

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION
APPLICATION
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT L

By

JASON P. STOFFEL, ESQ.

(Insert applicant name)



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

Personal Information

1. Full Name: **Jason Patrick Stoffel**
2. Have you ever used or been known by any other legal name (including a maiden name)?
No. If so, state name and reason for the name change and years used.
3. Work Address: **4411 South Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121**
4. How long have you been a continuous resident of Nevada? **14 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.

See Attachment "A"

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.

- a. **Hempstead High School**
3715 Pennsylvania Avenue
Dubuque, Iowa 52002

Dates of Attendance: 1991 - 1995
Certificate or Degree: High School Diploma
Reason for Leaving: I graduated.

b. Iowa State University
515 Morrill Road
Ames, Iowa 50011

Dates of Attendance: 1995 – 1996
Certificate or Decree: I did not graduate
Reason for Leaving: I changed Universities to seek a Bachelor's Degree

c. University of Northern Iowa
1227 West 27th Street
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50615

Dates of Attendance: 1996 – 1999
Certificate or Decree: Bachelor of Arts.
Major: Criminology
Minor: Psychology
Reason for Leaving: I graduated

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

Activities in High School

In high school, I was active in wrestling my freshman year. I did not continue wrestling as I was in a car accident early in my Sophomore year and could not complete in athletics for my Sophomore year in High School. I had other interests in my Junior and Senior year and I focused on getting excellent grades and focus on my college applications. I also work a few part time jobs to save money for college.

I was also involved in student government. I remember doing such activities such as fund-raisers and blood drives. I was also involved in the student yearbook and organizing articles and pictures for the annual yearbook.

I was also involved in a Youth Club as part of my church where we volunteered time to help the less fortunate. I also remember taking a trip to Duluth, Minnesota for one week in a summer to work at a Soup Kitchen and was involved with a Habitat for Humanity program up there working on a house for a family in need.

Activities in College

In college, I was involved in the Criminology Club where we did events such as touring local law enforcement centers and local courthouses. We also toured the local county jail and visited two (2) Iowa prisons.

This was a great club as I remember at the Oakdale prison in Iowa, I arranged a meeting with some prison staff and some actual prisoners. We had lunch inside the prison. Not many people can say they had lunch with a convicted murderer serving life in prison with no chance of parole.

I remember the gentleman talking about how he was not sorry to this day for shooting a rival gang member in a drive-by shooting and he enjoys his time in prison. This was the first time I heard the phrase “3 hots and a cot” referring to the fact he gets three (3) meals a day and a place to stay for free. He liked prison and the structure. That was an odd way to look at it, but it was still a real-life experience that you cannot get out of a textbook. I worked my way up from the secretary to the president of the Criminology Club.

I also did a “Ride-along” program with the Asbury Iowa Police Department where I learned first hand what it was like to work as a police officer as I considered a career in law enforcement. This volunteer position was excellent. I became friends with Officer Dave Roberts as he was a younger police officer assigned to traffic enforcement and he was a wealth of information and answered any questions that I had as part of my learning experience.

I also was a General Office Clerk for the Black Hawk County (Waterloo, Iowa) for a semester to get hands on experience working at a Courthouse getting substantial experience assisting attorneys with their cases and organization of trial exhibits. There were a lot of special tasks that contributed to my learning experience and I especially enjoyed having a real opportunity for questions to real attorneys. Many of them did not like the hours or the income working as an assistant district attorney but the ones that did enjoy the job were the ones that I primarily worked with that liked having me in the office helping them with various legal tasks.

I also volunteered a semester working in the Planning and Research Unit at the Cedar Falls Police Department where I was given the task of organizing raw data to be presented to the City Council such as where most of the car accidents took place in the city (civil engineering) and crime trends. I enjoyed this position as I worked with other police officers to present a meaningful report that was used by the local government, so recommendations could be made to improve the city of Cedar Falls, Iowa. I was recognized at a City Council Meeting for my efforts with this report. This was an extra-curricular opportunity posted at my college and after a rigorous interview process, I was the college student selected for this position.

During my time with the Cedar Falls Police Department, they were doing a volunteer experiment where they needed three (3) college students to participate. I was one of the three (3) students selected and it certainly helped as I was volunteering at the C.F.P.D. at the time.

Basically, it was to monitor alcohol consumption and do the field sobriety tests at regular intervals and report the data as part of the experiment. Alcohol was provided to the participants by the police officers and the participants were playing cards with the police officers while drinking the provided beer. Medical personnel were present monitoring the process.

The police officers first did a baseline tests that every student passed since they were 100% sober. Every 20 minutes after consuming beer, the police officers administered the field sobriety tests. I remember at one point they said I was legally intoxicated after approximately 90 minutes and that I had failed the field sobriety tests.

This “mock arrest” was part of the experience when the participant was deemed “legally drunk.” I was escorted back to my apartment by the police (rather than going to jail).

I remember my friends were waiting for me to come back to my apartment as I had told them when I would be arriving and with police officers. When the police took me out of the backseat and escorted me to my bedroom in my apartment, there was quite a scene of my friends and other college students in nearby apartment units cheering for me and I remember the “LET JASON GO” chant. I entered my apartment and told by law enforcement to sleep it off and drink plenty of water. They called me in a few hours and made sure I was okay and did not need any medical attention.

It was a very unique experience drinking beer as part of the program playing cards with police officers, but it was interesting to see that it does not take more than a few alcoholic beverages before someone could be arrested for DUI. I don’t consume much alcohol in my life but I remember the feeling as part of this program being in handcuffs and this experience contributed to my learning experience as a young college student to certainly not drink and drive and that as I was pursuing a career in law, any arrest, especially an alcohol-related arrest, would come back and be damaging to my career in law and could destroy any future that I may have otherwise had in politics. I was also strongly considering going to law school and I figured that a question on the application would inquire whether I was ever arrested. I can easily answer “no” since I have never been arrested but nonetheless, this was a memorable experience.

I also was a Teaching Assistant in one of my final semesters of college where I assisted associate professor Timothy Sexton with an entry-level Criminal Justice class. It was an exciting opportunity to get college credit to actually teach a course on occasion with Professor Sexton supervising. I enjoyed grading term papers, quizzes, tests, and also be a leader of small group discussion. This was around the time of the horrible Columbine School shooting so there was always something to discuss such as crime statistics, gun control, juvenile delinquency, gang affiliations, etc.

I volunteered my time for the “Tomahawk” club which was a local service fraternity. I was the Vice-President of the club. We raised some money for charity with various functions. My favorite charity event was a “Car Bash.” Basically, a local salvage yard donated a car from the salvage yard. I remember like it was yesterday. The salvage yard donated a 1976 Ford Station wagon that was this very ugly yellow faded paint. For \$5, students could hit the car once with a sledge hammer. I had to go through many obstacles to make this happen including working with the University of Northern Iowa legal department to draft a specific waiver of liability as to this task relieving the university of any liability for this hazardous event involving hitting a “junk” car with a sledgehammer. We donated most of the money to a local social services organization and kept some of the money for the Tomahawk club.

2. 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.

**Western Michigan University – Cooley Law School
300 South Capitol Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48933**

**Degree: Juris Doctorate
Date of Degree: May 2003
Rank: 77 out of 182**

3. 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 three (3) jobs during Law School.

I did not work my first year of law school. As part of the admissions process, they strongly discouraged employment in the first two (2) trimesters. I did not work the first two (2) trimesters as I wanted to focus on my studies and be off to a good start for law school. I didn't have to work but I wanted to earn some extra money and get a needed break from my law school classes.

- a. **Lansing Lugnuts. I worked as a seasonal employee in concessions for one summer in 2001 for the Single – A minor league baseball affiliate of the Chicago Cubs. One of my friends worked in the front office and I was considering working in Sports Law to possibly be a sports agent. I had fun working with other people for a summer. This possibly developed my love for cooking and especially BBQ as I worked a grill having a lot of fun which was a well needed break. I went to school year-round as Cooley Law School was a year-round law program. This was a part time position as I always was enrolled in school full time.**
- b. **Roberts Restaurant. I worked on off and at my future in-laws restaurant, which was 3 hours north of Lansing Michigan. I would work waiting tables or doing general kitchen work when there was a break in my law school trimester or when I was home with my girlfriend helping here and there only on the weekends where I was visiting, which was only a few times each Trimester. This was part time employment and gave me some extra spending money to help with my bills whereas school was my focus and completing a difficult law school curriculum. I worked there on and off from 2001 to 2003 when I finished law school. I also worked there from 2003 (after graduation) and until June of 2004 when I moved to Las Vegas.**

c. **Fraser Trebilcock Davis and Dunlap PC.** This was a full-service law firm in Lansing, Michigan. This was my first law office job that was an unpaid externship. My official title was “Gaming Law Extern.” In this wonderful position that I had in 2002, I was responsible for reviewing gaming law proposals, reviewing tribal gaming compacts, and attending regulatory meetings. During this time, I attended some law functions in Lansing, Detroit, Ontario (Canada) and one major convention, which was the Global Gaming Expo in 2002. During this time, I developed a love for Las Vegas. In the early 2000s, the economy was booming in Las Vegas, so I made the decision around that time to prepare sitting for the Nevada Bar Examination as there was more opportunity for me here in Las Vegas compared to a very saturated legal market in Southern Michigan.

