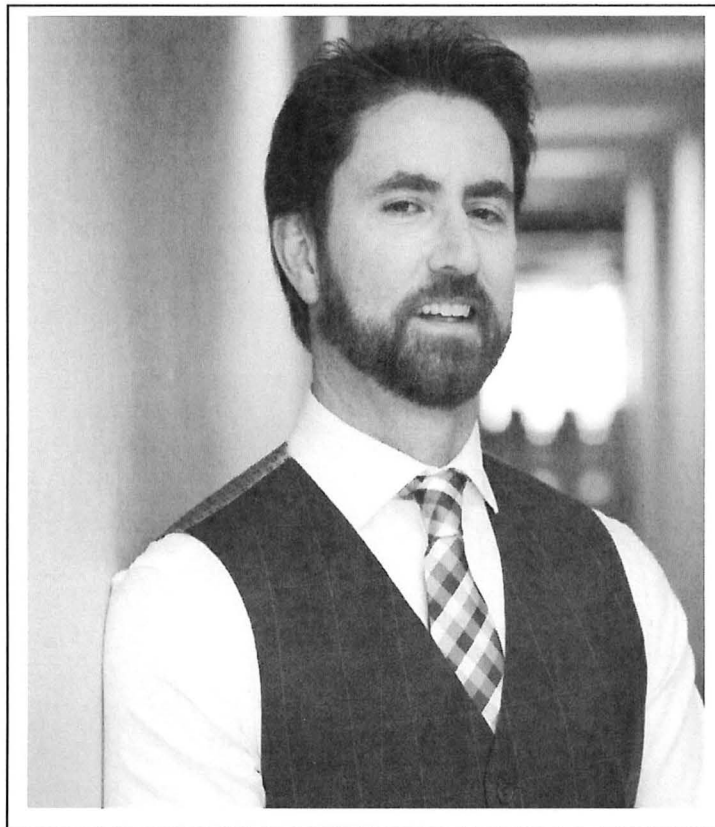


COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION
APPLICATION
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
DEPARTMENT 12

By

LANCE CLARK WHITE
(Insert applicant name)



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

Personal Information

1. Full Name: **Lance Clark White.**
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.

Yes.

The name on my birth certificate was listed as Lance Clark Wilson. My mother gave me the last name of a family friend as she was fearful of my biological father. During her pregnancy, he had hit her and threatened her with more violence if she brought me to term. Because of this, she fled to another state and gave me a different last name on my birth certificate.

In college, I changed my last name to that of my stepfather. I had used his last name informally since I was ten years old. Wilson was my legal last name for 27 years.

3. Work Address

Widdis & White, PLLC, 100 West Liberty, Suite 790, Reno, Nevada 89501.

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

I have lived in Nevada for the past 16 years.

5. Age: **48 years old.**
(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.

Please 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.

Grand County High School

604 Fourth E. Street

Moab, Utah 84532

Dates of Attendance: 1985-1989

Certificate: NONE.

Reason for Leaving: I dropped out of high school when I was 17 years old. I did not receive a diploma.

Snow College

150 College Avenue

Ephraim, Utah 84627

Dates of Attendance: 1989-1990

Certificate: None. I transferred to another college.

Reason for Leaving: I transferred to the University of Utah.

University of Utah

201 Presidents Circle

Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

Dates of Attendance: 1990-1998

Certificate: Bachelor of Science–Philosophy; Bachelor of Science-Political Science.

Reason for Leaving: I graduated.

University of Nevada Reno

1664 N. Virginia Street

Reno, Nevada 89557

Dates of Attendance: 2010-Present

Certificate: Master’s Justice Management upon graduation.

Reason for Leaving: I am 6 semester hours from completing the degree.

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

In high school, college, and law school, it was necessary for me to work a great deal. Often, I held full-time employment while attending school full-time. As such, there were fewer opportunities for me to participate in as many clubs and activities as I would have liked.

Activities in high school

- a. **Tennis:** I played tennis every year of high school.
- b. **Debate:** I was extremely active in our school's debate and speech program. I participated in both the cross-examination and Lincoln-Douglas style debate formats. I also frequently competed in the impromptu speaking format. I qualified to compete at the state level tournament in both debate and impromptu speaking formats my Junior and Senior year of high school. Though I qualified for the state tournament my Senior year in both debate and impromptu speaking, I did not compete as I stopped attending high school before the tournament was held that year.
- c. **Peer-Helpers:** This organization was designed for high school students to partner with elementary schools in order to educate and motivate elementary children. On a monthly basis, we would present engaging, informative talks to children in hopes of helping them avoid drug use and other negative outcomes. I served as president of this organization my junior and senior year of high school.

