (1) jury trial without the assistance of co-counsel.

19. List courts and counties in any state where you have practiced in the past 5 years.

Nevada Supreme Court
Eighth Judicial District Court, State of Nevada, Clark County
Las Vegas Justice Court
North Las Vegas Justice Court
Henderson Justice Court
Moapa Justice Court

20. List by case name and date the five cases of most significance to you (not including cases pending in which you have been involved), and list or describe:

- a. State of Nevada vs. Javon Holmes (C229522) in 2008. The presiding judge was The Honorable Valerie Adair. My co-counsel was Danielle Pieper. The defense attorneys were Betsey Allen and Monti Levy. I was lead counsel in this jury trial. The case involved a victim who had been cleaning his garage in preparation for a family gathering when Defendant and three (3) other individuals entered his garage brandishing firearms. After tying the victim's hands behind his back, the suspects entered the home where his pregnant wife and nine (9) month old child were sleeping in the living room. The suspects took several items from inside the residence and, upon their return to the garage, tied the victim's ankles together. The suspects demanded the victim's PIN number for his ATM card threatening to come back and harm his wife and children. This case is important to me because I had to work with several defense attorneys throughout the litigation as three (3) of the four (4) suspects had been apprehended. In preparation for trial, I was introduced to Ms. Gwen Gerling, a defense attorney. As I try to do with all my personal interactions, I treated Ms. Gerling and her client with honesty and respect. Thankfully, my working relationship with Ms. Gerling evolved into a very close friendship, which exists to this day. I consider Ms. Gerling to be one of my closest friends. This case reaffirms my belief that everyone should be treated fairly, honestly, and justly. I pride myself on having good working relationships with not only my co-workers, but also defense attorneys.
- b. State of Nevada vs. Mariann Harris (C275959) in 2013. The presiding judge was Justice Abbi Silver. My co-counsel was John Giordani. The defense attorneys were Scott Coffee and Conor Slife. I was lead counsel in this jury trial where Defendant was convicted of First-Degree Murder for the brutal death of a fourteen (14) month old child. The child had fifty (50) to sixty (60) external injuries, a depressed skull fracture, and internal bleeding. The trial dealt with complicated medical issues. Specifically, the timing of the child's injuries, which consisted of very involved medical testimony, needing to be
- c. communicated simply and concisely to the jury. Additionally, there was extensive post trial litigation at the trial and appellate levels. I successfully argued in front of the Nevada Supreme Court regarding the trial court's ruling granting a new trial. Defendant is currently in the Nevada Department of

Corrections. I learned so much during this case, but the most important lesson was to never give up in seeking a just outcome to a case.

- d. State of Nevada vs. Candace Thomas (C278628) in 2015 (sentencing)/2019(change of plea). The presiding judges were The Honorable Charles Thompson and The Honorable Eric Johnson. My co-counsel was Michael Schwartzer. The defense attorney was Monique McNeil. I was lead counsel for the case. The case against Ms. Thomas negotiated and the case against her co-defendant proceeded to trial. Ms. Thomas approached a cage cashier at the Wynn Hotel. She gave the cashier a note demanding money because she had guns and a bomb. She was tackled to the ground by hotel security after her unsuccessful robbery attempt. During the investigation, it was uncovered that Defendant was a victim of sex trafficking. I realized Defendant had a small child with very little resources. With her attorney, I was allowed to speak to Defendant and realized that she committed the crime out of desperation. I offered her a plea negotiation whereby she pled guilty to a felony with probation. Defendant is now on a better path in life and has stayed out of trouble. As a result, she was allowed to withdraw her plea to the felony charge and plead to a gross misdemeanor whereby she will not be a convicted felon for the rest of her life. Although the evidence of her guilt was overwhelming, the right thing to do was to give her a chance to change her life. I am glad she seized the opportunity.
- e. State of Nevada vs. Patrick Brand (C308338) in 2016. The presiding judge was Justice Elissa Cadish. My co-counsel was Christopher Hamner. The defense attorney was Adam Gill. I was lead counsel for jury trial. This case involved a twenty-one (21) month old child who suffered a complex, depressed skull fracture with associated brain bleeds while in Defendant's care. Various medical experts opined that the child's injuries were caused by blunt force trauma. The presiding justice court judge dismissed the case after preliminary hearing for lack of probable cause since no one testified that they saw the Defendant strike the victim. Typically, severe child abuse cases involve children under the age of four (4) years old, which is the reason Child Protective Services has a dedicated unit devoted to abused and neglected children under five (5) years of age. I knew that the medical evidence proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the child sustained her devastating injuries while in the sole care of Defendant Patrick Brand. Thus, I presented the exact same case to the Clark County grand jury and received a true bill even after disclosing that the Justice Court judge had dismissed the case. I never lost faith in the case and seeking a just resolution. Fortunately, a jury found the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.
- f. State of Nevada vs. Mark Picozzi (C296618) in 2016. The presiding judge was The Honorable Eric Johnson. My co-counsel was Michelle Jobe. The defense attorney was Michael Schwarz. I was lead counsel for jury trial. Defendant, a

