

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION
APPLICATION
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
DEPARTMENT 11

By

Yianna “Anna” Albertson

(Insert applicant name)



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

Personal Information

1. Full Name:

Yianna “Anna” Albertson

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.

I got married and wanted the same last name as my daughter and husband.

Yianna Albertson-Reizakis - 2019 – present I use this as a transition because I have found some people need time to adjust to my married name. I practiced for over 13 years with my maiden name before I got married.

Yianna C. Reizakis - birth to 2019

3. Work Address: 376 E Warm Springs Road, Ste 120, Las Vegas, NV 89119

4. How long have you been a continuous resident of Nevada? 15 yrs, 10 months

5. Age: 41 (42 in December)
(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.

- High Schools:
 - Plymouth South High School – Plymouth, Massachusetts, August 1993 – May 1996; completed grades 9-12 in 3 years; received high school diploma, left because I graduated.
- Colleges:
 - University of Miami – Coral Gables, Florida, August 1997 – December 2001; Bachelor of Arts – Major: Political Science, Minor: Secondary Education; left because I graduated.
 - Ithaca, Cultural Studies Program – Kolimbari, Crete, Greece, Spring 1997; no degree or certificate awarded but successfully completed the program; only a semester long study abroad program.
 - Harvard Extension School – Cambridge, Massachusetts, Spring 1996; no degree or certificate awarded, successfully completed all coursework; only took one class while in high school through a special program that allowed high school students to take college classes for credit while still attending high school. The credits earned from this class were part of what allowed me to graduate a year early from high school.
 - Cape Cod Community College – Hyannis, Massachusetts, Summer 1995; no degree or certificate awarded but successfully complete the class I took; only took one class during the summer while in high school still.

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

- College
 - I was a scholarship athlete on the Women’s Crew Team for four years at the University of Miami, a Division I NCAA school. I was awarded athlete of the week my sophomore year and mentioned during a nationally televised football game. Through sports, I not only was able to get scholarships to pay for a considerable amount of my education and room and board while in school, but I also learned the importance of working with team members, how to push myself both physically and mentally, and the value of female friendship.
 - I was also a recipient of the Bowman Foster Ashe Academic Scholarship due to my high school academic achievements combined with my SAT score. This scholarship paid for $\frac{3}{4}$ of my tuition and required I maintain a minimum annual grade point average. This scholarship combined with the athletic scholarship money I received made a very expensive private school affordable for me.
 - My grades allowed me to be honored with being on the Provost’s Honor Roll and Dean’s List in both 2000 and 2001.
 - I held a part time job working in retail sales from my sophomore year of college onward. I was a sales associate for a store called Esprit de Corp, I do not think this company exists any longer. However, balancing this job with my class schedule and required workouts as well as races for the crew team forced me to become very good at working with a busy schedule, prioritizing tasks, and managing my time.

- Finally, I complete a teaching internship in 2001 that required I be in a high school classroom teaching daily, Monday thru Friday for a full semester. This gave me a new appreciation for all the work that goes into teaching.
- **High School**
 - I was a member of multiple clubs and groups including student council (elected officer), bio tech club, and peer leaders throughout my 3 years in high school. The most important lessons I took from my memberships in these clubs was that 1) I could learn from everyone and 2) the value of volunteering and lending your time and efforts to causes ranging from environmental to charity work. For at least two of my high school years, I accumulated more than 50 hours of volunteer service hours through a variety of activities ranging from peer tutoring to offering my time and labor at a local recycling center. These activities taught me how difficult life can be for so many people and the importance of having access to educational opportunities.
 - I was on the field hockey, basketball, and track teams. Team sports helped me with confidence and recognizing my own strengths and weaknesses. I learned a lot about working with others and learning where I was most needed. I also was able to stay healthy, maintain god habits, and relieve stress through physical activity.
 - On weekends and some evenings, I worked as a restaurant hostess at a busy local seafood restaurant. At this job, I was put in charge of a busy dining room and given the task of handling the intake and assignment of customers to wait staff (all much older than I was). I also handled all cash register and credit card checkouts as well as the division of side work to wait staff. I started this job when I was 14 years old and continued it throughout high school. I learned quickly how important it was to be fair and transparent in order to maintain peace and avoid disagreements with the wait staff. It was also my first experience handling and being trusted with large sums of money as my check outs on busy nights often involved upwards of \$20,000 in combined cash and credit card sales.

