

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

**By**

**Elham “Ellie” Roohani**

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(Insert applicant name)



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

**Personal Information**

**1. Full Name:**

Elham Roohani

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

No.

**3. Work Address:**

U.S. Attorney's Office  
501 Las Vegas Boulevard South  
Suite 1100  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

**4. How long have you been a continuous resident of Nevada?**

37 years

**5. Age:** (NRS 3.060 states that a district judge must be at least 25 years old.)

38 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.**

Please see Attachment A.

<b>Educational Background</b>
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- 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.**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
 Bachelor of Arts, Honors Distinction in Psychology, May 2004  
 Attended August 2000 – May 2004  
 Left upon graduation.

Ed W. Clark High School, AMSAT Magnet Program  
 Honors Diploma, June 2000  
 Attended August 1996 – June 2000  
 Left upon graduation.

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

**High School: (1996 – 2000)**

- KEY Club
  - Cali-Nev-Ha Conference Representative (2000)
  - Community Service Volunteer (1996 – 2000)
- Theater
  - Stage Manager and Cast Member: Slaughterhouse (2000)
  - Support Team (1999 – 2000)
  - Dance Support Team (1999 – 2000)
  - Student Director: The Outsiders (1999)
- National Honor Society
  - Member and Philanthropy Volunteer (1996 – 2000)
- Japanese Club
  - Member (1996 – 2000)
  - Philanthropy and Community Outreach Coordinator (1999)
- French Club
  - President (1999)
  - Philanthropy and Community Outreach Coordinator (1998)
- Varsity Quiz
  - Member (1996)
- Student Council
  - Assistant to Vice President of Assemblies and Athletics (1999 – 2000)
  - Assistant to Secretary (1998 – 1999)
  - Volunteer (non-elected position) (1996 – 2000)
- International Study Abroad – Biology Team Leader
  - Costa Rica (Summer 2001), Australia and New Zealand (Summer 2000); London, Paris, and Barcelona (Summer 1999)

**College: (2000 – 2004)**

- Baha'i Club, President (2000 – 2004)
  - Founder of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Baha'i Club
  - Coordinated and led all fundraising, events, philanthropy, and campus outreach events
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas Achievement Center, Student Researcher in the Child Maltreatment Division (2003 – 2005)
  - Drafted treatment manuals for substance-abusing mothers suspected/accused of child neglect
  - Provided family therapy, conducted in-take interviews, and wrote reports for client files
- University of Maryland College Park, Student Researcher in the Center for International Development and Conflict Management (Summer 2003)
  - Researched Irish literature, folklore, and tradition for anthology (published 2005)
  - Researched and edited "The Spiritual Heritage of the Human Race" textbook (published 2007)

**Extracurricular Activities:**

- Seven Valleys Realty, Intern (2000 – 2006)
  - Participated in entitlement process in City of Las Vegas, Clark County, and Henderson including drafting applications and proposing zoning changes, special use permits, variances, and other discretionary approvals.
  - Reviewed purchase, sale, and lease contracts for commercial and raw land transactions.
- Baha'i Children's Classes, Lead Teacher (1996 – 2004)
  - Taught ethics and values to elementary and middle school children during weekly meetings.
  - Developed curriculum and conducted training for other teachers.
- Fu Yue Chinese/English Foreign Languages College, People's Republic of China
  - Yueyang, China (Summer 2002)
    - Taught daily English classes to 150 adult professionals, university students, and primary school students.
    - Conducted weekly gatherings for school outreach and community development.
  - Zhuhai, China (Summer 2001)
    - Taught daily English classes to 150 primary school students.
    - Conducted community outreach in rural Chinese neighborhoods.
- Piano (1985 – 2005) – lessons and yearly recitals
- Ballet and Tap (1985 – 1999) – lessons, yearly exams, and recitals

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

William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Juris Doctor, May 2010  
Attended August 2006 – May 2010  
Rank: 49/155

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

After my first year of law school, I was employed part-time in various paid and unpaid positions as detailed here.

*William S. Boyd School of Law, Nevada System of Higher Education*  
Research Assistant to Professor Elaine Shoben  
Part-time May 2008 – June 2009

*Holland and Hart LLP*  
Summer Associate  
Full-time May 2009 – July 2009

*Snell and Wilmer*  
Extern under supervision of Snell and Wilmer for class arbitration  
Part-time January 2009 – May 2009

*United States Federal Courts*  
Extern to Judge Phillip M. Pro  
Part-time Fall Semester 2008

*Marquis Aurbach Coffing*  
Law Clerk  
Part-time May 2008 – August 2008

*Las Vegas City Attorney's Office*  
Extern Law Clerk, Civil and Criminal Divisions  
Full-time May 2007 – June 2007

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

- Law Review: Editor-in-Chief, Nevada Law Journal, 2009 – 2010  
Junior Staff, Nevada Law Journal, 2008 – 2009
- Publications: *Covenants Not to Compete in Nevada: A Proposal*, 10 NEV. L.J. 260 (2010).  
Pro Bono? Do I have to be legally blonde to sign up?, Clark County Bar Association COMMUNIQUE, (May 2008).
- Honors: Commencement Speaker, UNLV Law Graduation, May 2010  
Dean's Award, May 2010  
Recipient, William & Alberta Stern Law Scholarship, 2009  
Philip Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Qualifier 2009  
Dean's List, 2008, 2009  
Recipient, Community Service Scholarship, 2008  
First Place, Clark County Moot Court Competition, 2007  
Student of the Year, Community Service Program, 2007  
Student of the Semester, Community Service Program, 2007
- Externships: The Honorable Philip M. Pro, United States District Judge, 2008  
Las Vegas City Attorney's Office – Civil and Criminal Divisions, 2007
- Leadership: La Voz, Hispanic Law Student Association:  
Founding Member, Philanthropy Chair, Vice President of Fund Raising, Secretary, 2006 – 2010  
Huellas Mentorship Program, Founding Member, 2007
- Activities: Black Law Students Association, 2006 – 2010  
Minority Law Students Association, 2007 – 2010  
Pro Bono Project, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, 2008  
Clark County School District Reading Week, Volunteer, 2006 – 2010
- Clinics: Mediation Clinic, Spring 2010  
Student Mediator, Neighborhood Justice Center, Spring 2010

**Law Practice**

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

2010

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

N/A

**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.**

Trial: 65%

Appellate: 35%

**16. Estimate percentage of time spent on:**

(1) domestic/family and juvenile law matters: <5%

(2) civil litigation: 5%

(3) criminal matters: 95%

(4) administrative litigation: <5%

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

65% of my cases involved cases set for jury trial. The remainder involved cases on appeal.