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

I was involved in the Thomas M. Cooley Law Journal. While this activity took an enormous amount of time, this activity enhanced my legal writing and the ability to work on a deadline. I was involved with this for the 2002 academic calendar year.

As stated, I enjoyed working for Fraser Trebilcock Davis and Dunlap PC in Lansing. Cooley Law School required students as a condition of graduating to have an externship for Law School credit. The idea was to gain practical experience.

There was a Sports Law club at Cooley Law School and I was the Vice President of that. I was involved with the club from 2000 – 2003. I made some excellent contacts and had many friends that shared similar interests. We had sports agents come in as speakers and also some local entertainment lawyers. We would promote these events for speakers at school and it really was fun working with others. We also had some fundraisers which consisted of Silent Auctions and the money went back to the club to fund some local activities.

I also was a class senator from 2002 – 2003 for my Law School class. I was elected by my peers to work on activities and programs. Some of the student government meetings were budget-based where we would allocate the spending of student activity fees and have legal community events. I enjoy people and this activity provided a needed break from school.

Law Practice

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

2004

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

None

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.

No

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.

98% of my practice in the last 5 years has been involved with litigation at the District Court level with the occasional appearance in Traffic Court or Justice Court.

2% of my practice has been working on appeals with the Supreme Court of Nevada or the Nevada Court of Appeals. I have also argued one case in front of the Nevada Supreme Court on a very important issue of Child Custody jurisdiction.

16. Estimate percentage of time spent on (1) domestic/family and juvenile law matters, (2) civil litigation, (3) criminal matters, and (4) administrative litigation.

<u>Family Law cases:</u>	99%
<u>Civil litigation cases:</u>	1%
<u>Criminal matters:</u>	0%
<u>Administrative litigation:</u>	0%

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

All of my litigation matters have been set for non-jury trials. I had one civil case whereas there was a jury demand, but the case settled before a jury was selected.

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 never tried to conclusion a Jury Trial.

During this same period of time, I have done at least 30 Bench Trials tried to a decision and many of them, especially for calendar year 2018, have been multiday Trials.

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

**Goodsprings Justice Court
Henderson Justice Court
Henderson Municipal Court
Las Vegas Justice Court
North Las Vegas Justice Court
Eighth Judicial District Court (Civil and Family Division)
Nevada Court of Appeals
Supreme Court of Nevada
Fifth Judicial District Court (Nye County)**

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:

- case name and date,
- court and presiding judge and all counsel
- the importance of each case to you and the impact of each case on you,
- your role in the case.

Case #1

(a) **White v. White (2018)**

(b) **Eighth Judicial District Court (Family Division). Judge Lisa Brown Presiding. I was the only attorney associated with this case.**

(c) **This case was significant as it was a simple divorce case involving the allocation of student loan debt and other marital debt. I was trial counsel for the Defendant (husband). This case proceeded to Trial in August of 2018 and a decision was rendered the same day. Moreover, there was discovery that was done and the Plaintiff (wife) refused to timely cooperate in discovery. She also rejected a very favorable Offer of Judgment that I presented. This case was important because it was clear that the case should have settled. An unprepared litigant represented herself and did not do a good job. The Court was fair and followed the law. I had a very happy client that was also awarded \$2,500 in attorney's fees for being the prevailing Party. The impact of this case was how untimely trial exhibits should be excluded and how an Offer of Judgment can be used effectively against a litigant.**

(d) **My role in the case was trial counsel where I received a favorable divorce settlement determined by the Judge. All of my Trial exhibits were properly introduced into evidence and none of the Plaintiff's (wife) exhibits were introduced into evidence.**

Case #2

- (a) Castillo v. Castillo. (2015)
- (b) **Eighth Judicial District Court (Family Division). Judge William Potter presiding. I was the attorney for Denise. Attorney James Smith was the attorney for Edward.**
- (c) **This case was very important to me. The reason why it was important was that this case was an annulment case whereas the Husband was married to someone else at the time of his marriage to his Wife. There were three (3) children involved. Husband wanted a divorce and joint custody and Wife wanted primary custody and an annulment. The Court ruled in my favor and considered my creative argument as to “Community Property By Analogy.” I was also awarded attorney’s fees for being the prevailing party in this matter.**

Husband appealed. The matter was originally filed with the Nevada Supreme Court and then was “pushed down” to the Nevada Court of Appeals. That Appellate Court ruled that the Wife (even though this was an annulment case) was entitled to a quasi- community property share of the Husband’s State of Nevada PERS pension. That part of Judge Potter’s Trial decision was affirmed. The impact of this case was to get more experience at the Appellate Court level and also to take a “Void Marriage” matter to Trial and successful argue the “Quasi-Community Property” interest in the other litigant’s state retirement plan. The impact on me was doing the best job possible representing clients and doing the best job possible. I am still friend with this former client to this day.

The Court reversed the custody order and directed additional findings to support a custodial determination. Judge Potter prepared more findings and that confirmed that Wife would have Primary Custody of the three (3) children in the matter with an award of child support by way of a Minute Order that was done. I was directed to prepare additional findings and an amended Trial decision.

- (d) **My role in this very unique annulment case was Trial and Appellate counsel.**

Case #3

- (a) In the Matter of the Termination of Parental Rights as to: Gunner Theodore Lee Collins (2014)
- (b) **Eighth Judicial District Court (Family Division). Judge Mathew Harter presiding. I was the only attorney associated with this case.**
- (c) **This case was important for a variety of reasons. This was one of my first few Termination of Parental Rights Trials. There was no way I was going to let a violent person addicted to methamphetamine and heroin to have unsupervised contact with a toddler.**

At Trial, the Paternal Grandmother admitted to smoking Methamphetamine in the bathroom while the toddler was napping. My client, the Biological Mother, was engaged to be married. She was pregnant with her boyfriend's child and they had plans to marry. The idea was the protection of the child. The Father was clearly unfit and did nothing to focus on his sobriety and he refused to pay child support.

With a future step-parent adoption, the Court did the correct thing and Terminated the Father's parental rights because the relief requested was appropriate under these unique facts. Although a Termination of Parental Rights action is tantamount to a "civil death penalty," this was one of the few Termination Trials that I have conducted that I felt so strongly about that the facts and law was overwhelming on my side. The impact to me was that I became a better attorney as part of this case with a commitment to the protection of children.

The other thing is that this was a situation of "kids having kids" because my client was only 19 years old and not too many people can say their client in a family law matter was a teenager.

- (d) My role in this case was Trial counsel for Biological Mother and I worked on this case from the initial consultation to the successful Termination of Parental Rights Trial.

Case #4

- (a) Rose v. Rose (2011)
- (b) Eighth Judicial District Court (Family Division). Judge Gayle Nathan Harter presiding. Opposing counsel in this matter was attorney David Mann representing the Husband and I represented the Wife. This was my first Trial with Judge Gayle Nathan who did her job as I did mine throughout the pre-trial phase of the case and then the custody/relocation Trial.
- (c) The issue in this case was mainly deciding custody in this matter with a young married couple. They had very little assets/debts so that was easy to resolve. My client was laid off from her employer at the time that was going out of business – Circuit City. My client did what she could to find a job but could not. Money was tight. She had nowhere to go with her lease just about up. She had no money to pay food or rent. She should not be forced to be homeless. Her only option was to pursue primary custody of the children and to relocate to where her family was which was just south of Seattle. Money was very tight but what was interesting is one of her friends was my client from a few years prior. Her friend (and my prior client) helped her with attorney's fees. The impact was the importance of doing a good job for people and establishing healthy, positive relationships. It is now part of my regular practice to get referrals from prior clients when I get new clients as part of my law practice.

Relocation of children cases are the toughest and I am sure most judges do not enjoy making those tough decisions. However, my client of course did not want to be homeless.

The matter proceeded to a three (3) day Trial and after all of the evidence and exhibits were considered by the Court, the Court did the correct thing and granted the relocation, set reasonable alternative visitation for the Father, and awarded her custody of the children and granted the divorce. This case was very emotional and difficult. I did an excellent job with presenting this case for the judge to have all of the information to make a proper ruling on.