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.

University of Tulsa, College of Law, Tulsa, Oklahoma; J.D., December 2005; Top 23%; graduated a semester early after attending classes both summers.

During law school I studied at each of the following to complete additional course work toward my degree at the University of Tulsa:

- Tulsa Comparative and International Law Center, London, England, Fall 2005
- Universidad of Palermo, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Summer 2005
- Bucerius International Law School, Hamburg, Germany, Fall 2004
- Geneva Institute on Indigenous Law, Geneva, Switzerland, Summer 2004
- The Irish Institute for European Affairs, Leuven, Belgium, Summer 2004

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.

My law school did not allow full-time first-year law students to work. However, in my second year during the Spring semester, I was employed part-time as a law clerk at Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbinson, & Lewis, Inc., a local law firm in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In that position I did research and work on a variety of civil cases.

I took extra classes during both Summers and the Fall semester of my second and third year so I could graduate a semester early in December of 2005 rather than May of 2006. Thus I was unable to also maintain employment outside of my studies during that time.

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

- Journal - I was a staff member on the Tulsa Journal of Comparative and International Law. Through that experience I edited and prepared legal journal articles to be published.
- CALI Awards - I received the CALI Excellence Award (for the highest grade in my class) in both Legal Writing and The English Legal System.
- Scholarship recipient - I was an academic scholarship recipient, receiving \$14,000 per year toward my tuition which was renewed annually because of my grade point average.
- Groups and clubs - I was in the Phi Delta Phi Honors Fraternity, a member of the Women's Law Caucus, and participated in multiple moot court competitions.
- I studied internationally, attending programs in Argentina, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, and England.

Law Practice

12. State the year you were admitted to the Nevada Bar. (May) 2006

13. Name states (other than Nevada) where you are or were admitted to practice law and your year of admission. None

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

No.

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

Evaluating my legal work only:

Pre-covid (2016 - early 2020), I estimate about 75% of my legal work involved litigation matters with less than 1% of that being appellate work and about 20% of that being litigation cases where I was the court-appointed arbitrator or pro tempore judge, the majority of the other 25% were potential litigation cases that settled pre-litigation (before I had to file a complaint).

Post-covid (early 2020 – present) I spend about 50% of my time on court-appointed ADR work where I am either an arbitrator or pro tempore judge on civil litigation matters and the other 50% of my time on litigation and potential litigation cases where I am counsel. Of that second 50% at least half settle pre-litigation. So, in total about 75% of my current legal work is litigation matters. I am not currently doing any work in appellate courts.

16. Estimate percentage of time spent on:

Just looking at the time I spend practicing law (and not including time running my business):

- (1) **domestic/family and juvenile law matters:** 10-20%
- (2) **civil litigation:** 79-90% (includes time I spend acting as a court-appointed arbitrator and judge pro temp)
- (3) **criminal matters:** <1%
- (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?

Over 99% of my litigation matters involved cases set for jury trials. Less than 1% of my litigation matters involved cases set for non-jury 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.

Over the course of my career as a lawyer, I have worked on over 50 cases that went on to jury trials. On the majority of those trials, approximately 75%, I have been lead counsel and often the only counsel. However, on about 25% of those trials I have either sat second chair or had a limited role. Of those 50 plus trials probably about 10% of them did not make it to verdict either because they settled or a mistrial was declared.