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

I have tried six felony jury trials as lead counsel.

I have tried one felony bench trial as lead counsel.

I have tried four felony jury trials as co-counsel.

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

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit  
 United States District Court for the District of Nevada  
 Nevada Supreme Court

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

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

1. *United States v. Brandonn Pruitt*, 2:16-cr-285-APG-NJK(A) **Date of Representation:** 2016 – 2021(B) **Court and Judge:** D. Nev., Judge Andrew Gordon**Co-counsel:**

Christopher Burton  
 501 Las Vegas Boulevard South #1100  
 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101  
 (702) 388-6336

**Opposing Counsel:**

Heidi Ojeda and Raquel Lazo  
 411 East Bonneville Avenue  
 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101  
 (702) 388-6577

(C) **Importance and Impact:**

Pruitt persuaded and recruited a 14-year-old girl to prostitute for him. For three years, Pruitt convinced the girl to stay with him and arranged her travel from California to Las Vegas to engage in commercial sex acts. He acted as the victim's pimp, took photos of her that were posted online for prostitution "dates," and booked hotel rooms for the "dates." Pruitt used violent force and the victim's romantic feelings for him to coerce and entice her compliance. After he was arrested, Pruitt tampered with the victim and attempted to prevent her from cooperating with law enforcement in prosecuting the federal criminal charges. Pruitt also unlawfully possessed two stolen guns.

Before trial, Pruitt sought to suppress his pre-*Miranda* statements and items seized from an apartment (including a firearm, drugs, and a journal). The first trial resulted in convictions for felon in possession of a firearm and witness tampering, with a hung jury verdict on two other counts. One month later, the second trial resulted in guilty verdicts on the sex trafficking and transportation for prostitution counts. The Ninth Circuit affirmed the conviction and ordered a limited remand for consideration of a minor sentencing matter. *See United States v. Pruitt*, 839 F. App'x



90, 95 (9th Cir. 2020)

This case is significant because the litigation was extensive and required creative problem solving, including a material witness warrant to ensure the victim was available to testify at trial.

(D) **Role:**

I led the federal investigation into the sex trafficking charges as well as the subsequent witness tampering investigation. I presented the case to the Grand Jury and first-chaired the suppression evidentiary hearing and both trials.

2. *United States v. Lonny Ditirro*, 2:16-cr-216, KJD-VCF

(A) **Date of Representation:** 2016 – 2021

(B) **Court and Judge:** D. Nev., Judge Kent Dawson

**Co-counsel:**

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**Opposing Counsel:**

Brian Smith  
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(C) **Importance and Impact:**

A concerned citizen gave Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department responding officers an SD card belonging to Ditirro that contained child sexual abuse images and videos, including images depicting infants, toddlers, sadomasochism, and violence. The SD card also contained child sexual abuse images of over 50 girls that Ditirro produced. Ditirro fiercely litigated the underlying case moving through several attorneys. He sought to suppress all evidence obtained as a result of a search warrant and his post-*Miranda* statements.

This case was significant because I had to work with several victims who were initially not comfortable testifying, including several girls who Ditirro severely traumatized when he raped them, and two others who were uncooperative due to parental pressure. Upon working with the girls and gaining their trust, I was able to obtain the needed testimony. Also, I sought justice for 45 unidentified victims of Ditirro's crimes. This case remains personally impactful to me because Ditirro's victims still reach out to me to update me on their ongoing therapy and life events.

(D) **Role:**

I led the federal child exploitation investigation, as well as continued investigation to identify almost 50 child victims. I continue to be involved in the investigation due to Ditirro's

custodial misconduct and sextortion of adult victims from prison. I presented the case to the Grand Jury, drafted all written briefing, including opposing multiple motions to suppress, tried the case as lead counsel, and litigated the subsequent appeal in which the Ninth Circuit affirmed the conviction and sentence. *See United States v. Dittiro*, 835 F. App'x 280 (9th Cir. 2021).

3. *United States v. Jan Rouven Fuechtener*, 2:16-cr-100-GMN-CWH

- (A) **Date of Representation:** 2016 – 2019  
 (B) **Court and Judge:** D. Nev., Judge Gloria Navarro

**Co-counsel:**

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 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101  
 (702) 388-6336

**Opposing Counsel:**

Karen Connolly (motion to withdraw plea agreement)  
 6600 West Charleston Boulevard # 124  
 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146  
 (702) 678-6700

- (C) **Importance and Impact:**

Fuechtener shared numerous child sexual abuse files on a peer-to-peer file sharing program. Law enforcement found over 9,000 images and videos on nine devices collected from Fuechtener's home depicting children engaging in sexually explicit conduct. Fuechtener distributed child pornography to other pedophiles in exchange for watching a father sexually assault his daughter, and was coordinating to drug and sexually molest a young boy.

After pleading guilty on the fourth day of a bench-trial pursuant to a plea agreement, Fuechtener sought to withdraw his guilty plea. I opposed the motion in writing and litigated a five-day evidentiary hearing. The hearing included five prior defense attorneys as witnesses, as well as a pre-trial detainee.

This case was significant based on intense media interest because Fuechtener was the headlining magician at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino at the time of his indictment. Additionally, it was impactful because it required coordinating with more than 10 defense attorneys who Fuechtener retained, fired, and accused of ineffectiveness over the course of the years-long litigation. Finally, it continues to resonate with me because I litigated a motion to restrain funds while on maternity leave when Fuechtener was attempting to transfer funds to a co-conspirator to avoid paying restitution to the victims. This litigation created favorable precedent in an emerging civil/criminal issue. I was able to secure almost one million dollars for restitution and fines, which went directly to victims and victim services.