- (d) My role in this case was Trial counsel for Wife/Mother. I worked on this case from start to the conclusion which resulted in a 3 – day Evidentiary hearing to resolve all issues.

Case #5

- (a) Page v. Tom – Page (2008)
- (b) Eighth Judicial District Court (Family Division). Judge Bryce Duckworth presiding. I was the only attorney associated with this case as the Husband chose to represent himself.
- (c) This case was unique as this was the first Trial that I did over a decade ago where the other side did not have an attorney at any point in the litigation. There were no children in this case and it was just an asset/debt divorce. The Parties incomes were similar and the Wife moved out of the condo that was significantly “upside down” due to the recent crash of the Las Vegas real estate market.

The Husband wanted an order that he keeps the house and that since the house was around \$50,000 underwater (e.g. more owed than what the house was worth), he unsuccessfully argued that he keeps the condo and gets a judgment in the amount of \$25,000 against his Wife. The Court correctly ruled that there is a value of home ownership and therefore he gets 100% of the condo and 100% of the negative equity in the residence. My client was an ideal client and all of her goals were met.

The other thing that stands out is that my client and her husband had some antique swords. My client wanted a variety of things and the Husband wanted to be awarded some things. In my client’s Pre-Trial memorandum, she specifically wanted the sword collection.

The Husband omitted addressing what he wanted and basically told the judge at the hearing what he wanted. However, since he did not specifically say he wanted the sword collection, the Court awarded them to the Wife.

A few weeks after Trial, my client was in my lobby smiling as I was coming back from a Court hearing. She wanted me to know if I liked her “gift.” Not knowing what she was talking about, I had a confused look on my face. When I walked my client to my office, I saw the three (3) swords in question on my desk!

She wanted me to have them since it reminded her of her ex-husband and she always wanted to make sure that I would think of her. The swords – all three (3) of them – are still on a shelf hanging above one of the windows of my office. I am looking at the collection of swords as I type the answer to this question.

That day and every day since then, I was proud to be an attorney and the impact on me was by doing a good job on a case, you get rewarded in more ways beyond a billable hour. She is still my friend to this day.

(d) My role in the case was Trial counsel for the Wife and I handled each legal task in the case to a successful Trial decision.

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.

Mediation (UNLV – mediation supervisor): In 2010, I was hired by Ray Patterson, Associate Law Professor from UNLV, to work with 3rd year law students to help family court litigants resolve their dispute using an Alternative Dispute Resolution technique like Mediation. This was a great experience. I worked with law students teaching them goals of dispute resolution and the differences in mediation and litigation and it made me a better attorney. I enjoyed working with some of the attorneys that represented the litigants in the cases in this unique opportunity that I did for one semester.

Truancy Division Judge (Eighth Judicial District Court – Specialty Court): This is the one opportunity that took the most time and overall it was a great experience serving from 2010 to 2015. Working these six (6) years had many more good memories than bad. What this program is can be described as a diversion program. That are too many at-risk students in Clark County. Truancy is indeed a Gateway Crime. What I did is every Friday for the six years, I went to the school in question to meet students and monitor their academic progress, attendance, and other factors that were unique to the student. I wore a black robe and had a school police officer, a school staff member, a translator, and a social worker at all weekly meetings.

The first two years, I was at a school in a very poor area of town in the Northeast part of the Las Vegas Valley (Keller Middle School). Many students spoke English as a second language and had housing issues. This was a very poor area and bullying was a major issue. I was given the authority to order children to attend the “Life of Crime” program which was a program through the City of Henderson whereas current and former adjudicated criminals talk about their life and the choices they have made.

It was a reflection program to help educate the youth. I personally attended this program and most of the students in attendance were ordered to attend either by a Juvenile Delinquency Program or by the Truancy Diversion program. The students enjoyed the Police Dog demonstration attacking a person running in a body suit and they were basically tackled by a Belgian or German Sheppard and the dog's aggression was scary to say the least. The children also liked the taser and stun gun demonstration to show what non-lethal force that the police may use in appropriate situations.

The second program was called "Keep it Real" and it was also a diversion program. This one had the children actually go to the North Las Vegas jail and the children were told based on the Truancy and other bad acts they did, they would be spending the night in jail.

The children were dressed in jail clothing and the idea was to have children in a very controlled setting exposed to real adjudicated criminals. Many of the criminals enjoyed getting in the face of the kids and telling them that they are not that tough etc. Children were cursed and some of the prisoners made threats of sexual assault. While the prisoners were closely monitored, the idea was to break the children down to such a point that if they don't start making positive choices, they will end up on the wrong side of the criminal justice system. I personally saw one young man urinate himself when a very tough looking man – as part of the program – got about 2 feet away from the student yelling at the student and acting like an animal. What was interesting is that it was one of my students at Keller Middle School that I have never seen a child go from cocky to crying in under 3 minutes.

While it must have been embarrassing to publicly wet himself, he became an A-B student and attendance was almost perfect from that point forward. In other words, this young adult was "scared straight." It took this class that I ordered the young man to attend to really turn his life around and realize that childhood ends at some point and that going to jail is a likely option unless he makes some healthy choices in the near future.

The second two years, I was the Truancy Diversion Judge at South Continuation High School. I went to this school, like Keller, every Friday for 2-3 hours. This was a tremendous commitment, but I was up to the challenge and serve the school district. What I didn't like about this school is that it was a special or alternative school for children that were kicked out of at least two (2) schools. The children were basically one step away from Juvenile Detention. This was a violent school and it was regularly on lock down. What was significant is that this program was not effective at his school as the children were already deemed habitually truant and were at this Continuation school for a reason. I did help a few students turn their lives around so that made my attendance at this school worth but overall, I was ready to move on to the next school after my second year in this program.

The final school I was at for my last two (2) years in the Truancy Diversion Program was being the judge at Orr Middle School off of Maryland Parkway. This was an inner-city school with many problems. This school is located in a very poor part of town.

Many of the students that I would see when I volunteered by time every Friday during the school year from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. had no money for lunch, no clean clothes, no transportation to and from school, and the odds of success were stacked against them. I can only do what I can but I had an excellent team of professionals working with the students during our Court sessions at the school.

Some of the children were very motivated by snacks and McDonalds Gift Cards that I would occasionally bring to reward the students that were correcting their behavior that got them placed into the program in the first place. It was during this experience that I would also have some parents attend some of the sessions to really understand what the challenges at home were.

The bottom line is that I helped the most students in this school. This could be because I became very effective in this program and the children were eager to see me to properly motivate and educate them as they were taking the next step in their educational progress as they were becoming prepared for high school.

Although this was a major time commitment more than the other years, I walked away from the program knowing that I made Clark County a better place. I made a difference even if only for a handful of students. The experience was worth it but after 6 years, I decided to focus on my law practice and cutting back on some of the pro bono experiences I have done either with this program or representing clients through the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada in a Pro Bono Capacity.

Mediator (Eighth Judicial District Court Special Master): I was appointed in 2013 to get appointed mediation referrals at no cost to the litigants as a favor to the Court. I did this until 2015 when I was getting quite a few referrals from Judge Elliott and then Judge Moss. The role was unique as it was serving litigants an alternative way compared to an expensive Trial to resolve asset/debt or custody disputes. In some cases, I was asked to draft of Memorandum of Understanding that everyone would sign off of and then it would be submitted to the Court as an exhibit to the final Decree.

Mediator (State Bar of Nevada – Fee Dispute Committee): I was appointed by the Board of Governors to sit as a Mediator in fee dispute cases involving a client and their former attorney. This was a great position that I have served on since 2012 and this experience was unique as I heard each person’s side of the story and recommended a proposed non-binding solution to the fee dispute. In most cases, the actual amount that should be refunded or written off was somewhere in the middle of what the client wanted and what the attorney wanted.

Mediator (Private Mediation): I have done the occasional private mediation from 2007 to present. This is a terrific way to resolve disputes between people. Although I prefer when there are two attorneys involved, I have done some mediation with just individuals representing themselves. This is a great way to step out of the litigation role as needed.

Arbitration (State Bar of Nevada - Fee Dispute Committee): I was appointed by the Board of Governors through the State Bar of Nevada in Arbitration cases for fee disputes between a client and their former attorney. In this arbitration capacity, I am the one that makes the decision based on reading the briefs and considering the exhibits submitted. I would set the matter for a mutually agreed upon time for an evidentiary hearing. I would swear the Parties in and make a decision after reviewing the files. If the amount of question was over \$10,000, I was one of the three (3) member Arbitration panel. I was the lead arbitrator a few times where I did the Arbitration and submitted the findings and the decision to a Fee Dispute Panel where it was processed and then sent to the Parties.