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In the last 5 years, I have been involved in five matters that went to trial. I was first-chair (lead counsel) in two of those trials – one was a week long and the other two weeks long. I was second chair on the third which was a four-week trial. Then on the remaining two I and held very limited roles prepping witnesses and assisting with jury selection only.

Additionally, as a pro tempore judge, I have presided over two cases that went to verdict in the last five (5) years. One of those cases was the first civil jury trial to go after the court opened back up following the pandemic closures.

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

- Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada
- Las Vegas Justice Court, Clark County, Nevada
- Family Court, Clark County, Nevada
- Henderson Municipal Court, Clark County, Nevada (might be little over 5 years since I have had a case in Henderson as it hard for me to remember the last case I had in this court)
- United States District Court, District of Nevada, 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. **case name and date:** *Moran v. Powell*, A-10-610689-C, trial dates: April 8-12, 2013.
- b. **court and presiding judge and all counsel:** Eighth Judicial District Court, Judge Delaney, counsel: myself, Imanuel B. Arin, and Matthew Hoffman.
- c. **the importance of each case to you and the impact of each case on you:** This case taught me the importance of offers of judgment. It was the first case I was able to better a rejected offer of judgment with a jury verdict. I was thereafter able to use the fact that I bettered a rejected offer of judgment with the jury verdict to secure a good resolution for my client and avoid an appeal.
- d. **your role in the case:** lead defense counsel

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- a. **case name and date:** *Aguilar v. Alexander*, A-15-717949-C, trial dates: December 11-15, 2017.

- b. court and presiding judge and all counsel:** Eighth Judicial District Court, Judge Bare, counsel: myself and Ellen Stoebling.
 - c. the importance of each case to you and the impact of each case on you:** This case very taught me how much a judge’s post-trial rulings can affect the disposition of a case and how important it is to know and cite to relevant case law in open court.
 - d. your role in the case:** lead Plaintiff counsel.

- 3)
 - a. case name and date:** *Ward v. Moreno/Sanchez*, A-10-624544-C, trial dates: October 20- 23, 2013 and January 14-15, 2013.
 - b. court and presiding judge and all counsel:** Eighth Judicial District Court, Judge Wiese, counsel: myself, Orlando De Castroverde, and Kimberly Valentin.
 - c. the importance of each case to you and the impact of each case on you:** This case was tried twice because the first time the trial ended in a mistrial due to a violations of NRS 38.259. The fact that this case ended in a mistrial the first time it was tried contributed to resolving this matter. This case showed me how a mistrial affects the parties, counsel, and case.
Because of this case, I make an extra effort immediately before trials to do a refresher review of any laws or rules I think may be relevant to the case. That refresher review allows me to be up to date on changes and be ready to pose appropriate objections and/or make appropriate motions.
 - d. your role in the case:** lead defense counsel.

- 4)
 - a. case name and date:** *Gomez v. Barrera-Mejia*, A-11-643135-C, trial dates: Feb. 11- 15, 2013.
 - b. court and presiding judge and all counsel:** Eighth Judicial District Court, Judge Tao, counsel: myself, Robert Vannah, and Matthew Vannah.
 - c. the importance of each case to you and the impact of each case on you:** This was one of the first big cases I had to try alone and against a firm that had far more resources than I had available to me. The Plaintiff was making a claim against my client for more than a million dollars and at the last minute I had to try the case alone because my colleague, who was going to sit second chair, had a family emergency that prevented her from attending the trial with me. The impact this case had on me was to build my confidence, teach me that a trial is a marathon, not a sprint, and demonstrate that hard work, preparation, and knowing the case resonates with a jury.
 - d. your role in the case:** lead defense counsel

- 5)
 - a. case name and date:** *Richardson v. Mandalay Bay*, A-17-750846-C, trial dates: Oct. 22, 2018 – Nov. 16, 2018.
 - b. court and presiding judge and all counsel:** Eighth Judicial District Court, Judge Scotti, counsel: myself, Adam Breeden, Lee Roberts, Loren Young, Dan Polsenberg, and Joel Henriod.
 - c. the importance of each case to you and the impact of each case on you:** This case was my longest jury trial to date at four weeks. I tried it while I was four

months pregnant with my first child. I got to sit second chair, when most of my previous trials I have had to be lead counsel. The new position allowed me to observe and evaluate counsel, witnesses, the judge, and the jury from a different angle and learn more than I could have imagined. I was also able to spend a considerable amount of time talking to jurors after the verdict came back which is always very eye opening.

d. your role in the case: second chair, Plaintiff counsel.