**(D) Role:**

I was lead counsel during the trial. I negotiated the plea agreement. I litigated a five-day evidentiary hearing. I defended the conviction and sentence on direct appeal. *See United States v. Fuechtener*, No. 19-10097, 2020 WL 6707338, at \*1 (9th Cir. Mar. 9, 2020), *reconsideration denied* (May 15, 2020), *cert. denied*, 141 S. Ct. 852, 208 L. Ed. 2d 425 (2020).

4. *United States v. Justin and Joshua Fisher*, 2:17-cr-73-APG-GWF**(A) Date of Representation:** 2016 – 2021**(B) Court and Judge:** D. Nev., Judge Andrew Gordon**Co-counsel:**

Christopher Burton  
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89101  
702-388-6336

**Opposing Counsel:**

Thomas Pitaro (for Justin Fisher)  
601 South Las Vegas Boulevard  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101  
(702) 382-9221

William Terry (for Joshua Fisher)  
530 South 7th Street  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101  
(702) 385-0799

**(C) Importance and Impact:**

Justin Anthony Fisher and Joshua Ray Fisher, identical twins, sexually exploited dozens of girls they met on a cell-phone-based messaging service. Justin Fisher sexually exploited a 14-year-old girl and a 15-year-old girl. He lied to the underage victims about his age, convinced them that they were in a romantic relationship, and directed the victims to take nude photos of themselves to send to him. Justin had sex with the victims and produced pornographic images of their sexual encounters. Later, he conspired to and attempted to stop one of his victims from cooperating with law enforcement. Justin shared the sexually explicit images of both underage victims with his twin and others over the internet.

Joshua Fisher sexually exploited a 14-year-old girl. The abuse began when the victim was 11 years old. Joshua instructed her how to pose during live chats so that he could take screenshots of her engaging in sexually explicit conduct. Joshua shared these images with his twin. Joshua directed the underage victim to destroy evidence implicating him. Further, while in custody pending trial, the twins conspired to have their older brother destroy evidence. A concerned citizen's call allowed law

enforcement to retrieve electronic devices, which revealed at least 50 additional unidentified victims.

The Fishers filed numerous suppression motions, one which led to an evidentiary hearing involving experts and in which the government prevailed. Notwithstanding the favorable outcome, I negotiated the case pretrial to protect the child victims from needing to testify about their abuse in front of strangers.

This case was significant because I represented several girls, including a girl with developmental delays, an uncooperative victim, and a victim whose parents were both heavily involved with the case. It was impactful because I convinced the district judge to treat the Fishers' wives and children as victims giving them a voice at sentencing under the Crime Victim Rights Act. This created favorable precedent in the district.

(D) **Role:**

I led the federal child exploitation investigation, as well as the continued investigation to identify almost 50 child victims. I led the witness tampering investigation, cross-coordinating with multiple jurisdictions. I presented the case to the Grand Jury, produced all written briefing in the case, including opposing multiple motions to suppress, and am assigned to litigate the appeal.

5. *United States v. William Thompson*, 2:13-cr-368-JAD-VCF

(A) **Date of Representation:** 2016 – 2020

(B) **Court and Judge:** D. Nev., Judge Jennifer Dorsey

**Co-counsel:**

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**Opposing Counsel:**

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Las Vegas, Nevada 89101  
(702) 388-6577

(C) **Importance and Impact:**

This was a child exploitation enterprise multi-defendant case. William Thompson took sexually explicit photos and videos of a 10-year-old boy under the ruse that Thompson was a professional photographer and wanted to assist the boy in getting sponsored as a professional skateboarder. After he was released on house arrest, Thompson absconded. While on the lam, Thompson contacted at least six boys at a California Skate Park and told the boys he was a “scooter sponsor.” He and his co-conspirators provided the boys with gifts to induce their compliance and to recruit other minors to be part of the “team” that he claimed he

wanted to sponsor. In reality, Thompson and others recruited the “team” with the intention to produce child pornography and to sexually abuse the boys. Over a six-month period, Thompson produced over 20,000 images and videos depicting sexually explicit content of the children. These images make up at least two of the most widely shared series of child pornography images on Earth. Thompson and a co-conspirator created multiple websites to distribute the child pornography he created. When Thompson was arrested during a traffic stop in Arizona, law enforcement found over one million images of child sexual exploitation on his digital devices.

This case is significant because when I joined the USAO, the case had been indicted but plea negotiations had broken down with multiple prosecutors. After meeting with the victims and their attorneys, I was able to negotiate plea agreements with the two appearing defendants, while cross-coordinating with two different jurisdictions regarding other defendants, which resulted in substantial sentences and spared the child victims from needing to testify about their sexual exploitation.

(D) **Role:**

I was co-lead counsel on this case. I negotiated the case and appeared at sentencing.

**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.**

Student Mediator, Neighborhood Justice Center, Spring 2010

As a student mediator, I volunteered at the Neighborhood Justice Center once a week during the semester and also when asked on days I was not scheduled to volunteer. I mediated neighbor disputes ranging from barking dogs to where dumpsters were located. I also mediated several contract disputes allowing the participants to avoid civil litigation.

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

Due to my work for the federal courts as a law clerk, and as an Assistant United States Attorney with the Department of Justice, I have been conflicted out of providing pro bono legal service. These limitations notwithstanding, I have volunteered in programs related to the legal profession, including serving as: a judge for the Minority Law Student Association Street Law Mock Trial Program, a judge for the UNLV-USC Rebel Trojan Mock Trial Tournament, a Judge for various events at the law school, a mentor for Clark High School’s Street Law Pre-Law Program, a volunteer for the Pro Bono Project through the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (while in law school); an attorney mentor for La Voz’s (Latino Law Student Association) Huellas (“footprints”) Mentorship Program; a presenter for the Latino Bar Association’s bar exam series; and a judge on the Andale! Scholarship Committee with the Latino Bar Association.