What was unique is sometimes not always there was a unanimous decision. One of the three (3) members had to be a lay person from the community that was approved. From my experience, it was clear that the lay person more times than not agreed with the Arbitration Panel member that was inclined to award more fees to be returned to the client. Evidently, the general members of the public believe attorneys charge too much for legal services and therefore there was a real dispute and an actual binding decision was made after the hearing.

Arbitration (State Bar of Nevada - Client Security Fund): This was another State Bar of Nevada committee that I was on after I was appointed by the Board of Governors. What is interesting about this committee is that this is the committee that is there at the State Bar that regularly meets to provide restitution to victims of attorney dishonesty. To be eligible as a client to be part of this restitution process, the attorney must be one of three things:

- (1) Disbarred
- (2) Suspended
- (3) Dead

I have personally worked on cases involving terrible people who had major financial mismanagement issues such as the late-Barry Levinson and the incarcerated Rob Graham who is not disbarred serving a lengthy prison terms while he basically stole between 13 and 17 million dollars from good honest people. They are the cases that make me proud to be a good attorney whereas every profession there are a few bad ones.

This committee, which I did not seek reappointment for the next three (3) year term, put me in control as being an unpaid investigator with the State Bar of Nevada having access to confidential files and then making a recommendation on the agenda at the regular meetings to award victims of their own attorney's theft from the client trust account. While practicing law is a stressful profession, there is simply no justification to steal from a client trust account. What I like is that although I personally believe our annual member dues for the State Bar of Nevada are higher than most states, a portion of the member dues goes to fund the Client Security Fund reimbursement claims, so the money is well spent to help out honest people.

Pro Tem Judge (Las Vegas Justice Court – Small claims):

This is the most relevant of all of my recent legal experiences. I was appointed to be a Judge Pro Tem for Small Claims Court as part of Las Vegas Justice Court.

I have served the public in the official capacity as a Judge Pro Tem when I am called to serve which may be 1 or 2 times per month depending on when I am called to serve for this two (2) year appointment. The main job is to adjudicate small claims of litigants, which typically was landlord-tenant disputes, employment contracts, and other matters. There were some Payday Loan NRS 604A cases (high interest loans/title loans) as well where the lending institution had to sue a customer for non-payment on a consumer loan. Other cases were when a prisoner incarcerated in the State of Nevada is suing the state for money, typically for lost or stolen property. Those evidentiary hearings were telephonic.

I had conducted many evidentiary hearings to resolve the disputes and was responsible for typing up findings of facts, conclusions of law, and Trial decisions. This job was unique as it gave me judicial experience and made me a better attorney since first taking the bench in Justice Court in early 2017 where my term expires in December of 2018 subject to being re-appointed.

My first case ever in Justice Court while being the Judge was interpreting the enforceability of a Professional Matchmaker Contract, whether the “no refunds” clause should be enforced, what goods or services were provided as part of the contract, and which Party was in breach. This was about a 90-minute evidentiary hearing to get the facts in this matter and this was significant. I had “Trial by Fire” as my first matter was a Trial that I presided over.

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

The first thing I must state are the Pro Bono Awards I have received since my time being a licensed attorney. I am committed to helping the less fortunate have access to justice. During my time being involved in Pro Bono activities, I have improved the practice of law by not only giving me more experience but helping litigants navigate their way through the Family Court system.

The Specific Awards I have received as part of my Pro Bono works is as follows:

(1) Louis P. Weiner Award Winner – 2006. Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. This was the award that was given to Pro Bono Volunteers who have helped victims of domestic violence navigating their way to conclusion in a Family Law Case.

(2) Pro Bono Attorney of the Year – 2008. Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada.

- (3) **100 hour club.** Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. This was given to me every year from 2005 – 2011. This award was for attorney that volunteered over 100 hours of their time to individuals of lesser means. Although the American Bar Association goal is for attorneys to volunteer 20 hours of time through Pro Bono or Reduced Fee work, in this period of time, I substantially went above and beyond the call of duty as I expanded my horizons to get as much legal experience as possible in and out of the courtroom.
- (4) **Ask a Lawyer Program.** I have been a part of this program since this program began around 10 years ago. Basically, several times a year, I volunteer a Thursday afternoon at Family Court to answer questions to indigent members of the community who want questions answered or assistance with basic Self-Help Center Forms. I find this experience rewarding as it gives individuals confidence that they can file the appropriate forms with the Court and present their case to the Judge.
- (5) **Certificate of Appreciation – State Bar of Nevada: Access to Justice State Bar Award (2015 & 2017).** I received this award for Taking a Pro Bono Case, making a financial contribution to the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, and volunteering my time for taking at least one Ask a Lawyer Program. Both Amanda Roberts and I did these three (3) things so our law firm had 100% compliance with the law firm.
- (6) **Truancy Division Program (2010 – 2015).** As described in question 21, I gave many hours of Pro Bono hours as part of the Truancy Division Program where I was a judge volunteering 3 hours of time each Friday as part of the Specialty Court program from 2010 – 2015 under the supervision of Judge Jennifer Elliott in Department L. Interestingly enough, this is the Judicial Vacancy I wish to be appointed to. I personally received an award for my participation at the conclusion of each school year from Judge Jennifer Elliott.

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 Nevada Member	<u>(2004 to present)</u>
State Bar of Nevada Mentor for the TIPS program/new lawyers	<u>(2012 to present)</u>
State Bar of Nevada Family Law Section Member	<u>(2005 to present)</u>
State Bar of Nevada Fee Dispute Committee Member	<u>(2013 to present)</u>
State Bar of Nevada Client Security Fund Member	<u>(2013 to present)</u>
American Bar Association Member & Family Law Section	<u>(2004-2014; 2017 – present)</u>
Clark County Bar Association Member	<u>(2013 to present)</u>
Clark County Bar Association New Lawyer Committee	<u>(2005-2009)</u>
Clark County Bar Association Social committee chair	<u>(2017 to present)</u>
Clark County Bar Association Member (Executive Board)	<u>(2011 to present)</u>
Clark County Bar Association Member (Secretary/Treasurer)	<u>(2017)</u>
Clark County Bar Association Member (President - Elect)	<u>(2018)</u>
Clark County Bar Association Member (President)	<u>(2019)</u>
Mediators of Southern Nevada General Member	<u>(2005-2012)</u>

Mediators of Southern Nevada (President) (2009)
Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education Board Member (2012 – 2015)

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?

I am in compliance with all of me Continuing Legal Education Credits as a lawyer. I have taken many more courses than required and some of the credits carry over to future years for compliance reporting.

Over the past five (5) years, here are the following courses, seminars, or institutes that I have attended.

March 2013 – State Bar of Nevada Family Law Convention (Ely, Nevada)

- Supreme Court Update
- Evidence and the New Financial Disclosure
- Ethics and Civility Review
- Retirement Plan Division
- Trust Issues in Divorce
- Case and Legislative Update
- Making your Alimony Case
- Limiting Funding for Business Valuation and Admitting Reports

January 2014 – Bench Bar Meeting (Family Court – Las Vegas)

February 2014 – Mid-Year Conference (National CLE Conference – Las Vegas)

March 2014 – Transition into Practice Mentorship Program Part One – Las Vegas

March 2014 – State Bar of Nevada Family Law Convention (Ely, Nevada)

- Supreme Court Update
- Ethics
- Case and Legislative Update
- Effective Trial Strategies for Family Law
- Child Custody and Child Witness Issues

May 2014 – Family Law Domestic Rule Changes (NRCP 16.2 & 16.205) (Las Vegas)

June 2014 – Transition into Practice Mentorship Program Part Two (Las Vegas)

July 2014 – Bench Bar Meeting (Family Court – Las Vegas)

August 2014 – Bench Bar Meeting (Family Court – Las Vegas)

September 2014 – Transition into Practice Mentorship Program (Las Vegas)

January 2015 – Transition into Practice Mentorship Program (Las Vegas)

March 2015 – Transition into Practice Mentorship Program (Las Vegas)

March 2015 – State Bar of Nevada Family Law Convention (Ely, Nevada)

- Relocation Considerations in the Modern World
- 10 Things Every Family Law Practitioner Should Know About Wills, Trusts and Estates
- Legal Writing
- Tax Implications in Divorce
- Supreme Court Update
- Ethics
- Case and Legislative Update
- Domestic Violence: A New View
- Top Technology and Malpractice Traps and How to Avoid Them.
- Substance Abuse and Family Violence.