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, please see detailed response below divided by role.

- Arbitrator: I have been a court appointed arbitrator in Clark County, Eighth Judicial District Court since December of 2014. In that position, I have been selected as an arbitrator, through the mandatory (for non-exempt cases) arbitration program on over ninety (90) cases. Some of those cases resolve in discovery, but many of them proceed to an arbitration hearing where I not only have to issue an arbitration decision but also have to rule on post-hearing applications for fees, costs, and interest.
- Pro Tempore Judge/ Short Trial Judge: I am a court-appointed pro tempore judge for short trial cases in the ADR system in the Eighth Judicial District in Clark County, Nevada. I was appointed to this position in late 2018. In this role, I have had to preside as the short trial judge on cases that have proceeded to jury trials and verdicts. Last year, I presided as the judge in the first civil jury trial in Clark County District Court to go to verdict after civil jury trials started back up post-covid shut downs.
- Truancy Court Judge: from 2015 through 2017 I was appointed as a Truancy Court Judge. This was a volunteer position that required I spend one day a week in a public school conducting truancy court.
- Mediator: I was recently (Sept 2021) appointed as a mediator for the Foreclosure Mediation Program pursuant to FMR 3(5)(a). I have not received my first case yet.

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

I often do free or very discounted legal work for individuals who contact my law office but cannot afford to pay for legal services. This ranges from giving legal advice to assisting with completion of paperwork and legal documents to appearing in court. I recently took on two criminal cases pro bono. I will not go into the details of the matters but I was able to get all charges dismissed against both clients.

My latest community project is a women’s lecture series we have named “A Women’s Wellness Afternoon.” I started it in conjunction with women from the Amirana Community Center. Unfortunately, health precautions this past year have limited our ability to hold large in person events, but we have been able to hold lectures on mental health and estate planning and will be holding additional lectures either late this year or in 2022. We have been able to have 30-45 women attend each of our events and have featured a local business woman as the speaker at each events. Attorneys and even some judges attend the lectures and will share their knowledge and experiences with the other attendees. The women that come to these lectures are diverse and varied in background, beliefs, education, careers, and life experience. The goal is to create a safe space for women from all walks of life to socialize, network, and learn from one another.

I also speak and lecture when requested on topics related to my areas of practice and experience. I have been a guest lecturer multiple times in the last couple of years (2020-2021) for a local, woman and minority owned, company that trains paralegals and medical professionals. The owner is in the process of expanding and is so pleased with my lectures that she has discussed me potentially taking on a permanent part-time teaching position.

I have been one of the attorney lecturers at the last couple of biennial trainings for arbitrators and short trial judges conducted by the ADR office of the Eighth Judicial District Court. However, this likely would not be considered pro bono work as I received CLE credit for my preparation and participation. The trainings are offered for new and continuing court-appointed arbitrators and short trial judges.

Furthermore, this year, I have volunteered multiple times for the “Ask-A-Lawyer” Program organized by Nevada Legal Services. These session have been conducted via zoom or telephone. Pre-covid, in late 2019 when meeting in person was safer, I also volunteered for Dream Big Nevada offering similar services as the “Ask-A-Lawyer” program.

As detailed above, I volunteered as a Truancy Court Judge from 2015 through 2017. This was a weekly commitment. Wherein I conducted a truancy court in a public school one morning per week. It is a great program through which I believe I was really able to connect with some youths in the community and help them change bad habits and routines.