Activities in College

- a. **Debate:** I competed in CEDA-style debate while at the University of Utah. My partner and I placed at several national debate tournaments. My partner and I were awarded the University of Utah "Team of the Year" award in 1994.
 - b. **Resident Advisor:** I served as a resident advisor for both my Junior and Senior years of college. In this position, I acted as a community leader for students, acted as a liaison with the University, and helped develop social and educational programming for several hundred undergraduate students.
 - c. **Ombudsman:** I served as a legal ombudsman for university students. It was my responsibility to meet with students with legal questions, complete detailed intake information, and connect these students with the most appropriate legal agency and/or options for their individual legal situation.
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.

**DePaul School of Law
25 East Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60604
Degree: Not Applicable. I left after six weeks.**

**Case Western Reserve University
11075 East Blvd
Cleveland, Ohio 44106**

Degree: Juris Doctorate

Date of Degree: June 2003

Rank: 104/163.

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.
- a. **Yes, I was employed during my second and third year of law school.**
 - b. **I worked between 20 and 30 hours per week, on average.**
 - c. **I was employed as a Resident Director of Student Housing. I oversaw a staff of three resident directors and residential housing facility of 100+ students. I developed educational and social programming for the facility, enforced housing policies and practices, and acted a liaison between the students and the University.**
 - d. **My employer was Case Western Reserve University Housing.**
 - e. **This employment started in August of 2001 and ended upon my graduation from law school in June 2003.**
11. Describe significant law school activities including offices held, other leadership positions, clinics participated in, and extracurricular activities.

Civil Litigation Clinic: During my third year of law school, I had the opportunity to represent plaintiffs and defendant in civil litigation matters. I was responsible for all aspects of a client's civil case. This included client interviews, case assessment, drafting of pleadings and motions, conducting discovery, and engaging in settlement negotiations. I was especially proud of the fact that our clinic represented the most underserved, and poorest, populations in the Cleveland area.

Law Practice

12. State the year you were admitted to the Nevada Bar.
- 2006.**
13. Name states (other than Nevada) where you are or were admitted to practice law and your year of admission.
- None. However, I had a limited student license to practice law in my third year of law school in Cleveland, Ohio.**

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.

As a civil litigator and later, as a public defender, I spent most of my working time in court or preparing for court. I would estimate that 85% of my time as lawyer prior to becoming a Court Master consisted of litigation matters.

16. Estimate percentage of time spent on:

(1) domestic/family and juvenile law matters: **2008-2011, 2019: 100%.**

(2) civil litigation: **2006-2008: 100%.**

(3) criminal matters: **0%.**

(4) administrative litigation: **0%.**

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

In the 5 years prior to my being selected as a Court Master, none of my litigation cases involved jury trials. If the parties were not able to settle, and a trial was necessary, these matters were set for bench/evidentiary trials.

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.

In family law, it is rare that cases are tried. The vast majority of cases settle prior to being tried in front of a judge. During my time as public defender representing parents who had children removed from their care, we would often conduct evidentiary hearings on matters related to the removal and return of children. I would estimate that I participated in more than 50 of these types of hearings.

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

I have practiced in Nevada exclusively for the past 5 years. Including 2019, and the 5 years before I became a Court Master, I have practiced in the following counties:

- a. First Judicial District Court, Carson City.

- b. Second Judicial District Court, Washoe County.
- c. Third Judicial District Court, Lyon County.
- d. Seventh Judicial District Court, Lincoln County.
- e. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark 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:

- 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.

- a. **In Re Guardianship of Murphy June 2013**
- b. **Counsel were Mooney and Grellman. I served as Court Master and issued Findings and Recommendations in the matter.**
- c. **This case illustrated the difficulty of unsettled law and the tactic of finding a friendly forum for a particular view on the law.**

2.

- a. **In Re Guardianship of Padilla, 2014**
- b. **The parties were unrepresented. I served as Court Master.**
- c. **This case demonstrated how difficult it is when a family is presented with too many “doors” to the family court and too many differing views, and rulings from the bench.**

3.