June 2015 – Bench Bar Meeting with Legislative Update (Family Court – Las Vegas)

July 2015 – Getting Paid From Engagement to Collection (Las Vegas)

August 2015 – Legislative Changes Affecting Family Law (Las Vegas)

October 2015 – Bench Bar Meeting (Family Court – Las Vegas)

December 2015 – Advanced Family Law Seminar (Las Vegas)

- Guardianship and long-term care planning
- Drafting Effective Motions for Attorney’s Fees and Costs
- Parallel Parenting
- Malpractice Traps in Divorce
- Partition Actions in Nevada
- Effective Cross-Examination
- Interstate Child Support
- Civility in Court
- District Court Jurisdiction After a Notice of Appeal.

March 2016 – State Bar of Nevada Family Law Convention (Ely, Nevada)

- Opening Statement
- Closing Statement
- Direct Examination
- Cross Examination
- Presenting Effective Evidence
- Deposition and Discovery Objections.
- Supreme Court Update
- Ethics
- Case and Legislative update

May 2016 – Bench Bar Meeting (Family Court – Las Vegas)

August 2016 – Bench Bar Meeting (Family Court – Las Vegas)

August 2016 – As Judges See It: Top Mistakes Attorney Make In Family Court (LV)

September 2016 – Contempt in a Nutshell (Las Vegas)

October 2016 – Bench Bar Meeting (Family Court – Las Vegas)

November 2016 – Pro Tem & Referee Training (Las Vegas)

November 2016 – The Basics of Family Law Trial

November 2016 – Bench Bar Meeting (Family Court – Las Vegas)

January 2017 – EDCR 5 New Rule Overview (Las Vegas)

January 2017 – Ethics in Government Law Set Forth in NRS 281A

March 2017 – State Bar of Nevada Family Law Convention (Bishop, California)

- Law Practice Management Parts 1 and 2
- Pathogenic Parenting and Reunification
- Transgender and Child Custody issues
- Speaking the Language of Gambling
- Domestic Tort Cases: Theories and Practices
- Top 10 Tax Tips for Making Divorce Less Taxing.
- Deposing Expert Witnesses
- Business Valuation Issues
- Supreme Court Update
- Ethics
- Case and Legislative update

December 2017 – Advanced Family Law Seminar (Las Vegas)

- **Death By PERS: Trips and Traps of PERS Retirement Division and Survivorship Options**
- **The Evolving Law of Relocation in Nevada**
- **Social Media in the Courtroom**
- **Old School Etiquette**
- **What is the Double Dip?**
- **Litigating the Double Dip**
- **Judicial Resolution of the Double Dip**
- **How to Ethically Represent Your Client Without Being Found in Contempt**
- **Using Technology in Trial to be Persuasive**
- **Recent Published Opinions and Pending Rule Changes**

March 2018 – State Bar of Nevada Family Law Convention (Bishop, California)

- **Litigation Essentials**
- **Understanding Human Trafficking: Legal Requirements and Lessons Learned From the Field.**
- **Trauma Informed Lawyering**
- **Increasing your Effectiveness in the Trial and the Appellate courts.**
- **Efficient Evidence**
- **Tax Changes and Bitcoin**
- **Substance Abuse and Recovery**
- **10 Tips to Understanding and Ethically Capitalizing on the Evolving Legal Market**
- **Supreme Court Update**
- **Ethics**
- **Case and Legislative update**

April 2018 – Bench Bar Meeting (Family Court – Las Vegas)

May 2018 – Bench Bar Meeting (Family Court – Las Vegas)

May 2018 – Federal Tax Considerations in Divorce Cases (Las Vegas)

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

I maintain Professional Liability Insurance.

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.

Please see the employment section to see what jobs I have worked at from a Restaurant, for a baseball team, half-way house, police departments, District Attorney's Office, UNLV, etc.

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:
- a. the nature of the business,
 - b. the nature of your duties,
 - c. the extent of your involvement in the administration or management of the business,
 - d. the terms of your service,
 - e. the percentage of your ownership.

Business Interest #1

- a. **I am the co-owner of Roberts Law Group d/b/a Roberts Stoffel Family Law Group. This is a law firm.**
- b. **The nature of my duties is to manage staff, generate profits with billable hours, assist in the marketing of the business, etc.**
- c. **I am a passive partner in the management of the business. Attorney Amanda Roberts handles the day to day financial dealings of the office such as paying office bills, managing payroll, etc.**
- d. **I have been involved as a Law Partner since 2010.**
- e. **I am a 50% owner.**

Business Interest #2

- a. **I am one of four owners of R & S Investment Enterprises Inc.**
- b. **I am just a listed business owner. I don't do any day to day duties with this real estate holding business.**
- c. **I don't actively do anything with this corporation as I only have one rental unit that is currently leased to a tenant.**
- d. **I have been involved with this Real Estate holding company since 2011 and the only purpose is for the investment real estate property. Currently I only have one rental house.**

e. I am a 25% owner of R & S Investment Enterprises Inc.

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.

I have never been an executor or trustee.

I have an ownership interest in Roberts Stoffel Family Law Group and I am on the IOLTA and Operating Accounts. I am a Law Partner. I am a 50% owner and make deposits and withdrawals as needed to operate my law office. I have been in this capacity as a Partner since 2010. Roberts Stoffel Family Law Group is located at 4411 South Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89121.

I was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Clark County Bar Association in 2017 and I am currently the President-Elect. I still have signing privileges to pay bills associated with the Clark County Bar Association. I have never made an actual deposit with the organization and do not handle money received. The Clark County Bar Association is located at 717 South Eighth Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. I do not have an ownership interest in this organization.

I am the current Treasurer of my 501(c)(3) organization I am involved with, the Nevada BBQ Association, from 2016 and I will serve in that role until my term is up in 2020. I am in charge of managing the Bank accounts and the Association's PayPal account. The Nevada BBQ Association mailing address is 5018 E. Monroe Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89110. I do not have an ownership interest.

Civic, Professional and Community Involvement

29. Have you ever held an elective or appointive public office in this or any other state? **No.**
Have you been a candidate for such an office? **Yes.** If so, give details, including the offices involved, whether initially appointed or elected, and the length of service.
Exclude political affiliation.

I ran for the appointment seat in Ward 3 for the City of Henderson in 2012. I did not get the appointment.

I applied to be considered for a Hearing Master Position in 2013 at Family Court. I was not appointed. I am also applying for a Hearing Master Position in 2018 while this application is being submitted as I won't know the results of this application while the period to apply for a recent Family Court Hearing Master Position was just announced and therefore I wanted to make sure I am considered for that position as well.

I ran a contested election for Family Court Judge, Department S, in 2014. I was not successful in the general election in November of 2014.

I was appointed to as a Pro Tem Child Support Hearing Master in 2016 for the Eight Judicial District Court. My term is up in 2018 and I have reapplied for this position. I have not been called to serve in this capacity as of yet.

I was appointed in 2016 as a Traffic Referee for the City of Las Vegas. My term is up in 2018 and I have reapplied for this position. I have not been called to serve in this capacity as of yet.

I was appointed as a Judge Pro Tem for Small Claims Court for Las Vegas Justice Court. My term is up in 2018 and I have reapplied for this position. I have served several times in this capacity.

I applied to be a Judge Pro Tem for Las Vegas Justice Court to hear civil/criminal matters. I was not appointed but I have reapplied for this position recently.

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

Many times in my law career I have taken part of significant activities that have helped people. However, the dates of offices held and leadership positions is contained in my answers in Question 23. Every day representing people I deem a significant activity.

Additionally, I have volunteered to judge Moot Court competitions several times in my legal career at UNLV – Boyd School of Law as well as being a judge in a few Client Counseling Competitions sponsored by the American Bar Association. I became aware of these volunteer opportunities through my involvement in the Clark County Bar Association.

I do not recall the specific dates. These volunteer opportunities were between 2010 – 2015. The reason I know these dates is because I was volunteering on behalf of Roberts Stoffel Family Law Group which was founded in 2010 and in 2015, I had to focus more on my business as I had other commitments that were utilizing my time.

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

I taught a CLE on Family Court Jurisdiction with Senior Judge Terry Marren in 2012 at the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. The purpose of this was to teach attendees where and how to file a child support and/or child custody action and if the matter was to be filed in Clark County, how a fee waiver of the filing fee can be obtained.

I have not taught any course at a law school.

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

(1) Nevada BBQ Association.

I am currently the treasurer of the organization. While cooking may be a hobby, this organization does a lot of fund raising and money is given to charitable organizations.