I also took a family case through Legal Aid of Southern Nevada in late 2015. Because it is a family case that involved a very young child, I am not at liberty to openly discuss it as it can be re-opened at any time. But, my work on that case resulted in me being awarded a certificate for completing over fifty (50) hours of pro bono work on that matter during 2016.

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 Chapter of the American Inn of Court – Barrister

- Member: 2007 – present; Barrister Rep.: Exec. Board: 2015 – 2019

ADR Section Member – Nevada State Bar (approximately 2018 – present)

League of Women Voters of Southern Nevada (2020-2021)

Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys (on and off since approximately 2007, as I could work meetings into my work schedule)

Nevada Women in Trades (Member/Supporter)

NAACP Las Vegas Branch (2020 – present)

International Association of Women (2020 – present)

Henderson Chamber of Commerce (2020)

I also try to attend the monthly civil bench-bar meetings. These are now being held via zoom.

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. This is a list of the courses I have attended in the last 5 years:

- Embrace Your Inner Bad Ass – June 3, 2021 (multi-day seminar)
- ADR – Does It Really Work? – April 20, 2021
- With a Little Help From the Feds – March 16, 2021
- How the Press Does its Job – Feb. 16, 2021
- ADA Website Compliance: Is Your Website Lawsuit Proof – Jan. 21, 2021
- Substance Abuse with Justice Michael Cherry – Jan. 14, 2021
- Attorney Wellness – Dec. 15, 2020
- Racial Biases & Prejudices – Nov. 17, 2020
- Balancing Art & Science in Jury Selection – July 16, 2020
- Bankruptcy CLE – June 22, 2020
- Revised Court Procedures During COVID-19 Pandemic – June 2, 2020
- Nevada Supreme Court Rule Updates & EDCR Changes – Feb. 11, 2020
- Overview of 42 U.S.C. 1983 & Bivens V. Six Unknown Agents, 403 U.S. 388 (1971) – January 14, 2020
- Arbitrator Training – Las Vegas – October 18, 2019
- Trust Accounts: Why Do I Keep Hearing About Them? – October 8, 2019
- The Art of Negotiation for Personal Injury – Sept. 21, 2019
- Behavioral Ethics and Legal Negotiation – April 2, 2019 – UNLV – William S. Boyd School of Law
- Discovery – March 12, 2019 – Howard D. McKibben Inn of Court

- Minors Compromises – March 12, 2019 – Civil Bench-Bar Meeting
- Short Trial Pro Tempore Judge Training and Refresher – November 29, 2018 – State Bar of Nevada – Las Vegas Office
- Prevention of Substance Abuse – June 5, 2018 – Howard D. McKibben Inn of Court
- Expert Evidence – May 8, 2018 – Howard D. McKibben Inn of Court
- Evidence Potpourri – April 10, 2018 – Howard D. McKibben Inn of Court
- Ethical Consideration in Obtaining Evidence (focus on depositions) – March 13, 2018
- Privileges – February 13, 2018
- Hearsay – January 9, 2018
- The Foundations of Foundation – November 14, 2017
- Recent Developments in Evidence – October 10, 2017
- Amendments VI and VII: Right to a Jury Trial – May 9, 2017
- Amendments XVIII and XXI: Prevention of Substance Abuse – April 4, 2017
- Amendment IV: Prohibition Against Unreasonable Searches and Seizures – February 7, 2017
- Amendment II: The Right to Keep and Bear Arms – January 10, 2017
- Santa and His Elves: 1000 Years A Slave? - Amendment XIII – December 13, 2016
- Amendment I: Freedom of the Press and Speech – Nov. 15, 2016
- Family Law: What Do You Do When...? – Oct. 20 & 21, 2016 – 2-day seminar
- What Judges Want: Social Media, Smartphone, Email and Video Evidence – Oct. 7, 2016 – full day seminar
- Mediation Refresher Training – Neighborhood Justice Center – July 22, 2016 – full day seminar
- Fail Better: Continuing Efforts to Eliminate Bias in the Practice of Law – June 9, 2016
- Family Plot: Probate Law – April 12, 2016
- Reversal of Fortune: Bankruptcy – March 8, 2016
- Wilson: Incapacity of a President and the 25th Amendment – Feb. 9, 2016
- The Birdcage Program – Discrimination – January 12, 2016
- Basic Mediation Essentials Training – January 7-9 and January 11-12, 2016 – UNLV Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution (40 hours)