**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.**

Howard D. McKibben American Inn of Court – Barrister (January 2021 admitted)  
Latino Bar Association

- Andale! Scholarship Committee, Judge (2021)
- Latino Bar Association, Bar Prep Presentation Speaker (2020)

**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 continuing legal education requirements applicable to attorneys.

TITLE OF COURSE	DATE ATTENDED
Criminal Supreme Court Update 2021	September 9, 2021
Federal Sentencing Guidelines Webinar Series (Advanced) - Day Two	August 18, 2021
2021 District Court Conference	May 25, 2021
Employment Law 2021	May 18, 2021
Latinxs in the Law: Career Perspectives	March 26, 2021
With a Little Help From the Feds	March 16, 2021
How The Press Does Its Job	February 16, 2021
Federal Sentencing Guidelines: Economic Crimes And The Sentencing Guidelines	February 4, 2021
Federal Sentencing Guidelines: Guns, Drugs, And The Sentencing Guidelines	February 3, 2021
Federal Sentencing Guidelines: Relevant Conduct In Federal Sentencing	February 2, 2021
Substance Abuse and Competence: What Every Attorney Needs to Know	November 30, 2020
Ethics Training	October 28, 2020
Supreme Court Update 2020	July 29, 2020
Substance Abuse & Mental Health in The Legal Practice: What You Need To Know	December 5, 2019
Professional Responsibility: Supervision of Non-Lawyers, Contact with Represented Persons	November 6, 2019
Fail to Understand this at Your Peril: New FRCrimP 16.1 on Criminal Discovery	October 8, 2019
Annual Government Ethics Training	September 16, 2019
Alcoholism & Prescription Drug Abuse in The Legal Profession	December 3, 2018
Appellate Advocacy Seminar	October 22, 2018

Project Safe Childhood Advanced Online Child Exploitation Seminar	July 10 – 11, 2018
Discovery Training	June 27, 2018
Second Annual Complex Issues Intersecting with Human Trafficking Conference	June 19, 2018
Project Safe Childhood Sentencing Seminar	March 27, 2018
Lawyering Under the Influence: Identifying Understanding, & Reporting	November 30, 2017
Stand Up CLE: The Dirty Dozen (Part 1)	December 11, 2017
Annual Government Ethics Training	November 15, 2017
Criminal Discovery Training <i>Brady/Giglio</i> Hot Topics & Forensics & Electronic Communications	November 1, 2017
Is It A Crime of Violence: Update On The Chaos From <i>Taylor Through Dimaya</i>	September 7, 2017
Don't Let the Investigators Get You Down: The Ethics of Representing a Clint During a Law Enforcement Investigation	December 29, 2016
Criminal Federal Practice/ Discovery Boot Camp for New Prosecutors Seminar	August 15 – 19, 2016
28th Annual Crimes Against Children Conference	August 8 – 11, 2016

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

I work for a governmental agency.

**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.**

Yes.

Fremont Children's Clinic  
 April 2004 – May 2005  
 Patient Services Representative



**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,**
- c. the terms of your service,**
- d. the percentage of your ownership.**

I have not served as a manager, officer, or director of any business enterprise.

**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 not served in this capacity.

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

I have never held elective or appointive public office in this or any other state.

I have not been a candidate for such an office.

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

Leadership Las Vegas, Class of 2022

U.S. District Court, District of Nevada

Lawyer Representative, July 2021 – present

Pro Bono Committee Member, November 2020 – present

Attorney Admissions Fund Committee Member, July 2021 – present

District Court Conference Planning Committee Member, July 2021 – present

U.S Department of Justice

Special Emphasis Programs Black Affairs Coordinator, 2017 – present

Attorney General’s Clemency Project Application Reviewer, 2019 – 2021

Anti-Harassment Coordinator, 2016 – 2020

Project Safe Childhood Coordinator, 2016 – 2019

Las Vegas Baha’i Community, U.S. Senate Delegation, 2014 – present

Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada, Planning Committee, 2008 – present



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

<b>Type</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>
Presentation/Lecture	Women in the Justice System Seminar: Background Checks, October 2019	This was a panel discussion and lecture on governmental service presented with various law enforcement agencies and the public defender's office to current college students. I discussed how federal background checks proceed, the considerations and questions asked, and why these types of clearances are required to work on different types of cases.
Presentation/Lecture	Women in the Justice System Seminar: Working Harder and Smarter, April 2019	This was a panel discussion and lecture on governmental service presented with various law enforcement agencies and the public defender's office to current college students. I discussed barriers that I have overcome as a woman of color in a male-dominated profession, including social science and nationwide diversity statistics. The presentation also included considerations and advice for young women entering the field.
Presentation/Lecture	Crimes Against Children Online Investigations Training, April 9, 2019	I presented recent developments in federal case law to members of the Internet Crimes Against Children task force. I also fielded extensive questions and advised on constitutional issues and the intersection of Nevada and federal laws for cross-deputized law enforcement agents.
Presentation/Lecture	UNLV Mock Trial Class, November 13, 2018	I presented strategies and tactics for effective trial presentation, openings, closings, and the use of visual aids and demonstrative exhibits. I also fielded questions from students interested in governmental public service.

Continuing Education	2nd Annual Complex Issues Intersecting With Human Trafficking Conference, Ethical Charging Decisions and Cross-Jurisdiction Collaboration, June 20, 2018	I presented regarding ethical, moral, and legal considerations for investigating and prosecuting child sex trafficking, adult sex trafficking, and labor trafficking offenses. I also explained why cross-jurisdictional collaboration is essential in obtaining justice for victims and providing treatment for defendants.
Presentation/Lecture	Legal Update: Interagency Cross Delegation Training, November 14 – 15, 2017	I presented recent updates on constitutional law, including Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendment issues.
Presentation/Lecture	The Complex Issues Intersecting with Human Trafficking Conference, April 12 – 13, 2017	I presented legal considerations for investigating and prosecuting child sex trafficking, adult sex trafficking, and labor trafficking offenses. The presentation also included social science research about offenders and nationwide sentencing trends.
Presentation/Lecture	Legal Update: Homeland Security Investigations, Search Warrants, Tracker Warrants, and Wiretaps, December 2, 2016	I presented recent updates on constitutional law, search warrant, pen register, and wiretaps applications, legal standards, and the parameters of those investigatory tools.
Presentation/Lecture	Legal Update: Interagency Cross Delegation Training, November 14 – 15, 2016	I presented recent updates on constitutional law, including Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendment issues.
Course	Judicial Writing, Spring Semester 2014	I taught a legal writing course focused on judicial writing ( <i>i.e.</i> , how judges write) and writing for judges ( <i>i.e.</i> , how law clerks write). The course also included instruction on research and writing problems typically handled by trial or appellate courts. Some sessions were spent on exploring the role of the courts, the internal

		workings of chambers, and ethical obligations of judges and court staff.
Course	Advanced Legal Analysis, Spring Semester 2011, Spring Semester 2012	I taught a course focused on analysis and writing about complex legal problems. It included instruction on interpreting authorities and using various forms of legal reasoning, types of argument, and techniques for clear and effective writing.