- (a) Pigs for the Kids: I have been involved with helping run the “Pigs for the Kids” fundraiser and my specific tasks have been promoting the event and helping run the judging of the BBQ competition. Last year, the Pigs for the Kids event raised over \$100,000 and the money was given to the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation, the Candlelighters organization, and the Cure for the Kids foundation. I did not handle any money transactions for this event.
- (b) St. Judes BBQ Competition: Each year since 2014, I have been involved with having a BBQ Competition out at the St. Judes Ranch in Boulder City. St. Judes houses abused and neglected children that are wards of the state. What makes this April competition exciting is that the Nevada BBQ Association Volunteers have an event out at the Ranch. In 2016, the Nevada BBQ Association bought two (2) gas grills for the Ranch so that the children could have some more variety in their diet such as grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. This is an annual charity event and I was in charge of organizing the judging of this event.
- (c) Ribfest: This event took place in 2016 and 2017. While the Nevada BBQ Association could not secure a location for 2018, plans are underway to have this competition in 2019. This is a Rib cookoff event where there is a BBQ competition and prize money is given away to top competitors. Most of the money, and thankfully there were some generous sponsors, was given to the Boys and Girls Club of Southern Nevada. We raised over \$15,000 in the two years of the event. I am the treasurer of the Nevada BBQ Association so I had to be very detailed in my accounting as to the expenses and the income for this event so vendors could get paid, prize money could be paid to winners, and the charity received their charitable donation.

(2) Chili Wars

This was an annual event for 2016 and 2017. Basically what it was a chili cookoff where the participants were either private attorneys or judges/court staff. There was no money but many of the attorney and family court judge volunteers were in charge of donations and getting goods/services donated to be part of the door prizes. I was in charge of all money for this event. Roberts Stoffel Family Law Group was always a sponsor of this October cookoff. I personally cooked Chili and won 1st prize in the 2016 competition. I smoked the Chicken Breasts for Attorney Amanda Roberts and she made a chicken chili which one 1st place for the 2017 competition. Not only was this event a lot of work, the purpose was to raise money for the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada and approximately \$1,500 was raised in two (2) years that this event occurred.

(3) Feed the City

This event will take place on September 30th, 2018 at Sunset Park. This is a charity event and the purpose is to provide free food to feed the local population, including homeless, low income, and the elderly. This is part of the random act of kindness for October 2018 while the Las Vegas valley is still recovering from the horrible tragedy from October 1, 2017.

I am one of the 58 “chefs” for the 58 Tables by 58 Chefs program. I am not sure what I am cooking that day but the point is that volunteer activities are important as the volunteers and local businesses work together to make a positive difference in our community. I am proud to call the Las Vegas valley my home.

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

2016 American Institute of Family Law Attorneys – 10 Best Client Satisfaction Award under 40

My Vegas Magazine – Readers’ Choice Award – Top 100 Lawyers in Las Vegas 2015

Award of Appreciation: Truancy Division Program 2010 – 2015

2014 National Academy of Family Law Attorneys award winner – Top 10 under 40

2012 to present Transition into Practice (TIP) Mentor for New Lawyers by the Supreme Court

2006 Louis P. Wiener Award Winner helping victims of domestic violence, Clark County, Nevada

2007 Mediators of Southern Nevada 44-hour Divorce/Custody/DV training attendee at UNLV

2006 – 2011 Pro Bono 100-hour volunteer, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Family Law Clients

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada Pro Bono Attorney of the Year and Small Firm of the year

Thomas Cooley Law School: I received the “Blue Book” award for the top possible score in my Law Office Management class.

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.
- (a) **Elvis Has Now Left the Building...the RIVERO saga continues. *Nevada Family Law Reporter Fall 2009, Volume 22, Issue 2. (State Bar of Nevada Publication – Family Law Section official publication).***
 - (b) **Two Views of the Senior Judge Settlement Program. #1: Attorney’s View: Senior Judge Settlement Conferences – the Best Bang For Our Clients’ Buck. *Nevada Family Law Reporter Fall 2009, Volume 22, Issue 2 (State Bar of Nevada Publication – Family Law Section official publication).***
 - (c) **The Top Things the Nevada CLE Board Wants You To Know. September 2013 *Communique (Clark County Bar Association)***
 - (d) **Get It Up Front: Alternative Fee Structures. June-July 2015. *Communique (Clark County Bar Association).***
 - (e) **The Court Giveth and the Court Taketh Away – The Right to be a Parent. September 2016. *Communique (Clark County Bar Association).***
 - (f) **Five Things to Know About Family Law. *Communique January 2017. (Clark County Bar Association).***
36. During the past ten years, have you been registered to vote? **Yes.** Have you voted in the general elections held in those years? **Yes.**
37. List avocational interests and hobbies.

I love to spend time with my family. As often as I can get away from my busy law practice, I do enjoy traveling. In the last couple of years, I have been to both coasts of Mexico and the primary reason was for Sportfishing. There is such a wide range of fish that can be caught down in Mexico that I enjoy deep sea fishing. I also love to cook and I am quite active with the Nevada BBQ Association in which I am the Treasurer. Cooking BBQ and being very meticulous on what food comes off my grill or smoker is important. I find cooking being a great stress release. I also enjoy volunteering my time which is a constant theme of this application.

Conduct

38. 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.

Other than minor traffic tickets such as speeding, I paid the fine but typically the speeding ticket would either be dismissed by attending an Online Traffic school or amended to a non-moving violation such as illegal parking in an attorney session.

Beyond that, I have never been convicted or formally found to be in violation of federal, state, or local law, ordinances or regulations.

39. 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?

No.

If yes, explain. If the disciplinary action is confidential, please respond to question 71.

40. 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.

41. 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.

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

No.

43. 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.

Other

44. 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.

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I applied to be a Judge Pro Tem for Las Vegas Justice Court to hear civil/criminal matters. I was not appointed but I have reapplied for this position recently.

45. 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.)

See attached answer for Question 45

46. 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.

In addition to what I have already provided in this application, I am committed and passionate to the practice of Family Law. I have attended the State Bar of Nevada – Family Law Convention each and every year from 2005 to present. By not even missing a single year, this shows the dedication I have to the practice of Family Law.

Since my practice has basically been exclusively in the area of family law since day one, I will be able to hit the ground running. I know of many legal issues that would regularly come before me. I am a quick reader and can process information accurately.

Lastly, I have judicial experience. Since being on the bench as part of my experience rendering decisions and having Trials, I have the necessary skills needed as I enter into another chapter of my legal career. I love Las Vegas and I look forward to this opportunity to serve the community in this judicial capacity.

47. 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.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

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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: Roberts Stoffel Family Law Group

Phone Number: (702) 474-7007

Address: 4411 South Pecos Road

From: January 2010 to Present

Supervisor's Name: Amanda Roberts

Supervisor's Job Title: Managing Law Partner

Your Title: Partner

Specific Duties: I had a full case load practicing exclusively in all areas of family law and doing some appeals. I would complete cases start to finish including legal drafting, motion practice, discovery, and Trials. I was the sole attorney working on my cases including doing the initial consultation.

Reason for Leaving: N/A

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: Las Vegas Justice Court

Phone Number: (702) 671-3232

Address: 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

From: January 2017 – December 2018 (I applied to be re-appointed recently)

Supervisor's Name: Angela Farris

Supervisor's Job Title: Justice Court Clerk II

Your Title: Judge Pro Tem

Specific Duties: I have served the public in the official capacity as a Judge Pro Tem when I am called to serve which may be 1 or 2 times per month depending on when I am called to serve for this two (2) year appointment. The main job is to adjudicate small claims of litigants, which typically was landlord-tenant disputes, employment contracts, and other matters. There were some Payday Loan NRS 604A cases (high interest loans/title loans) as well where the lending institution had to sue a customer for non-payment on a consumer loan. Other cases were when a prisoner incarcerated in the State of Nevada is suing the state for money, typically for lost or stolen property. Those evidentiary hearings were telephonic. I had conducted many evidentiary hearings to resolve the disputes and was responsible for typing up findings of facts, conclusions of law, and Trial decisions. This job was unique as it gave me judicial experience and made me a better attorney since first taking the bench in Justice Court in early 2017 where my term expires in December of 2018 subject to being re-appointed.

Reason for Leaving: I am still employed as a Judge Pro Tem and I serve when I get the call to serve and my appointment expires in December of 2018 subject to being re-appointed.

<p>Attachment A Employment History</p>
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Previous Employer: University of Nevada – Law Vegas (Boyd School of Law)

Phone Number: (702) 895-3671

Address: 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89154

From: January – May 2010.