prior sex offender, posed as a police officer and raped two (2) prostitutes. Defendant claimed that he had consensual sexual intercourse with these victims, who then attempted to extort him for money. I spent months researching Defendant's history and learned that Defendant had sexually assaulted or robbed multiple women, in various states, while posing as a police officer. Unfortunately, these prior events were not prosecuted in other jurisdictions. I was convinced that Defendant's prior actions were critical to our prosecution. My investigator and I spent a great deal of time locating Defendant's victims. We were able to speak with two (2) reluctant women, who eventually decided to testify at trial. They had lost faith in the criminal justice system because nothing happened to their cases in their local jurisdictions. Based upon my numerous conversations with them, they trusted that I would seek justice and agreed to testify twice- once at an evidentiary hearing and then again at jury trial. I am very proud of the fact that I was able to rebuild their trust in the criminal justice system especially given the fact that many prostitutes feel marginalized by society and have little faith that they will be believed by the criminal justice system. Everyone deserves justice. I truly believe in the societal ideal engraved on the front of the United States Supreme Court building- Equal justice under law.

21. Do you now serve or have you previously served as a mediator, an arbitrator, a part-time or full-time judicial officer, or a quasi-judicial officer? To the extent possible, explain each experience.

No

22. Describe any pro bono or public interest work as an attorney.

None

23. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are or have been a member. Give titles and dates of offices held. List chairs or committees in such groups you believe to be of significance. Exclude information regarding your political affiliation.

State Bar of California, 2005 to present

State Bar of Nevada, 2006 to present

24. List all courses, seminars, or institutes you have attended relating to continuing legal education during the past 5 years. Are you in compliance with the continuing legal education requirements applicable to you as a lawyer or judge?

Yes, I am in compliance with the continuing legal education requirements.

- Discovery for Prosecutors & Related Ethical Issues

2017

- Search Warrant Duty & Other Interactions with Law Enforcement & Prosecutorial Immunity
- Lawyers & Substance Abuse & Addiction
- A Discussion of Recent Decisions Involving Batson
- Training on Nevada Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool
- A Discussion of Uncharged Bad Evidence
- The Nitty Gritty of Justice Court Drug Court
- A Survey of Conviction Integrity Units Nationwide
- Nevada State Bar Counsel on Ethics
- Immigration Consequences of State Criminal Convictions
- Information is Power- The Child Welfare Unit's Assistance in Criminal Prosecutions
- Compassion Fatigue
- New Attorney Training 2017
- Use of Force Investigations
- Financial Crimes
- Metro Forfeitures of Property Seized

2018

- Mental Health & The Courts
- Multiple Co-Defendant Prosecutions
- What Prosecutors & Investigators Need to Know About Sovereign Citizens
- Victim-Centered Approach to Domestic Violence
- Ethics Overview
- Legislative Panel- Assemblywoman Teresa Benites-Thompson
- Bundy, Brady, & Blind Spots in Ethics
- Jack of All Trades, Master of Some
- Introduction to the HOPE for Prisoners Program
- Clark County Post Marijuana Legalization

2019

- What You Need to Know about the Department of Parole & Probation
- Material Witness Warrants
- Restorative Justice
- Top 10 Things Defense Attorneys Wish We Understood
- Financial Forgery Labs

2020

- Preparation & Handling of District Court Calendar
- Facial Recognition
- Mindfulness for Attorneys
- Prison Math
- Pharmacology, Symptoms & Complications of Commonly Abused Substance

25. Do you have Professional Liability Insurance or do you work for a governmental agency?

No

Business and Occupational Experience

26. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than a judicial officer or the practice of law? If yes, please list, including the dates of your involvement with the occupation, business, or profession.