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

Leadership Las Vegas, Class of 2022  
 Las Vegas Baha'i Community, U.S. Senate Delegation Member  
 Children's Class – Teacher and Coordinator  
 Kiwanis Club of Southwest Las Vegas, Member  
 Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada, Planning Committee and Moderator  
 Latino Bar Association, Bar Prep Presentation Speaker  
 UNLV-USC Rebel Trojan Mock Trial Tournament, Judge  
 UNLV 17th Annual Moot Court Competition, Judge  
 UNLV 16th Annual Moot Court Competition, Judge  
 UNLV Law School Moot Court Oral Arguments, Judge  
 Clark County School District We the People, Judge (December 2012)

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

Special Act Awards, United States Attorney's Office, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

- Outstanding Performance (multiple times)
- Outstanding Mentorship (multiple times)
- Training Committee (multiple times)
- Human Trafficking Conference Team (multiple times)

Commendable Performance, LVMPD/FBI Child Exploitation Task Force, 2020  
 Five Year Government Service Award, U.S. Department of Justice, 2017  
 Commencement Speaker, UNLV Law Graduation, May 2010  
 Dean's Award, UNLV Law, May 2010  
 Dean's List, UNLV Law, 2008, 2009  
 Commendable Service to the Community, Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada, 2009  
 William & Alberta Stern Law Scholarship, UNLV Law, 2009  
 Community Service Scholarship, UNLV Law/LACSN, 2008  
 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition Qualifier, UNLV Law, 2009  
 First Place, Clark County Moot Court Competition, Clark County Bar Association, 2007  
 Student of the Year Community Service Program, UNLV Law/LACSN, 2007

Student of the Semester, Community Service Program, UNLV Law/LACSN, 2007  
 Undergraduate Student Research Award, UNLV, 2003, 2004  
 Dean's List, UNLV, 2003, 2004  
 University Honors Scholar, UNLV, 2004  
 Millennium Scholar, UNLV, 2004

- 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.**

I have never been a member of, nor do I currently belong to, any club or organization that in practice or policy restricts its membership (or restricted during the time of my membership) on the basis of race, religion, creed, national origin or sex.

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

**Articles:**

- Romero, V., Hill, H., Roohani, E., Karlack, K., & Donohue, B. (2004). *Development of a Treatment Manual for Parental Substance Abuse and Child Neglect*. Poster presented at the annual Western Psychological Association, Portland, Oregon.
- Ellie Roohani, *Pro Bono? Do I have to be legally blonde to sign up?*, Clark County Bar Association COMMUNIQUÉ, (May 2008).
- Elham Roohani, *Covenants Not to Compete in Nevada: A Proposal*, 10 NEV. L.J. 260 (2010).
- Ellie Roohani, *Appellate Advice from District Judges*, 2019 Summer Edition, AM. BAR. ASS'N APPELLATE ISSUES, [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/judicial/publications/appellate\\_issues/2019/summer/appellate-advice-from-district-judges/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/judicial/publications/appellate_issues/2019/summer/appellate-advice-from-district-judges/) (Sept. 6, 2019).
- Ellie Roohani, *Can You Hear Me Now?: What COVID-19 Taught Us About Technology*, 2021 Summer Edition, AM. BAR. ASS'N APPELLATE ISSUES, [https://www.americanbar.org/groups/judicial/publications/appellate\\_issues/2021/summer/can-you-hear-me-now-what-covid-19-taught-us-about-technology/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/judicial/publications/appellate_issues/2021/summer/can-you-hear-me-now-what-covid-19-taught-us-about-technology/) (Aug. 24, 2021).

**Speeches and Public Statements:**

*Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada, Interfaith Forums, Panelist*

- November 2, 2008 – The Spirituality of Food, LDS Chapel
- November 15, 2009 – The Open Forum, Islamic Society of Nevada
- October 17, 2010 – Economic Crisis, Religious Solutions, Center for Spiritual Living First Church of Religious Science

- November 15, 2011 – How Faiths Organize Themselves and Address Societal Change, Islamic Society of Nevada
- October 14, 2012 – Why Religion?, Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church
- November 8, 2015 – Faith and Science, Partners or Opponents?, Las Vegas Baha’i Center
- November 15, 2015 – World Peace and Justice, Islamic Society of Nevada
- October 29, 2017 – The Purpose of Life, SGI Buddhist Center
- November 11, 2018 – Open Forum, Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church
- October 27, 2019 – How My Faith Addresses Issues of Race, SGI Buddhist Center

*Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada, Interfaith Forums, Moderator*

- November 3, 2013 – Religion: How It Influences Me In Setting My Life Goals, Grace in the Desert Episcopal Church
- November 9, 2014 – How We’re Different: What’s Unique About My Religion, SGI Buddhist Center
- November 6, 2016 – Youth, Social Media, and Religion, SGI Buddhist Center
- November 5, 2017 – How My Religion Helps My Generation Face Today’s Challenges, Center for Spiritual Living First Church of Religious Science
- November 4, 2018 – Adversity and Suffering, Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

I have been registered to vote in the past 10 years and have voted in every general election held in those years.

**37. List avocational interests and hobbies.**

I enjoy reading, traveling, and volunteering with organizations working to build tolerance, respect, and unity in the community.

**Conduct**

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

I have read and will comply with the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct if appointed.

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

No.