As detailed below, I have also taught or co-taught multiple courses in the last five years.

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

Yes I have professional liability insurance. I am not an employee of a governmental agency although I do part-time work as a court-appointed arbitrator and short trial pro tempore judge.

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.**

I currently own an investment property that I rent out. It is a condominium I bought in 2008 originally to be my home but moved out of in 2012. I have rented it to private individuals since moving out it.

I also did various jobs prior to law school, during undergraduate school, while in high school, and during breaks in going to school. I have detailed most of those jobs in my attached work history but they include teaching and tutoring, retail clothing sales associate, customer service agent at front desk of a hotel, and restaurant hostess.

- 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.

Yes, I own my own law practice.

- a. **the nature of the business:** a law practice called Legal Angel
- b. **the nature of your duties:** managing attorney, president
- c. **the extent of your involvement in the administration or management of the business:**
I am involved in all aspect of the administration and management of the business
- d. **the terms of your service:** my term began when I started the business in 2014 and continues currently
- e. **the percentage of your ownership:** 100%

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

None, other than managing and maintaining a trust account for client funds for Legal Angel. The account is an IOLTA account.

Civic, Professional and Community Involvement

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

I am a court-appointed arbitrator and Pro Tempore Judge for the Eighth Judicial District Court in Clark County, Nevada. I have been a court appointed arbitrator since 2014 and Pro Tempore Judge since 2018. As detailed above, I have been appointed as an arbitrator on at least 90 cases. I have also been appointed as a Pro Tempore Judge for approximately 15 short trial cases. I have had to preside over short jury trials for two of those cases the rest have resolved prior to trial.

I have also previously been a candidate for Clark County District Court, Department 17. I ran unsuccessfully in the last election (2020). I received 362,894 votes which was 48.38% of the total votes cast in my race. My opponent beat me by approximately 25,000 votes.

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

Please see above my responses to #22 and below #31.

I also run my own business and have since 2014. Prior to opening my own business, I was the managing attorney for a trial counsel office from 2010 through 2015. In both of those positions, I held leadership positions in the office requiring me to not only carry my own workload but to manage and supervise all employees in the office as well.

Additionally, my latest community project is the women's lecture series named "A Women's Wellness Afternoon" I detailed above in my response to #22. As stated above, I started it in conjunction with women from the Amirana Community Center. Unfortunately, health precautions have limited our ability to hold large in person events, but we have been

able to hold smaller lectures. We have had 30-45 women attend each of our events and have featured a local business woman as the speakers on topics such as mental health and estate planning. The women that come to these lectures are diverse and varied in background, beliefs, education, careers, and life experience. The goal is to create a safe space for women from all walks of life to socialize, network, and learn from one another.