No

27. Do you currently serve or have you in the past served as a manager, officer, or director of any business enterprise, including a law practice? If so, please provide details as to:

No

28. List experience as an executor, trustee, or in any other fiduciary capacity. Give name, address, position title, nature of your duties, terms of service and, if any, the percentage of your ownership.

None

Civic, Professional and Community Involvement

29. Have you ever held an elective or appointive public office in this or any other state? Have you been a candidate for such an office? If so, give details, including the offices involved, whether initially appointed or elected, and the length of service. Exclude political affiliation.

I ran for Department Twenty-Four (24) in the primary election held in 2020.

30. State significant activities in which you have taken part, giving dates and offices or leadership positions.

I was a member of the Clark County Child Death Review Team from 2013 to 2018. This statutorily mandated team of educators, nurses, physicians, attorneys, mental health providers, first responders, and suicide prevention specialists identifies risk factors and recommends and implements policies and procedures to minimize preventable child deaths in Nevada. I reviewed records of cases of deaths of children, discussed the facts and circumstances of the case, and made recommendations for improvements to prevent future deaths of children. During my tenure, the team recommended policy and protocol changes within Child Protective Services and law enforcement agencies. The team has also supported several public awareness campaigns.

In conjunction with the District Attorney Steven Wolfson and recommendations from the Clark County Child Death Review Team, myself as well as others taught a class on child abuse to every Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department substation. Not only did we visit each station, but we taught our class to each shift within each area command. Although time consuming and often in the early or late hours of the day, I believe these classes truly helped educate law enforcement officers on how to better protect the children of our community.

In 2015, members of the Special Victims Unit, including myself, worked with legislators and lobbyists to write several bills that we believed were necessary to protect the most vulnerable in our society. These proposed bills pertained to sex trafficking, psychological evaluations of child victims of sexual assault, and more stringent penalties for physical and/or sexual abuse of children. Ultimately, several of these bills passed and can now be found in NRS 200.366, 200.4685, 48.045(3), and 50.700.

I have worked for several years as a District Attorney liaison with police officers at the Spring Valley Area Command of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. The goal is for the two agencies to work together and communicate with one another with the simple goal of maintaining community safety. I am responsible for keeping the lines of communication open with our law enforcement partners. Detectives and officers from Spring Valley can call me anytime, day or night, with questions or concerns or to review search warrants prior to seeking judicial approval.

I am also a member of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Parole and Probation Subcommittee. This committee is tasked with bringing together various judicial partners, including judges, the Office of the District Attorney, the Office of the Public Defender, the Office of Appointed Counsel, and law enforcement, to promote and implement effective criminal justice policies and practices. For example, the committee has effectively improved the criminal justice system and responded to legislative changes by updating procedures so that probation revocation hearings occur in a much timelier fashion.

For the last six (6) years, I have been an instructor at the Southern Desert Regional Police Academy. I teach a four (4) hour class about child abuse and neglect to new recruits. I started teaching the class upon a recommendation from the Clark County Child Death Review Team after the team noticed a dramatic increase in the number of child fatalities or near fatalities. The goal is to educate first responders about how to identify warning signs of child abuse or neglect so that various agencies can intervene if a child is in crisis.

31. Describe any courses taught at law schools or continuing education programs. Describe any lectures delivered at bar association conferences.

I have taught several continuing education classes for the Office of the District Attorney. My classes include "Charging and Prosecuting Child Abuse Cases," "Child Abuse-Injury, Mechanism, and Defenses," "Preparation & Handling of District Court Calendar," and "Impeachment Evidence."

32. List educational, military service, service to your country, charitable, fraternal and church activities you deem significant. Indicate leadership positions.