**40. Have you ever been sanctioned, disciplined, reprimanded, found to have breached an ethics rule or to have acted unprofessionally by any judicial or bar association**

**discipline commission, other professional organization or administrative body or military tribunal? If yes, explain. If the disciplinary action is confidential, please respond to question 73.**

No.

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

No.

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

No.

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

No.

**44. Has any Bankruptcy Court in a case where you are or were the debtor, entered an order providing a creditor automatic relief from the bankruptcy stay (providing in rem relief) in any present or future bankruptcy case, related to property in which you have an interest?**

No.

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

There could be future litigation related to my service to the United States Department of Justice as a prosecutor. Although I have no reason to anticipate that at this time, and I believe prosecutorial immunity would apply, it is always a possibility based on the nature of the work and the frequency with which former defendants file such litigation. If such a case arose, I would recuse from the case. Additionally, I will recuse from any matter that might implicate conflicts of interest and as needed to avoid any appearance of impropriety.

**Other**

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

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April 14, 2021  
Not selected

- 47. In no more than three pages (double spaced) attached to this Application, provide a statement describing what you believe sets you apart from your peers, and explains what particular education, experience, personality or character traits you possess or have acquired that you feel qualify you as a good district court judge. In so doing, address both the civil (including family law matters) and criminal processes (including criminal sentencing.)**

Please see Attachment B.

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

I speak conversational Farsi. I understand Urdu/Hindi.

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

Please see Attachment C.

## 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:** United States Attorney’s Office

**Phone Number:** (702) 388-6336

**Address:** 501 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 1100  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

**From:** April 2016                      **To:** Present

**Supervisor’s Name:** Elizabeth O. White

**Supervisor’s Job Title:** Appellate Chief

**Your Title:** Assistant United States Attorney, Appellate/ Trial

**Specific Duties:**

**Appellate Division** (December 2018 – present)

- Draft appellate briefs and present oral arguments before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Draft adverse decision memoranda to the United States Solicitor General’s Office making recommendations regarding potential affirmative government appeals.
- Draft responses to § 2255 habeas corpus motions.
- Provide strategy, policy, and legal advice to AUSAs in the trial division, including guidance on substantive law, case charging, and litigation strategy.
- Collaborate with and mentor trial attorneys to develop effective briefs and compelling oral arguments, including editing briefs for content, clarity, grammar, and formatting requirements.
- Co-authored District of Nevada AUSA Training Manual, including chapters on *Brady/Giglio*, grand jury practice, search warrants, electronic process, motion practice, and trial preparation and presentation.
- Co-designed and implemented AUSA Training Program and practical skills workshop, covering grand jury, initial appearances, detention hearings, plea bargaining, trial, and sentencing guidelines.
- Co-planned “Meet the Court” event for new USAO and FPD attorneys to meet judges, pre-trial and probation, and clerk of court staff.

**Criminal Division, Trial Attorney** (April 2016 – present)

- Investigated and prosecuted criminal matters, including offenses involving child exploitation, human trafficking, firearms, robbery, violent crimes, aggravated identity theft, and crimes on public land.



- Managed heavy docket of criminal matters from investigative process through case conclusion, including meeting regularly with agents, directing investigative strategy, providing legal advice to law enforcement agency partners, setting progress and charging goals, reviewing voluminous and complex forensic evidence, presenting cases to the grand jury, managing the discovery process, issuing grand jury and trial subpoenas, conducting litigation concerning subpoena compliance, negotiating with defense counsel regarding plea agreements, taking cases to trial, and making sentencing recommendations.
- Drafted search warrants, complaints, criminal informations, indictments, and plea agreements; researched and drafted motions, responses, replies, and objections regarding complex areas of criminal law.
- Conducted legal trainings for law enforcement officers in conjunction with various law enforcement agencies, including Homeland Security Investigations, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Henderson Police Department, and North Las Vegas Police Department.
- Successfully tried eleven felony criminal trials (seven as first-chair), and litigated numerous evidentiary hearings, including motions to suppress, motions to compel, and motions to withdraw guilty plea.
- Recognized for commendable performance in prosecuting high-profile child exploitation cases by FBI and LVMPD.

*Collateral duties:*

- Attorney General’s Clemency Project Reviewer
- Black Affairs Special Emphasis Coordinator
- Training Committee
- Project Safe Childhood Coordinator
- Anti-Harassment Coordinator
- Law Enforcement Officer Mentor and Training Officer

**Reason for Leaving:** N/A

**Previous Employer:** Self-Employed Bar Exam Tutoring

**Phone Number:** Please see Question 57.

**Address:** Please see Question 50.

**From:** December 2012      **To:** February 2016

**Supervisor’s Name:** N/A

**Supervisor’s Job Title:** N/A

**Your Title:** Tutor

**Specific Duties:**

- Provided virtual online and email tutoring for repeat bar examinees as referred by former supervisor at the William S. Boyd School of Law.

**Reason for Leaving:** I stopped providing tutoring services because I was ethically barred by my new employment at the U.S. Department of Justice.

**Previous Employer:**

United States Federal Courts

**Phone Number:**

(702) 464-5400

**Address:**333 Las Vegas Boulevard South  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101**From:** August 2012**To:** April 2016**Supervisor's Name:**Judge Johnnie B. Rawlinson 9/2014 – 4/2016  
Judge Roger L. Hunt 8/2012 – 9/2014**Supervisor's Job Title:**

Judge

**Your Title:**

Law Clerk

**Specific Duties:****The Honorable Johnnie B. Rawlinson**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

- Researched and drafted opinions, orders, and memoranda in criminal, civil, immigration, bankruptcy, and social security appeals. Presented and advocated memoranda positions in preparation for oral argument.
- Travelled to and attended oral argument, recorded case information, and conducted real-time research.

**The Honorable Roger L. Hunt**, U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada

- Researched and drafted bench memoranda, opinions, and orders in civil and criminal matters for Judge Hunt and other district and magistrate judges as assigned, including orders on motions to dismiss, leave to amend, attorney's fees and costs, default judgment, summary judgment, new trial, and *Brady/Giglio* disclosures.
- Attended hearings, recorded necessary case information, and coordinated jurors during trial.