- a. **Gomez vs. Perez 2011**
- b. **The parties were unrepresented. I served as Court Master.**
- c. **This case was difficult as even under applicable law, there was no “good” result, but only a choice between bad ones. Also, the amount of time the parties waited to pursue their claims materially affected their claims.**

4.

- a. **In Re Searce, 2010.**
- b. **I represented the mother in this matter and District Attorney’s Office and Social Services brought forth a Petition to Terminate Parental rights.**
- c. **This case illustrated the importance of understanding a client’s substance abuse issues and how they affect the case.**

5.

- a. **Cody vs. Whitney, 2019**
- b. **I represented Ms. Cody and Mr. Whitney was represented by Tony Liker.**
- c. **The presiding judge in this case was Judge Fairman. This case illustrated**

that parents can have a very thorough order, but still fall short of a workable solution for either parent if they do not work together.

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.

Yes. I served as full-time Court Master for the Second Judicial District Court – Family Division from 2011 through 2018.

In that time, I heard over 18,000 family law cases.

My assignments and duties were as follows:

- a. Primary hearing officer for Uniform Interstate Family Support Act 2011 – 2014.
 - b. Hearing officer for Self-Represented Litigant Program 2011 – 2014.
 - c. Primary hearing officer for Juvenile Guardianship hearings 2012 – 2014.
 - d. Hearing officer for Domestic Violence hearings 2014 – 2018.
 - e. Under judicial direction and statutory parameters, I served as a judicial officer presiding over such matters as domestic violence hearings, dependency hearings, juvenile guardianship hearings, divorce and child support hearings. I rendered oral and written findings and recommendations in regards to these issues.
 - f. Dealt with an array of complex legal issues.
 - g. Provided administrative support to the District Court.
 - h. Provided leadership and direction to other court personnel responsible for children and family programs and services.
 - i. Acted as liaison to the public concerning family law issues.
22. Describe any pro bono or public interest work as an attorney.

Prior to serving as a Court Master, I worked as a public defender. Since we've opened our law practice we have not yet taken on pro bono clients.

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.

- a. **Member of the Nevada State Bar 2006- Present.**

- b. **United States District Court, District of Nevada, 2007.**
- c. **United States Ninth District Court of Appeals, 2011.**
- d. **West Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board, Vice Chairman, 2010.**
- e. **West Truckee Meadows / Verdi Citizen Advisory Board, 2009-2010.**
- f. **Nevada State Bar Disciplinary Board, 2010-2011.**
- g. **Bruce R. Thompson Chapter of American Inns of Court, 2011-present.**
- h. **Bruce R. Thompson Chapter of American Inns of Court, President, 2018-2019.**

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

Yes. I am completely compliant with the education requirements applicable to me as a lawyer. In the last five years, I have attended the following legal education courses:

2014:

- 1/14/14: Inns of Court: *Court of Appeal Initiative – The Time has come.*
- 2/11/14: Inns of Court: *Technology in the Courtroom.*
- 3/5/14: Nevada Family Jurisdiction Judges Conference, Ely, Nevada.
- 3/5/14-3/6/14 Nevada Family Law Conference, Ely, Nevada.
- 4/8/14: Inns of Court: *Objection! Making Your Record for Appeal.*
- 5/13/14: Inns of Court: *Lawyers Gone Wild – What the State Bar Mandates We Know.*
- 10/21/14: Inns of Court: *What We See in Media – Understanding Culture to Persuade in the Courtroom.*
- 11/18/14: Inns of Court: *The Lawyer’s Lawyer – What Does it Take to be a True Professional in the Digital Age.*

2015:

- 1/13/15: Inns of Court: *Specialty Court: What's So Special?*
- 2/10/15: Inns of Court: Attorney Discipline – *Understanding the Nevada State Bar Disciplinary Process.*
- 3/3/2015: Nevada Family Jurisdiction Conference – Domestic Violence Training: *“Victim and Perpetrator”.*
- 3/4/2015: Nevada Family Jurisdiction Conference – Domestic Violence Training: *“Custody in Domestic Violence Cases”.*
- 3/10/15: Inns of Court: *Presentation: Hold It! Do You Know How to Deal with Electronically Stored Information.*
- 5/12/15: Inns of Court: *Keep Calm and Carry On – How to Cope with Stress In and Out of the Courtroom.*
- 12/6/2015: National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence – *“Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases”*, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2016:

- 3/2/16-3/4/16: Nevada Family Law Conference (*Trial Prep: May it Please the Court?*)
- 5/19/2016: National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence – *“Effective Batterer Accountability”*, Reno, Nevada.