Since my mother's breast cancer diagnosis in 2006, I have actively participated in numerous breast cancer awareness events raising money for breast cancer research as well as patient care.

33. List honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition.

I received the CALI award for Legal Writing and Civil Procedure in law school. I also was awarded the Feinstein Institute for Legal Service Honors for my public service work in law school

34. Have you at any time in the last 12 months belonged to, or do you currently belong to, any club or organization that in practice or policy restricts (or restricted during the time of your membership) its membership on the basis of race, religion, creed, national origin or sex? If so, detail the name and nature of the club(s) or organization(s), relevant policies and practices, and whether you intend to continue as a member if you are selected for this vacancy.

No

35. List books, articles, speeches and public statements published, or examples of opinions rendered, with citations and dates.

Staff, Law Review (2004) "2003 Survey of Rhode Island Law: Cases and 2003 Public Laws of Note," *Roger Williams University Law Review*: Vol. 9: Iss. 2, Article 18.

36. During the past 10 years, have you been registered to vote? Have you voted in the general elections held in those years?

Yes

37. List avocational interests and hobbies.

After studying abroad in college and law school, I absolutely love to travel. My favorite thing to do is to immerse myself in the local culture and learn the history of whatever city or country I visit. I also enjoy cooking large meals for family and friends. I am always looking for a new technique or ingredient to use.

Conduct

38. Have you read the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct and are you able to comply if appointed?

Yes

39. Have you ever been convicted of or formally found to be in violation of federal, state or local law, ordinance or regulation? Provide details of circumstances, charges, and dispositions.

No

40. Have you ever been sanctioned, disciplined, reprimanded, found to have breached an ethics rule or to have acted unprofessionally by any judicial or bar association discipline commission, other professional organization or administrative body or military tribunal? If yes, explain. If the disciplinary action is confidential, please respond to question 73.

No

41. Have you ever been dropped, suspended, disqualified, expelled, dismissed from, or placed on probation at any college, university, professional school or law school for any reason including scholastic, criminal, or moral? If yes, explain.

No

42. Have you ever been refused admission to or been released from any of the armed services for reasons other than honorable discharge? If yes, explain.

No

43. Has a lien ever been asserted against you or any property of yours that was not discharged within 30 days? If yes, explain.

No

44. Has any Bankruptcy Court in a case where you are or were the debtor, entered an order providing a creditor automatic relief from the bankruptcy stay (providing in

rem relief) in any present or future bankruptcy case, related to property in which you have an interest?

No

45. Are you aware of anything that may require you to recuse or disqualify yourself from hearing a case if you are appointed to serve as a member of the judiciary? If so, please describe the circumstances where you may be required to recuse or disqualify yourself.

No

Other

46. If you have previously submitted a questionnaire or Application to this or any other judicial nominating commission, please provide the name of the commission, the approximate date(s) of submission, and the result.

I applied to the Commission on Judicial Selection for the Eighth Judicial District Court Department Eight vacancy but did not receive the appointment. I also recently applied for the vacancy in Department Ten in Las Vegas Justice Court but did not receive the appointment.

47. In no more than three pages (double spaced) attached to this Application, provide a statement describing what you believe sets you apart from your peers, and explains

what particular education, experience, personality or character traits you possess or have acquired that you feel qualify you as a good district court judge. In so doing, address both the civil (including family law matters) and criminal processes (including criminal sentencing.)

48. Detail any further information relative to your judicial candidacy that you desire to call to the attention of the members of the Commission on Judicial Selection.

I decided to make Las Vegas my home sixteen (16) years ago. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made. My life has been greatly enriched by all the diverse, long-lasting friendships I have made. I am truly invested in our community and the people within it. I would be honored to be appointed to the District Court bench so that I can continue to make Clark County a wonderful place to call home.

With the love and support of family, friends, and colleagues, I am looking forward to running a campaign to retain this position, if I am fortunate enough to receive the appointment. I did unsuccessfully seek an elected office during the 2020 election. I learned such much last year during the campaign and all the difficulties that came with a very crowded ballot and a pandemic. I am more determined than ever to have a different result the next time my name appears on a ballot.