**Reason for Leaving:** I left this job to begin my new employment at the U.S. Department of Justice.

**Previous Employer:**

Nevada System of Higher Education  
William S. Boyd School of Law

**Phone Number:** (702) 895-3671

**Address:** 4505 South Maryland Parkway  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89154

**From:** January 2014      **To:** May 2014

**Supervisor’s Name:** Frank Durand

**Supervisor’s Job Title:** Dean of Student Advancement

**Your Title:** Adjunct Professor of Law

**Specific Duties:**

- Taught Judicial Writing, an upper-division course focusing on writing for trial and appellate judges.

**Reason for Leaving:** I left this job because the semester ended.

**Previous Employer:**

Nevada System of Higher Education  
William S. Boyd School of Law

**Phone Number:** (702) 895-3671

**Address:** 4505 South Maryland Parkway  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89154

**From:** August 2012      **To:** September 2014

**Supervisor’s Name:** Jennifer Carr

**Supervisor’s Job Title:** Director, Academic Success

**Your Title:** Assistant Director, Academic Success

**Specific Duties:**

- Developed and conducted presentations, tutorials, and workshops designed to support law school learning and amplify the classroom experience, with an emphasis on non-traditional, learning disabled, and minority students.
- Hired, supervised, and trained upper-level students to communicate learning techniques to first-year students in the peer-to-peer component of the Academic Success Program
- Co-taught Advanced Legal Analysis and Writing, a seminar focusing on advanced reasoning and writing.
- Provided individualized tutoring in all subjects, with an emphasis on research, writing,

and oral advocacy.

- Coached students preparing for moot court competitions in oral advocacy and legal reasoning techniques.

**Reason for Leaving:** I left this job to begin my new employment with the federal judiciary.

**Previous Employer:**

Desert Works Real Estate Development

**Phone Number:**

(702) 290-4163

**Address:**

8708 Spanish Ridge Avenue, Suite 110  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89148

**From:** October 2010

**To:** January 2012

**Supervisor's Name:**

Nima Khomassi

**Supervisor's Job Title:**

Owner

**Your Title:**

Of Counsel

**Specific Duties:**

- Drafted and reviewed purchase, sale, and lease contracts for commercial development and land transactions.
- Negotiated and drafted referral fee agreements between brokers and agents.
- Participated in land use entitlement process in City of Las Vegas, Clark County, and Henderson including proposing zoning changes, special use permits, variances, and discretionary approvals.

**Reason for Leaving:** I left this job because I was seeking employment with the federal judiciary and wanted to limit potential conflicts of interest.

**Previous Employer:**

Nevada System of Higher Education  
William S. Boyd School of Law

**Phone Number:**

(702) 895-3671

**Address:**

4505 South Maryland Parkway  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89154

**From:** May 2008

**To:** May 2009

**Supervisor's Name:**

Professor Elaine Shoben

**Supervisor's Job Title:**

Professor of Law

**Your Title:** Research Assistant

**Specific Duties:**

- Researched non-competition clauses and current term Supreme Court cases for presentation.
- Reviewed and edited book chapter on employment discrimination and non-competition covenants for treatise.

**Reason for Leaving:** I left this job to give another student an opportunity to work with Professor Shoben as she could only employ one student researcher at a time.

**Previous Employer:** Holland and Hart LLP

**Phone Number:** (702) 669-4600

**Address:** 9555 Hillwood Drive  
2nd Floor  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89134

**From:** May 2009      **To:** July 2009

**Supervisor's Name:** Sean Thueson

**Supervisor's Job Title:** Of Counsel

**Your Title:** Summer Associate

**Specific Duties:**

- Researched and wrote memoranda of law on various civil matters, including real estate, construction, employment, tax, legal ethics, and business organizations.
- Drafted pleadings and client letters for various civil matters.
- Assessed, analyzed, and reviewed documents in preparation for production.
- Observed and participated in court hearings, depositions, and client meetings.

**Reason for Leaving:** I left this job because the summer term ended, and I was returning to school.

**Previous Employer:** Snell and Wilmer

**Phone Number:** (702) 784-5200

**Address:** 3883 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 1100  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89169

**From:** January 2009      **To:** May 2009

**Supervisor’s Name:** Alex Fugazzi

**Supervisor’s Job Title:** Partner

**Your Title:** Extern under supervision of Snell and Wilmer  
(retained counsel for the Trump Organization)

**Specific Duties:**

- Researched and wrote memoranda on breach of contract and securities matters related to Trump Tower Las Vegas litigation.
- Reviewed and organized pre-trial evidence in preparation for class arbitration.

**Reason for Leaving:** I left this externship because the semester ended.

**Previous Employer:** United States Federal Courts

**Phone Number:** (702) 464-5400

**Address:** 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

**From:** August 2008      **To:** December 2008

**Supervisor’s Name:** Judge Phillip Pro

**Supervisor’s Job Title:** Judge

**Your Title:** Extern to Judge Phillip Pro

**Specific Duties:**

- Researched and wrote bench memoranda on various civil issues, including contracts and real estate.
- Drafted judicial orders for various civil matters, including motions for judgment on the pleadings and summary judgment.

**Reason for Leaving:** I left this externship because the semester ended.

**Previous Employer:** Marquis Aurbach Coffing

**Phone Number:** (702) 382-0711

**Address:** 10001 W Park Run Drive  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89145

**From:** May 2008      **To:** August 2008

**Supervisor’s Name:** Frank Flansburg

**Supervisor’s Job Title:** Partner

**Your Title:** Law Clerk

**Specific Duties:**

- Assisted with mass document production for corporate dissolution.
- Reviewed and analyzed documents for attorney-client privilege and responses to requests for production.

**Reason for Leaving:** I left this job because the semester ended, and I was returning to school.

**Previous Employer:** Las Vegas City Attorney’s Office

**Phone Number:** (702) 229-6201

**Address:** 495 S. Main Street  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

**From:** May 2007      **To:** June 2007

**Supervisor’s Name:** Bryan Scott

**Supervisor’s Job Title:** Deputy City Attorney

**Your Title:** Extern

**Specific Duties:**

- Drafted pleadings, briefs, municipal ordinances, and memoranda of law for civil property actions.
- Researched various civil and criminal issues, including municipal code, business licensing, First Amendment rights, open meeting law, and corpus delicti.
- Observed and participated in agenda briefings, City Council meetings, and Planning Commission hearings.