2017:

- 1/17/2017: Supreme Court of Nevada – Webinar, *“Domestic Violence in the Digital Age”.*
- 5/8-12/2017: National Judicial College – *“Civil Mediation”*, Reno, Nevada.
- 10/10/17: Inns of Court: *Preserving Client Confidences: Professional-Client Privileges and Ethical Obligations.*
- 11/14/17: Inns of Court: *A Chill Around the Water Cooler. The Bill of Rights (especially the First Amendment) at Work in the Square, on the Street, and in the Workplace.*

2018:

- 1/9/18: Inns of Court: *Court Engines, Carburetors, and Wheels. Understanding*

The Role of People Who Make the Court System Run.

- 2/13/18: Inns of Court: *A Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Bruce R. Thompson Inn of Court. The Inns of Court at Home, Abroad, and Across the Pond.*
- 2/28/18: Family Law Jurisdiction Judges 2018 Conference, Bishop, California.
- 3/1-2/18: Nevada Family Law Conference, Bishop, California.
- 3/13/18: Inns of Court: *Protecting Your Marijuana Trademarks and Cannabis Strains! Intellectual Property with John Desmond and Friends.*
- 4/10/18: Inns of Court: *Impairment; Get Your Ethics Here! Substance Abuse, Addictive Disorders, and Mental Health Issues.*
- 11/13/19: Inns of Court: *Veterans' Court and Services.*

2019:

- 2/12/19: Inns of Court: *Evidence.*
- 2/28-3/1/19: Nevada Family Law Conference, Bishop, California.
- 3/12/19: Inns of Court: *Judicial Ethics, Conduct, & Professionalism.*
- 5/14/19: Inns of Court: *TRPA authority, and Legal and Quasi-Legal Issues.*

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

Yes, I have 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.

Other than the employment history listed in Attachment "A", I have not been in another profession or owned a business that was not related to the profession of law.

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.

Yes. I am co-owner of Widdis & White, PLLC. This a law firm that only practices in the area of family law. I am responsible for one-half of our active cases. I am also responsible for half of the daily administration of the firm and regulatory requirements for the firm. The firm is a partnership that grants each partner a 50% share in the business.

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 am the trustee of the White Family Trust. The trust is comprised of home and land in Moab, Utah and the address is 593 E. Center, Moab, Utah 84532. My duties are minimal and include paying property taxes and some administrative tasks. My stepbrother Mitch White and I are the only two individuals named under the trust.

Civic, Professional and Community Involvement

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

In 2018, I was a candidate for the District Judge position in Department 2 of the Second Judicial District Court. I withdrew from the election prior to the primary.

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

- a. West Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board, Vice Chairman, 2010.**
- b. West Truckee Meadows / Verdi Citizen Advisory Board, 2009-2010.**
- c. Nevada State Bar Disciplinary Board, 2010-2011.**
- d. Bruce R. Thompson Chapter of American Inns of Court, 2011-present.**

- e. Bruce R. Thompson Chapter of American Inns of Court, President, 2018-2019.**
- f. We the People Congressional District 2 Competition – Judge, 2017-2018.**

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

- a. *Weddings and Funerals: Evidence Presentation in UIFSA Cases* :3/5/2012 Ely, Nevada.**
- b. *Domestic Relations and Bankruptcy* - Bruce R. Thompson Inns American Inns of Court: 2/13/2013.**
- c. *Lawyers Gone Wild – What the State Bar Mandates We Know about Drug and Alcohol Abuse* [Winner of Phillip w. Bartlett Trophy Bruce R. Thompson Inns American Inns of Court Program of the Year]: 5/13/14**
- d. *Civil Rights – Civil Gideon* Bruce R. Thompson Inns American Inns of Court: January 12, 2016.**
- e. National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence – Minneapolis, Minnesota, “Enhancing Judicial Skills in Elder Abuse Cases” – Served as faculty: August 13-16, 2017.**
- f. National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence – Providence, Rhode Island, “Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases Workshop” – Served as faculty: June 23-27, 2018.**