Supervisor’s Name: Ray Patterson

Supervisor’s Job Title: Associate Law Professor

Your Title: Mediation Supervisor

Specific Duties: I was the first non-UNLV law professor to assist in the UNLV Asset/Debt mediation program at Family Court which was an Alternative Dispute Resolution Clinic. This program is still in existence today at Family Court as it gives 3rd year law students the ability to meet with very basic family law litigants who wish to attempt mediation to resolve their property/debt disputes. I had some training of what is necessary to have an effective mediation and I enjoyed teaching law students how to give litigants the tools for success as mediation is an effective alternative to high conflict litigation. I also would oversee the drafting of legal documents that the Parties would use for stipulated settlements.

Reason for Leaving: It was only a one term position and I completed my duties.

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Previous Employer: Hanratty Roberts Law Group

Phone Number: (702) 821-1379

Address: 500 South Rancho #3, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106

From: February 2008 – December of 2009

Supervisor's Name: Kari Hanratty, Esq.

Supervisor's Job Title: Partner

Your Title: Associate Attorney

Specific Duties: I was a busy practicing attorney handling all family law cases from the beginning to Trial. I had substantial client contact and did legal consultations.

Reason for Leaving: The law firm dissolved and both Partners went their separate ways to open separate law firms.

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Previous Employer: Michael Mushkin & Associates, P.C.

Phone Number: (702) 386-3999

Address: 4475 S. Pecos Road

From: November 2007 – February of 2008

Supervisor's Name: Michael Mushkin, Esq.

Supervisor's Job Title: Partner

Your Title: Associate Attorney

Specific Duties: I was an associate attorney. I had limited client interaction and my main duty was drafting legal documents. On a few cases, I did the Court hearings associated with a Motion or Opposition/Counter-motion. Most of the case load was a civil document with a few family law cases. I also did discovery on cases with the direction of Attorney Michael Mushkin. I assisted in the preparation for depositions that were conducted in the office.

Reason for Leaving: I decided that a civil practice was not where I needed to be. I enjoy people and the family law practice. My wife (Amanda Roberts) was a law partner at her own firm that I assisted her getting up and running in 2006-2007. At Hanratty Roberts Law Group, they recently had an associate attorney leave the practice, so they needed an associate and I was looking at returning to practicing Family Law. It was a logical fit to join Hanratty Roberts Law Group and I was there until the firm dissolved in December of 2009.

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Period of Unemployment:

From: End of September 2007

To: Early November 2007

Reason for Unemployment: The Steinberg Law Group (Henderson Location) was closed and I was out of a job. I took some time off during this period to go on a “CLE at Sea” cruise that was already pre-planned that was organized with the State Bar of Nevada and the Clark County Bar Association. I also took this time to interview at a few law firms and consider offers of employment prior to working with Michael Mushkin, Esq.

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Previous Employer: Steinberg Law Group

Phone Number: (702) 384-9664

Address: 4 Sunset Way Suite A-6, Henderson, Nevada 89014

From: September 2004 – September 2007

Supervisor's Name: Brian Steinberg, Esq.

Supervisor's Job Title: Partner

Your Title: Associate Attorney

Specific Duties: This was my first job with a full-time practice of representing clients in Family Law Matters. I worked with my supervisor the first 6-8 months of my time with the firm and then after that, I was able to maintain my own client list. I did the consultations and all legal work necessary, including motion practice, discovery, and Trials. This was a wonderful place to work and I had great support staff which was necessary as I was a new attorney at the time.

Reason for Leaving: The law firm (Henderson location) closed. The Las Vegas office that Attorney Steinberg almost exclusively worked at remained open as I was basically in charge of the Henderson location.

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Previous Employer: Agwara and Associates

Phone Number: (702) 385-4800

Address: 302 East Charleston #103, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

From: June 2004 – September 2004.

Supervisor's Name: Libo Agwara

Supervisor's Job Title: Partner

Your Title: Associate Attorney

Specific Duties: I was a brand-new attorney just getting experience. I assisted Attorney Agwara as needed on legal tasks such as drafting opinion letters, motions, opposition, initial documents, etc. I also did a quite a bit of legal research on legal topics at the direction of Attorney Agwara. This was a full-service law firm with construction defect, immigration, criminal defense, family law, traffic, personal injury, etc. I enjoyed the family law cases the most based on my experience and my personality.

Reason for Leaving: I found a full-time job at the Steinberg Law Group that was a better fit for me at this time of my career. As I enjoyed the family law cases the most, the Steinberg Law Group was a law practice that exclusively represented clients in Family Law and TPO matters.

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Previous Employer: Helm and Associates

Phone Number: (702) 258-0022

Address: 2330 Paseo Del Prado, Ste. C-103, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

From: June 2004 – June 2004.

Supervisor's Name: Kevin Helm Esq.

Supervisor's Job Title: Partner

Your Title: Associate Attorney

Specific Duties: I was an inexperienced new attorney with very little practical experience. This was a construction defect law firm. I did not have much support staff and did not enjoy going through boxes and boxes of discovery and representing corporations as a new attorney in a stressful environment. I assisted senior associate attorneys with legal tasks such as corresponding with opposing counsel, drafting discovery and responses, etc. I attended depositions to assist other attorneys in the firm for Trial. I watched videos of construction sites and summarized the expert's findings to assist the attorneys in litigation. I did not go to Court as part of my limited employment with this firm.

Reason for Leaving: I was only employed there for one month. I did not find the experience at this law office rewarding based on construction defect litigation. I was offered a job at another law firm that did more areas of practice compared to only construction defect. I had applied for the job at Agwara and Associates *before* I began working at Helm and Associates. I was offered the job 2 weeks *after* starting working at Helm and Associates. I gave notice of leaving and left on good terms to start a new chapter of my legal career at another law firm.

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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.

Previous Employer: Robert's Restaurant

Phone Number: (231) 582-9927

Address: 216 North Lake Street, Boyne City, Michigan 49712

From: June 2001 to June 2004.

Supervisor's Name: Karen Roberts

Supervisor's Job Title: Restaurant Manager and Owner

Your Title: Server and Short Order Cook/Kitchen Prep worker

Specific Duties: I worked on off and at my future in-law's restaurant, which was 3 hours north of Lansing, Michigan. I would work waiting tables or doing general kitchen work when there was a break in my law school trimester or when I was home with my girlfriend helping out here and there. This was part time employment and gave me some extra spending money to help with my bills whereas school was my focus and completing a difficult law school curriculum. I worked there on and off from 2001 to 2004 when I finished law school. I moved in with my future in-laws in August of 2003 and worked at the restaurant full time from August 2003 to June of 2004 to help pay my student loans that were becoming due. I was able to manage working at the restaurant full time and studying for the Nevada Bar Examination.

Reason for Leaving: I moved to Las Vegas in June of 2004 where I begin my legal career after I found out in April of 2004 that I successfully passed the Nevada Bar Examination.

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Previous Employer: Fraser Trebilcock Davis and Dunlap P.C.

Phone Number: (517) 482-5800

Address: 124 W. Allegan St Ste. 1000, Las Vegas, Nevada 48933

From: August 2002 – December 2002.

Supervisor's Name: Dave Waddell, Esq.

Supervisor's Job Title: Partner

Your Title: Gaming Law Extern

Specific Duties: This was a full-service law firm in Lansing, Michigan. This was my first law office job that was an unpaid externship, but I did receive law school credit which was part of the curriculum. My official title was "Gaming Law Extern." In this wonderful position that I had in 2002, I was in charge of reviewing gaming law proposals, reviewing tribal gaming compacts, and attending regulatory meetings. I drafted opinion letters and conducted some legal research on a variety of administrative and Native American issues because at the time, the State of Michigan had a very busy time regulating Native American Gaming throughout the State. During this time, I attended some gaming law functions in Lansing, Detroit, Ontario (Canada) and one major convention, which was the Global Gaming Expo in 2002 that was held in Las Vegas. During this time, I developed a love for Las Vegas. In the early 2000s, the economy was booming in Las Vegas, so I made the decision around that time to prepare sitting for the Nevada Bar Examination as there was more opportunity for me here in Las Vegas compared to a very saturated legal market in Southern Michigan with not much promise of a satisfying career.

Reason for Leaving: This was a one semester externship for Law School credit.

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Previous Employer: Lansing Lugnuts (Class-A minor league baseball team)

Phone Number: (517) 485-4500

Address: 505 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48912

From: May 2001 – August 2001.

Supervisor's Name: Her first name was "Megan." I do not recall her last name as this was seasonal summer employment working for the Baseball team was 17 years ago.

Supervisor's Job Title: Shift Supervisor at the "Baseline BBQ" food concession area.

Your Title: General Food Service Worker at the Baseline BBQ booth.