- 49. Attach a sample of no more than 10 pages of your original writing in the form of a decision, “points and authorities,” or appellate brief generated within the past 5 years, which demonstrates your ability to write in a logical, cohesive, concise, organized, and persuasive fashion.**

Attachment A
Employment History

Please start with your current employment or most recent employment, self-employment, and periods of unemployment for the last 20 years preceding the filing of this Application.

Current or Last Employer: Office of the District Attorney

Phone Number: (702) 671-2500

Address: 200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

From: August 2006 **To:** Present

Supervisor's Name: Robert Daskas

Supervisor's Job Title: Assistant District Attorney

Your Title: Chief Deputy District Attorney

Specific Duties:

I am currently a Chief Deputy District Attorney for the Office of the District Attorney in Clark County. I have been with the office for approximately fifteen (15) years in the criminal division. I have held various positions within the office, including general litigation and domestic violence. I spent over six (6) years in the Special Victims Unit specializing in crimes against women and children. Specifically, I devoted several years to physical child abuse cases resulting in substantial bodily harm or death. I managed an extremely high case volume requiring daily court appearances four (4) to five (5) days a week. I worked with law enforcement discussing cases, attended briefings regarding suspicious child deaths, and reviewed search warrants. Additionally, I worked closely with members of the medical community reviewing suspicious injuries to children and the possible mechanisms of injury. Moreover, I researched and drafted pleadings, motions, writs of habeas corpus, and appellate briefs. I also successfully argued several criminal appeals at the Nevada Supreme Court. In 2018, I was promoted to a team chief of a general track litigation team. I am responsible for a team of attorneys, secretaries, investigators, process servers, victim witness advocates, and other support staff.

Reason for Leaving: N/A

Previous Employer: The Honorable Sally Loehrer

Phone Number: (903) 932-2466

Address: 200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

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Name

From: August 2005 **To:** August 2006

Supervisor's Name: The Honorable Sally Loehrer

Supervisor's Job Title: District Court Judge

Your Title: Judicial Law Clerk

Specific Duties: I was a judicial law clerk for one (1) year to Judge Sally Loehrer. I prepared and briefed her daily criminal and civil calendars, involving research and analysis of statutory and case law on a broad range of issues raised in pre-trial motion practice and trial. I drafted, verified, and edited court orders and jury instructions for both criminal and civil cases. I maintained regular communications with local attorneys regarding orders, scheduling, and procedural issues. Further, I processed applications and orders for default judgments, compromises of minor's claim, and procedural matters.

Reason for Leaving: My judicial clerkship lasted one (1) year.

Previous Employer: Dickinson College Residence Life and Housing

Phone Number: (717) 245-1556

Address: 28 North College Street Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013

From: August 1999 **To:** May 2002

Supervisor's Name:

Supervisor's Job Title:

Your Title: Student Worker

Specific Duties: I worked in the Residence Life and Housing Department at Dickinson College. I coordinated schedules with resident advisors and directors and helped coordinate events on campus. I assisted in communicating with the student body regarding housing concerns and scheduled disciplinary proceedings.

Reason for Leaving: I graduated college.

Previous Employer: National Park Service

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Name

Phone Number: (252) 473-2111

Address: Cape Hatteras National Seashore 1401 National Park Drive Manteo, North Carolina 27954

From: May 2001 **To:** August 2001

Supervisor's Name:

Supervisor's Job Title: National Park Ranger

Your Title: National Park Ranger

Specific Duties: I was a National Park Ranger for one (1) summer at the Outer Banks in North Carolina. I supervised the Oregon Inlet campground, which is the northernmost campground on Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I assisted guests at the campground, patrolled the campground for safety concerns, and advised guests of local attractions. Furthermore, I led tours at the famous Cape Hatteras lighthouse, which is the tallest brick lighthouse structure in the United States.

Reason for Leaving: I returned to Pennsylvania for college.

Previous Employer: Lee Hecht Harrison

Phone Number: (310) 665-8100

Address: 100 Corporate Pointe Suite 275 Culver City, California 90230 (new location)

From: May 2000 **To:** August 2000

Supervisor's Name: Ted Lang

Supervisor's Job Title: Managing Director

Your Title: Office Assistant

Specific Duties: I assisted the managing director, career consultants, executive coaches, and project managers in day-to-day operations. I drafted correspondence and documents for executives seeking to find a new role after corporate restructuring. I also prepared and participated in lectures and seminars on team building, corporate restructuring, and career placement.