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

- Continuing legal education classes I have taught and/or team taught and lectures given:
- “30 Days to Trial” – July 20, 2021 – Nevada Justice Association – I moderated this lecture
 - “Negotiations” – April 3, 2021 – Coaching Pros – guest speaker (hour-long lecture)
 - “Demands and Negotiation Process” – September 5, 2020 – Coaching Pros – guest speaker (hour-long lecture)
 - “Arbitrator Training and Refresher” – October 17, 2019 – State Bar of Nevada – Las Vegas Office – taught segment titled: “Endgame” – Follow Through with Post-Hearing Issues
 - “Short Trial Pro Tempore Judge Training and Refresher” – November 29, 2018 – State Bar of Nevada – Las Vegas Office – taught segment titled: “A View from the Other Side of the Bench” – A Short Trial Perspective from Counsel
 - “Building Your Civil Litigation Skills” – September 28, 2018 – National Business Institute – co-presenter (2 hours of full day presentation – “How to Select the Right Jury” and “How to Present Your Civil Case at Trial”)
 - “Trials Pre to Post” – December 1, 2017 – Legal Angel – 1 of 2 presenters (all day seminar)
 - “Liar, Liar” – A Brief Seminar on Ethics – May 10, 2016 – American Inn of Court – lead presenter in a group of presenters/ contributors
 - “2001: A Space Odyssey” – E-filing/E-serving: Rules, Regulations, and Issues – October 14, 2014 – American Inn of Court – lead presenter in a group of presenters/contributors
 - “Early, Effective, Valuation of Cases: Assessing Costs and Rules Regarding Offers of Judgment” – April 8, 2014 – In-house presentation for American Access Casualty Company Officers – sole presenter
 - “Trials” – November 13, 2013 – American Inn of Court – lead presenter in a group of presenters/contributors
 - “Ethics in Discovery” – May 24, 2011 – American Inn of Court – one of a group of presenters/ contributors
 - “Attorney Ethics” – April 6, 2010 – American Inn of Court – one of a group of presenters/contributors
 - “Making the Record on Appeal” – March 10, 2009 – American Inn of Court – one of a group of presenters/contributors
 - “State and Federal Criminal Law” – March 11, 2008 – American Inn of Court – one of a group of presenters/ contributors

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

Please see response above to #22 regarding Pro Bono service.

I am also in various political, community, and networking groups that actively do community events and charitable drives/activities.

I am a board member for a charity that aims to help addicts and people living in the tunnels under the strip. The charity is called Holy Smokes. It was started by a group of comedians who want to service the community and improve our city. It helps provide anything from basic needs to addiction recovery services.

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

- Top 100 Influential Women – My Vegas magazine – 2019
- Mountain State Super Lawyers – *Rising Star* – 2019
- 40 under 40 – My Vegas magazine - 2019
- 10 Best – Client Satisfaction – American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys – 2017
- 10 Best Female Attorneys – Client Satisfaction – American Institute of Family Law Attorneys – 2016
- Nationally Ranked Top 10 Under 40 – National Academy of Family Law Attorneys – 2016
- American's Most Honored Professionals Award – 2016
- 10 Best 2016 – American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys
- Top Lawyer – My Vegas Magazine – December, 2015
- Nevada Legal Elite – Nevada Business Magazine – 2015, 2016
- Nationally Ranked Top 10 Under 40 – National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys, Inc. – 2015, 2016
- Desert Companion's Top Lawyers List 2014 – Litigation
- Nevada Lawyer Highlighted Verdicts: July 2013, December 2013, March 2014, August 2014

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 am a member of various women's organizations and groups. I don't know if any actively reject males who try to join.

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

None.

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

Yes and yes.

37. List avocational interests and hobbies.

Yoga: 2005 to present.

Running: I have run three full marathons and seven half marathons.

I am also a mom and wife. I do various activities with my daughter and husband including play dates and activities. Prior to covid we were also in multiple parent-child groups however we have not gone back to many of those yet. We also like to eat out as a family as much as we can lately because so many restaurants have struggled because of the pandemic.

Conduct

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

Yes and yes.

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

No.

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

No.

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

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

No.

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

No.

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

No.

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

No.

Other

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

Yes, to this commission in 2019 for an opening in Department 8.

- 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.)**

See Attachment C.

- 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 currently run my own practice where I do everything from manage staff to litigate my own cases from start to finish. I am a trained mediator, arbitrator, and short trial judge already. I believe the skill sets I have developed through these activities will be very useful as a District Court Judge.