Specific Duties: I worked as a seasonal employee in concessions for one summer in 2001 for the Single – A minor league baseball affiliate of the Chicago Cubs. One of my friends worked in the front office and I was considering working in Sports Law to possibly be a sports agent. I had fun working with other people for a summer. This possibly developed my love for cooking and especially BBQ as I worked a grill having a lot of fun which was a well needed break. I went to school year-round as Cooley Law School was a year-round law program. This was a part time position as I always was enrolled in school full time.

Reason for Leaving: It was a summer part time job that ended when the baseball season was over.

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Period of Unemployment:

From: Early August 2000

To: Early May 2001

Reason for Unemployment: I moved to Lansing, Michigan from Dubuque, Iowa to attend Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan in August of 2000. I had money in my savings accounts and student loans to live on. This was my first year of law school and I made a choice that doing well in Law School by not working was the best decision for me.

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Previous Employer: Hillcrest Family Services

Phone Number: (563) 583-7357

Address: 2005 Asbury Road, Dubuque, Iowa 52001

From: May 1999 – August 2000.

Supervisor's Name: Julie Demmer

Supervisor's Job Title: Youth Care Worker Supervisor

Your Title: Youth Care Worker

Specific Duties: This was basically a “Halfway House” with troubled youth. I worked with several different groups of children and their probation officers. The children I had worked with were separated according to certain criteria whether it was sex offenders, violent, drug abusers, or lower functioning adjudicated juvenile delinquents. This was a tough job I had in the summer of 1999 and then full time after I graduated from the University of Northern Iowa from January 2000 to the time I left for law school in early August 2000. I ran several small group sessions, attended juvenile hearings, provided supervision for church outings or other recreational activities, etc. I also was a medical manager for my shift responsible for giving minor children prescribed medication such as Ativan, Thorazine, Ritalin, Depakote and other medications. I also had conflict training, so I could defend myself properly in the event there was a physical altercation with a staff member and a youth living at the youth home. I enjoyed this job but was prepared for the challenges as part of the job.

Reason for Leaving: I moved to Lansing, Michigan to attend law school in August of 2000.

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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.

Previous Employer: University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association

Phone Number: (319) 273-2311

Address: 1227 West 27th Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50614

From: August 1998 – December 1999.

Supervisor's Name: Julie Smith

Supervisor's Job Title: Supervisor – Alumni Services

Your Title: General Office Clerk

Specific Duties: I was in charge of working with my supervisor to market alumni programs. Some of the challenging part of the job was telemarketing getting alumni of the university to donate money or buy goods or services as offered through the various programs. I also did general office work such as organizing events, managing and updating the alumni database, and assist with on and off campus local events promoting the university.

Reason for Leaving: I graduated and relocated back to Dubuque, Iowa to live with my parents prior to moving to Michigan to attend Law School.

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Previous Employer: Cedar Falls Police Department

Phone Number: (319) 273-8612

Address: 220 Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

From: August 1998 – December 1998.

Supervisor's Name: Sgt. Mike McCallum

Supervisor's Job Title: Police Sergeant

Your Title: Planning and Research Unit Intern

Specific Duties: I worked in the Planning and Research Unit at the Cedar Falls Police Department where I was given the task of organizing raw data to be presented to the City Council such as where most of the car accidents took place in the city (civil engineering) and crime trends. I enjoyed this position as I worked with other police officers to present a meaningful report that was used by the local government, so recommendations could be made to improve the city of Cedar Falls, Iowa. This was a very busy semester working there and in addition to being a full-time college student. I worked with many other police officers preparing charts and other raw data as requested by the officers. This was more of an administrative job, but I was exposed to many different police policies and procedures as I had my own cubicle working on assigned tasks as part of the Planning and Research Unit. I also participated occasionally in the "Ride-A-Long" program where I was in the front seat watching first-hand police work such as pulling people over for traffic citations and seeing a couple of DUI's working in the evening as I had requested to get this first-hand experience from the initial stop, to the questioning, to the field sobriety tests, to the arrest, and then the processing of the Defendant with the local jail.

Reason for Leaving: It was a one – term job opportunity where I received college credit and was paid a small stipend for my work.

ATTACHMENT
QUESTION 45

45. 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.)

What sets me apart from my peers is the passion I have for becoming a Family Court Judge. Since becoming an attorney, my focus has always been on Family Law. Moreover, I have argued a case on Subject Matter Jurisdiction in front of the Nevada Supreme Court and I have other appellate experiences with both Appellate Courts in Nevada.

For my education, what sets me apart is I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Criminology and a Minor in Psychology. This Degree in the social sciences with a diverse education background has served me well as an attorney and will continue to do so as a judge. For my curriculum, I have taken many courses in drugs, criminal justice/sentencing, juvenile delinquency, etc. I have taken a course on psychology of the legal system and jury selection as well as other advanced psychology and sociology issues. I have worked in a local District Attorney's office assisting the assistant prosecutors with sentencing recommendations and I have witnessed first-hand law enforcement issues (including observing one DUI) as part of a "Ride-A-Long" internship at a local police department back in college in the 1990's.

Many litigants that would be appearing in front of me have mental health and substance abuse issues. A basic understanding of some of these issues is imperative to understanding the thought process of the human mind. The litigants' decisions affect the outcome of the matter.

In law school, 63 out of the 90 credits that were required to graduate were mandatory. Cooley Law School (which is now known as Western Michigan University at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School) was a tough school known for its difficult curriculum and strict attendance policy. Cooley Law wanted "chair-time" with their attendance policy and that was stressed.

Part of the classes that were required were not part of the core law school curriculum in most law schools. The Cooley Law first year program was as follows:

- Property I and II, Torts I and II, Constitutional Law I, Criminal Law, Legal Writing and Research, Contracts I and II, and Civil Procedure I.

Second year mandatory courses were as follows:

- Criminal Procedure, Constitutional Law II, Civil Procedure II, Professional Responsibility, Taxation, Equity & Remedies, Trial advocacy, Wills, Trusts and Estates, Business Organizations, Secured Transactions, and Evidence.

Third year courses were elective courses and the courses I took were in Alternative Dispute Resolution, Family Law, Law Office Management, Sports Law, Gaming Law, Election Law, Trial Advocacy, Federal Administrative Law, and Consumer Law. For one of the Trial Advocacy Courses, we were presented a case, basic discovery, a deposition transcript and then we had to file a motion (or an opposition) for summary judgment. The law student had to actually go to a Courthouse at a time set by the school and argue the motion. That was a wonderful (and successful) experience as this was the first time I had to “act like a lawyer.”

I have also served as a Pro Tem Judge for Small Claims in Justice Court for the 2017 – 2018 year. While not part of a criminal process, this experience sitting on the bench – black robe and all – gave me the confidence and the experience to resolve disputes consistent with the facts presented and what the evidence would support. I had to type up findings of facts, conclusions of law, and the actual Trial decision. I have the fortitude, courage, and ethics to do the job. Now that I have four (4) years of more experience since my run for Family Court Judge in 2014, I have the proven temperament, intellect and preparation that would make me an excellent addition to the bench. I have extensive courtroom experience both on and off the bench.

I am a big proponent of legal education. I have attended the multi-day Family Law Convention sponsored by the State Bar of Nevada every year since 2005 to present. Not every applicant can make that assertion. There was such a variety of courses in those 14 years

including cross-over topics such as criminal law, mental health issues, drugs, child custody and child testimony considerations, Trial advocacy. Attending this program annually has made me a better family law attorney.

Additionally, I am likely the only candidate that has served on the Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education as part of the Board of Directors up in Reno. I was appointed by the Nevada Board of Governors. The Board of Directors met quarterly up in Reno and made policy decisions and communicated with the Nevada Supreme Court regarding attorneys not in compliance with their CLE reporting requirements.

I am the only candidate that is on the Executive Board of the Clark County Bar Association (“CCBA”). In fact, I am the only President – Elect for the 2018 calendar year and I will be the President of the CCBA in 2019. I will be the face of that organization in 2019 which I look forward to that challenge. Current Family Court Judge Frank Sullivan was on the bench (as a Hearing Master) when he was president of the CCBA. I would like to follow in that path.

Being a Family Law judge presents unique issues such as those in taxation, criminal law, immigration, contracts, bankruptcy, etc. Besides my experience, my law school curriculum and CLE courses since becoming an attorney has been an asset as a practitioner.

In conclusion, I have an outgoing personality and I am a born leader. I love what I do and I am ready to take the next step to becoming your next Family Court Judge. I have run for office before and I know what I can do differently in 2020 to get elected and survive the retention election and I should continue to be on the bench after 2020.

Professionalism and integrity are important to me. I am a zealous advocate and have settled cases when the facts warrant that resolution. I am a hard worker and usually I am the first to arrive at my law office and the last to leave. This is the work commitment necessary to be successful in the practice of law and to be an effective judge.