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

- a. West Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board, Vice Chairman, 2010.**
- b. West Truckee Meadows / Verdi Citizen Advisory Board, 2009-2010.**
- c. Chip Evans Show (Radio) KCKQ 1180 AM. Discussion of Domestic Violence and the DV department at the Family Court: November 2, 2015.**

- d. **Chip Evans Show (Radio) Discussion of Domestic Violence and the DV department at the Family Court: November 18, 2017.**
- e. **We the People Congressional District 2 Competition – Judge, 2017-2018.**
- f. **Nevada Newsmakers (Radio) Discussion of domestic violence and family court.: January 9, 2018.**
- g. **Judged at Damonte Ranch Invitational Debate Tournament – 2/24/18.**
- h. **Presented Judicial program to Lincoln Park Elementary School – 2018.**
- i. **Presented Judicial Program to O’Brian Middle School – 3/5/2018.**
- j. **Presented Judicial Program to Galena High School AP Class – 3/9/2018.**

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

- a. 2018 Judicial Survey (Survey administered by the Washoe County Bar Association of local attorneys every two years):
4.48 Performance Score. This was the average of all subcategories.
- b. 2016 Judicial Survey:
97.2% Retention Score / 4.5 Performance score. Both were the highest score of Family Court Masters.
- c. 2014 Judicial Survey:
96.8 % Retention Score / 4.3 Performance score.
- d. Winner of Phillip w. Bartlett Trophy Bruce R. Thompson Inns American Inns of Court Program of the Year 5/13/14.
- e. 2012 Judicial Survey:
87.5% Retention Score / 3.7 Performance score.
- f. 2000-2003: Nurenberg, Pevin, Heller & McCarthy Academic Law School Tuition Scholarship.

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.

None. However, as a Court Master, I have issued several thousand "Findings and Recommendations" that are typically part of the public record.

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

Yes. I am registered to vote and have voted in all general elections for the last 10 years.

37. List avocational interests and hobbies.

I enjoy any trip that involves the new or the novel, especially if it also involves danger. I've parachuted in Amish country. I've climbed "slime walls" in Wales, climbed sandstone in Southern Utah, and climbed ice shoots in Antarctica.

I also love sports of all kinds and play whenever I have the chance. I get to indulge that hobby more and more now that I have two energetic children.

Also, I love Scrabble. I am hoping to become a professional Scrabble player at some point in the near future.

Conduct

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

Yes.

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

With the exception of three or four moving violations in the last thirty-two years since receiving my driver's license, 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.

My sophomore year at the University of Utah my grade point average fell to a level that precluded me from receiving financial aid. I raised my grades shortly thereafter and my financial aid was returned to me. I was enrolled briefly at DePaul School of Law, but left as it was determined that my undergraduate degree(s) were short of completion.

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. I have never served in the armed services.

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

No.

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

No.

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

No. The only reason I would anticipate recusing myself in any particular case as a judicial officer would be if I had represented one of the litigants in a prior matter.

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.

No. I have not previously submitted an application to this or any other judicial nominating commission.

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 attached statement entitled: "This Pain Will be Useful to You".

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.

If selected for this position, It is highly likely that the appointed judge would face an almost immediate campaign to retain the seat. The person chosen will also have to learn the position of District Judge at the same time as they were defending their seat.

I am uniquely qualified for this dual challenge for two reasons:

- 1. I served as Court Master in the Family Court for over seven years and as a law clerk there for an additional two years. I have a realistic knowledge of the workload and the actual case flow "behind the bench",**

AND

- 2. I have prepared for a campaign for family court judge regardless if I am appointed by this commission or not. My family sold our home over a year ago to finance a campaign, I have spent a great deal of money marketing my name to the general public through my law firm, and my partner and I have specific provisions regarding my run and election to the family court bench.**

Preparation is certainly no guarantee of a positive outcome, but I believe that I am uniquely qualified to handle the difficulty an appointment to this seat would cause most applicants.

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.

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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: WIDDIS & WHITE, PLLC

Phone Number: (775) 209-1617

Address: 100 West Liberty, Suite 790, Reno, Nevada 89501

From: 1/1/2019 To: Present

Supervisor's Name: I am co-owner of the firm.