Reason for Leaving: I returned to Pennsylvania for college.

I have dedicated my life to public service. At an early age, I learned the importance of giving back to my community and striving to improve the lives within it. Public service is firmly rooted in my upbringing. My mother was a high school teacher, who dedicated her career to teaching underprivileged and at-risk students. She created educational programs at her high school targeting students who needed additional attention in order to stay in school. She started a program called HOPE, Helping Other People Eat, servicing the homeless community in Los Angeles County, California. My father dedicated his life to improving the lives of children. He created and ran a girls softball league so that young girls could have access to sports. He fundraised to make sure that each young woman could compete at a high level regardless of their financial situation.

I have carried these childhood memories and lessons with me. In high school, I dedicated myself to improving not only my school community but also my local community by taking on leadership roles and volunteering to help those in need. At college, I had many opportunities to work with the local community whether it was clothing and food drives or working with disadvantaged children teaching after school programs. In my professional career, I have dedicated my life to seeking justice. I have had the honor of helping the most vulnerable segment of our community- children. I have worked tirelessly to help improve the lives of the voiceless and bring awareness to abused and neglected children. I hope to continue my dedication to public service if appointed to the District Court bench.

One of the ways I hope to continue my service is by creating an environment where both sides, whether in criminal or civil matters, can have a fair and just resolution. I am proud to say that I am a trial lawyer. I have taken a significant amount of cases to jury trial over the course of my career at the Office of the District Attorney. I understand evidentiary rules, which apply

equally in both civil and criminal matters. I understand the need to not only make the correct ruling, sometimes very quickly, but to make an appropriate and thorough record for appellate purposes. I have argued in front of the Nevada Supreme Court on several occasions and know firsthand the importance of having a complete and accurate record.

As a District Attorney, I had one of the largest caseloads in the office. My cases were quite complex and required a great deal of time in preparation. I had to speak with detectives, doctors, and witnesses. I had to lead investigative efforts after a case had been submitted and collect a great deal of discovery. I did all this while balancing my other work and personal commitments. I was able to effectively manage my caseload, teaching responsibilities, mentoring responsibilities, and committee responsibilities while in and out of jury trial. This experience affords me the ability to multitask in a very efficient manner. The Eighth Judicial District Court has an enormous number of cases, and each litigant deserves a fair and quick resolution of their matter. I know that I will be able to meet the demands of District Court.

My work ethic will also assist me in improving the criminal justice system as a member of the judiciary. Despite my heavy work commitments, I have always been willing to take on additional projects to help my community. Whether sitting on the Clark County Child Death Review Team, working with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, assisting with various task forces, or teaching classes, I have always strived to work to find solutions to complex problems to ensure that justice prevails. I would be honored to continue my dedication by taking on whatever task is necessary for District Court to continue to improve. If appointed, there will never be an issue with someone reaching the judge in Department Eleven.

I am also open-minded, which I believe is essential for a jurist. Whether on a general track litigation team, the domestic violence team, or special victims unit, I try to balance the need to

protect the community with helping to change the lives of those who may just simply need help. I am very cognizant of drug and mental health issues within our criminal justice system and have tried to address those issues with defendants when appropriate.

Finally, I am always motivated to learn. I had a very successful academic career and that has translated to my legal career. I love learning. I love learning about the law. I love learning new things. For instance, I was solely responsible for several years for prosecuting all severe child abuse cases in Clark County. I had no formal training for a vast period of time on how to prosecute these cases. I took it upon myself to read books, scientific articles, and trial transcripts in order to learn how to prosecute these very important cases. I also spent countless hours with medical professionals learning the science behind these medically intensive cases. I went to hospitals, medical offices, radiology rooms, and the coroner's office trying to learn about the human body, injuries, and various disease processes so that I could ensure an effective and just prosecution. My work ethic and thirst for knowledge will absolutely prepare me to tackle any task before me as a jurist, whether it is a criminal or civil matter.