**Reason for Leaving:** I left this externship because the semester ended.

**Previous Employer:** Seven Valleys Realty

**Phone Number:** (702) 823-2300

**Address:** 9500 Hillwood Drive  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89134

**From:** May 2000                      **To:** February 2006

**Supervisor’s Name:**                      Rustam Roohani

**Supervisor’s Job Title:**                      Owner

**Your Title:**                                      Intern

**Specific Duties:**

- Participated in entitlement process in City of Las Vegas, Clark County, and Henderson including drafting applications and proposing zoning changes, special use permits, variances, and other discretionary approvals.
- Reviewed purchase, sale, and lease contracts for commercial and raw land transactions.

**Reason for Leaving:** I left this internship with the family business because I got married and began preparing for law school.

**Previous Employer:**                      Fremont Children’s Clinic

**Phone Number:**                                      (702) 870-2099

**Address:**    100 North Green Valley Parkway  
Henderson, Nevada 89074

**From:** April 2004                      **To:** May 2005

**Supervisor’s Name:**                                      Darlene McLean

**Supervisor’s Job Title:**                                      Office Manager

**Your Title:**    Patient Services Representative

**Specific Duties:**

- Conducted all patient intake and facilitated new patient registration.
- Communicated after care and follow up instructions, scheduling appointments as necessary.
- Prepared all insurance claim submission forms including International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems-9, Current Procedures Terminology (CPT), and Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders-4 codes.

**Reason for Leaving:** I left this job because I got married and began preparing for law school.



Perseverance, loyalty, and fairness. I believe these character traits—and my life experiences that have instilled them—qualify me uniquely to serve as a district court judge. *Perseverance* describes the drive and relentless hustle immigrants must demonstrate when leaving everything they know and love to start over in another country. I am an immigrant who came to Las Vegas when I was only one year old. In Iran, my parents were forced to choose between their lives and their faith. They left everything behind to escape persecution by the Islamic regime. They fled to Pakistan, where I was born and where we lived briefly before settling permanently in Las Vegas. This displacement and the resulting challenges we faced as new immigrants required perseverance. These experiences have shaped who I am. Rather than allowing these experiences to burden me, I have applied the perseverance I learned from my parents to succeed. Understanding the plight of refugees also has given me a unique perspective on the struggles that many marginalized groups in our community face based on who they are or where they come from.

These experiences have motivated me to remain involved in the local community, including through the Interfaith Council and with Kiwanis. My community involvement will make me a better judge because it has given me perspective on different aspects of the community and a connection with people who I would serve. In particular, my service at yearly Interfaith Forums has allowed me to meet people from different backgrounds and perspectives. The relationships built through mutual understanding and respect have been instrumental in giving me a broad view of the real-life experiences people face.

*Loyalty* has further shaped who I am. With respect to this community and its judiciary, I believe this trait makes me well suited to serve on the district court. I grew up in Las Vegas, attending elementary, middle, and high school, college, and law school here. Nevada is my

home, has always been my home, and will always be my home. I may have been born in another country, but I have never called anywhere else home. This life experience has given me deep ties to Nevada and made me personally invested in the success of the state, its legal community, and the judiciary. When I graduated from the William S. Boyd School of Law, I felt compelled to give back to the community that helped me build such a strong educational foundation. I did so by teaching at the law school, training fierce and compassionate legal advocates who have gone on to serve the community as professors, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and public servants.

When an opportunity arose to work for the judiciary, I accepted. This was a dream come true because, ever since externing for Judge Philip Pro during law school, I knew that I could best serve the community by one day gaining enough experience to join the bench. As a judicial law clerk, first to U.S. District Judge Roger Hunt and then to U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Johnnie Rawlinson, I became intimately familiar with all aspects of case management and civil and criminal processes. My clerkship experience was particularly broad because it encompassed legal research and writing on various state, federal, and administrative law issues covering both criminal and civil matters. Through this work, I developed lifelong relationships with judges who continue to be my mentors and role-models. These experiences cemented my loyalty to both the judiciary and the judicial process as an important bedrock of a fair and just society.

*Fairness* is often closely aligned with the judiciary, and I might have discussed this trait in connection with my clerkship experiences. But I closely associate fairness with my ability to serve the community as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) and will discuss it in connection with my current role. I have served as an AUSA for over five years, during which time I have gained significant litigation and case management experience investigating and prosecuting a variety of child exploitation and other violent crime matters. Additionally, I now focus on appeals, broadening my experience base further. As an AUSA, I have collaborated

extensively with state, local, and other federal law enforcement partners, the district attorney's office, and the state and federal public defender's offices to protect the community, advocate for victims, and resolve countless cases. Throughout this process, my principles of fairness and justice guide me always. Indeed, even when I have no legal or ethical obligation to disclose certain evidence, I have chosen to do so because the truth is no enemy of justice and fairness.

Notably, some of the most personally and professionally challenging cases I have prosecuted involved child sexual exploitation. I have routinely demonstrated extreme patience, stamina, empathy, and personal strength while walking a child through the most traumatic experience of their life, both as an advocate and confidante. But, despite fighting vigorously for victims, I have never allowed myself to forget the humanity of the defendant, a statement with which I believe the defense bar would agree. I believe that justice can be served only by applying even-handed and fair treatment to each person (defendant or attorney), and that consequences must be balanced with mercy. I believe it is because of my reputation to be fair, balanced, and empathetic, that I have earned the respect of my colleagues in the office and across the aisle, as well as from the bench. These traits likewise make me well suited to serve on the district court.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that people are not disposable, no matter the circumstances. My ability to focus on that truth, rather than the perceived glory of a particular position or professional success, has enabled me to meet people where they are and see them for who they can be. I believe these experiences demonstrate my commitment to the fair administration of justice, confirming that I would make an excellent district court judge. Thank you for your consideration.