Supervisor's Job Title: I am co-owner of the firm.

Your Title: Owner and Partner

Specific Duties: Responsible for one-half of all client litigation practice. Responsible for marketing and managing IOLTA account.

Reason for Leaving: Not applicable.

Previous Employer: Second Judicial District Court – Family Division

Phone Number: (775) 328-3110

Address: 1 South Sierra, Reno, Nevada 89501

From: 7/2011 To: 9/2018

Supervisor's Name: Judge Dixie Grossman, Judge Charles Weller, Judge Bridget Robb

Supervisor's Job Title: District Judges, Second Judicial District Court, Family Division

Your Title: Court Master

Specific Duties: Under judicial direction and statutory parameters, functioned as a judicial officer presiding over such matters as domestic, juvenile, divorce, and child support hearings, rendering oral and written decisions; processed applications for protective orders, contempt citations, modifications, and requests for hearings; decided motions and served as a liaison of the Court with

a variety of community organizations. I also handled an array of complex legal issues and provided administrative support to the District Court and Court Administration as well as leadership and direction to other Court personnel responsible for children and family programs and services.

Reason for Leaving: Involuntarily released from employment. The factual basis for this release from employment was thoroughly investigated by the Commission on Judicial Discipline who determined to dismiss any action against me. This was decision to dismiss was memorialized in that agency's letter of March 15, 2019.

<p>Attachment A Employment History (continuation sheet)</p>

Previous Employer: Career College of Northern Nevada

Phone Number: (775) 856 2266

Address: 1421 Pullman Drive, Sparks, Nevada 89434

From: 1/2011 To: 6/2011

Supervisor's Name: Brian Owen

Supervisor's Job Title: Academic Dean/Education Director

Your Title: Legal Instructor

Specific Duties: Taught pre-law courses to those students seeking accreditation in the school's paralegal studies program.

Reason for Leaving: Once I became a Court Master, the rules of judicial ethics prohibited me from teaching at a for-profit educational institution.

Previous Employer: Nevada Attorney General

Phone Number: (775) 684-1100

Address: 100 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701

From: 3/2011 To: 6/2011

Supervisor's Name: Michon Martin

Supervisor's Job Title: Senior Deputy Attorney General

Your Title: Deputy Attorney General

Specific Duties: Provided legal defense for Nevada Department of Corrections. Conducted client and party interviews, conducted extension discovery, and represented clients in federal court.

Reason for Leaving: I left to become a Court Master for the Second Judicial District Court.

Previous Employer: Alternate Public Defender

Phone Number: (775) 337-4800

Address: 350 S. Center Street #6

From: 5/2008 To: 3/2011

Supervisor's Name: Jennifer Lunt

Supervisor's Job Title: Alternate Public Defender

Your Title: Deputy Alternate Public Defender

Specific Duties: Represented parents in termination of parental rights cases, involuntary commitments, drug court cases, and guardianships issues. Represented clients at all hearings and attended case plan meetings with clients and social workers. Lead counsel for family drug court and family mental health court. Lobbyist / legislative liaison for 2011 Nevada State Legislative session.

Reason for Leaving: Left to take position with the Nevada Attorney General.

Previous Employer: Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard, and Smith

Phone Number: (702) 893-3383

Address: 2300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 300, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

From: 7/2007To: 3/2008

Supervisor's Name: Darrell Dennis

Supervisor's Job Title: Partner

Your Title: Associate Attorney

Specific Duties: My area of focus was civil litigation. This entailed participating in extensive pre-trial discovery, conducting legal research, drafting briefs and pleadings, and appearing in court.

Reason for Leaving: Left to move to Reno

Previous Employer: Alverson Taylor

Phone Number: (702) 384-7000

Address: 6605 Grande Montecito Parkway, Suite 200, Las Vegas, Nevada

From: 12/2006 To: 7/2007

Supervisor's Name: Matthew Hoffmann

Supervisor's Job Title: Supervising Attorney

Your Title: Associate Attorney

Specific Duties: Participating in extensive pre-trial discovery, conducting legal research, drafting briefs and pleadings, and appearing in court.

Reason for Leaving: Accepted an offer from Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard, and Smith

Previous Employer: Second Judicial District Court – Family Division

Phone Number: (775) 328-3110

Address: 1 South Sierra, Reno, Nevada 89501

From: 9/2004 To: 9/2006

Supervisor's Name: Judge Scott Jordan (ret.), Judge Charles Weller, Judge Deborah
Judge Deborah Schumacher

Supervisor's Job Title: District Judges, Second Judicial District Court, Family Division

Your Title: Judicial Law Clerk

Specific Duties: Reviewed motions submitted to Family Court by counsel and *pro per* litigants. Conducted legal research. Prepared draft orders and opinions.

Reason for Leaving: Clerkship ended.

Previous Employer: Zimmerman & Associates

Phone Number: (702) 228-8916

Address: 7201 W. Lake Mead Blvd #210, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128

From: 6/2003 To: 8/2004

Supervisor's Name: Brian Goldman

Supervisor's Job Title: Supervising Attorney

Your Title: Law Clerk

Specific Duties: Prepared cases for trial, conducted legal research, and wrote legal memos for attorneys.

Reason for Leaving: Accepted judicial clerkship in Reno, Nevada.

Previous Employer: Case Western Reserve University Housing

Phone Number: (216) 368-3780

Address: 24 Thwing Center, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

From: 8/2001 To: 6/2003

Supervisor's Name: Skip Begley

Supervisor's Job Title: Assistant Director of Residential Life

Your Title: Resident Director

Specific Duties: I oversaw a staff of three resident directors and residential housing facility of 100+ students. I developed educational and social programming for the facility, enforced housing policies and practices, and acted a liaison between the students and the University.

Reason for Leaving: Graduated from law school.

Previous Employer: Salt Lake County Boys' Group Home

Phone Number: (801) 269-7540

Address: 177 W. Price Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

From: 6/1998 To: 8/2000

Supervisor's Name: Pat Berkman

Supervisor's Job Title: Division Director

Your Title: Youth Worker Grade 17

Specific Duties: Responsible for up to 16 teenage boys placed in emergency care shelter. Duties included teaching life skills, teaching drug and alcohol prevention classes, coordinating physical exercise session, community service, and taking the youth to off-site locations.

Reason for Leaving: Left to attend law school in Ohio.

ATTACHMENT B

“Remember this pain, it will be useful to you.” - Ovid

I was the child that was taken into foster care. I was the child of a mother who battled alcoholism and pill addiction most of her adult life. I was the child who was left in the care of his grandmother until he was almost five because his single mother could not shoulder the responsibility of caring for a precocious, high-spirited child like me.

I was the child whose primary caregiver and grandmother died too soon and was placed back into the care of my mother. I was the child that was put into short-term foster care more times than he can remember. As a child, I never really understood why any of it was happening but had some notion it was related to my mother. I do remember that one of the times I got to leave with the nice lady from social services, someone mentioned that my mother’s boyfriend had brought a gun and was threatening my mother and myself. I vaguely remember the man. He wasn’t the first man who had hurt and abused my mom in front of me. I remember trying to make “traps” out of coat hangers and Legos to keep bad men away from my mom. I never shared that particular memory with her.

I also remember long bus-rides. We spent hours on a bus when I was a kid. I also remember being left alone for hours in a small trailer while my mother waited tables at a job that would not allow her to bring a small, rowdy boy. Ironically, though my mother waited in tables in busy restaurants I was hungry most of the time.

I’m also the child who later found a good man to be his stepfather and an inherited a stepfamily that understood how to take care of a child. As good as they were, a lot of the of painful lessons from my early years remain, even to this day. As a family law attorney, and during my tenure as a Family Court Master, I used that pain every day. Those experiences give me insight

into many of the people that came into family court every day. It made me empathetic. It helps me understand many people in a way that most of my colleagues in the legal profession cannot.

I do not begrudge anyone for having more opportunities than I have had. I hope that I will continue to provide that kind of certainty to my own sons. I want them to never want for food, clothing or shelter. They should have opportunities to volunteer, study abroad, and take unpaid internships that turn into career opportunities down the road.

I don't want to suggest that I be appointed as a judge because I had a rough childhood. Many people have dealt with much worse than I have. What sets me apart, I believe, is what I have done with those experiences and trauma. I used that pain every day as a Family Court Master to understand, relate, and make a connection with many of the litigants who found themselves in family court. I believe it is precisely those experiences, that pain, that allows me to be the caliber of judge required for family court.

ATTACHMENT C