I am also a wife and mother. These roles are often both challenging and greatly rewarding. They have taught me the importance of patience, support, and intention. They have also rooted me in my community and been a driving force in my desire to improve the society in which my daughter will grow and mature.

- 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.**

See Attachment D.

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: Clark County District Court – ADR Department
(Note: technically, I am not an employee but this is paid work, so I am including it in this list)

Phone Number: 702-671-4493

Address: 330 S. Third Street, Las Vegas, NV 89155

From: Dec. 2014 **To:** present

Supervisor’s Name: Commissioner Erin Lee Truman

Supervisor’s Job Title: ADR Commissioner

Your Title: Court-appointed Arbitrator (Dec. 2014 – present) and Pro Tempore Judge (Nov. 2018 – present)

Specific Duties:

- Court-appointed arbitrator – preside over cases and conduct arbitration hearings
- Court-appointed Judge Pro Tem – presides over short trial cases and conduct trials

Reason for Leaving: have not left, but this is only part-time by appointment work

Current or Last Employer: Legal Angel (current employer)

Phone Number: 702-846-1316

Address: 376 E Warm Springs Road, Suite 120, Las Vegas, NV 89119 (formerly at 330 E Warm Springs Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119)

From: May 2014 **To:** present

Supervisor’s Name: self

Supervisor’s Job Title: Managing Attorney/ Business Owner

Your Title: Managing Attorney/ Business Owner

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Specific Duties:

- Lead attorney on a variety of cases handling pre-litigation through trial/settlement – current caseload includes personal injury and family cases.
- Manage staff (contract attorneys, paralegals, and legal assistants) and set protocol for office.
- Trial consulting work assisting other attorneys on a contract basis with their trials doing every aspect of trial work.

Reason for Leaving: still employed

Previous Employer: RS & Associates (American Access Casualty Company Staff Counsel)

Phone Number: 702-893-3388

Address: 2030 E Flamingo Road, Suite 260B, Las Vegas, NV 89119 (previously 1850 E Flamingo Road, Suite 204, Las Vegas, NV 89119)

From: Jan 2010 **To:** June 2015

Supervisor’s Name: David Blum and then William Ranieri

Supervisor’s Job Title: Vice President of Claims

Your Title: Managing/Lead Attorney

Specific Duties:

- Defense work for a fast-growing regional insurance company.
- Management duties: Open and set up legal office. Manage legal office, attorneys, and staff. Establish all office and case management procedures and protocol including but not limited to staff and attorney management/supervision, hiring/firing, office maintenance and upkeep, case intake and distribution, and management of coverage counsel. Supervise and train associate attorneys to conduct trials and manage a case load of 95+ cases effectively. Facilitate the intake of 10-15 new cases per month. Close 100+ cases per year.
- Trial attorney duties: Maintain an individual case load of 120-200 cases as needed. Take cases through all phases of litigation – initial intake, discovery, arbitration/mediation, settlement conferences, trials, post-trial, etc., through to resolution. Resolve 2-5 cases per week.

Reason for Leaving: wanted to focus 100% of my time on my own business (Legal Angel) which I started a little over a year before leaving and still currently work for.

Previous Employer: Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP

Phone Number: 702-893-3383

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Address: 300 S Fourth Street, 4th Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89101 (location has since changed and office is now split between 6385 Rainbow Blvd., Suite 600, Las Vegas, NV 89118 and 2300 West Sahara Ave, Suite 300, Las Vegas, NV 89102)

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From: April 2008 **To:** December 2009

Supervisor’s Name: Michael Edwards and then John Lavery

Supervisor’s Job Title: Partner

Your Title: Associate Attorney

Specific Duties:

- Defense litigation for large corporations and companies; areas of law: general liability, product liability, premise liability, personal injury, and construction defect.

Reason for Leaving: got the opportunity to open and run an office for a growing regional insurance company – American Access Casualty Company – and opened RS & Associates in January of 2010.

Previous Employer: Truman & Associates (Allstate Staff Counsel)

Phone Number: no longer exists, but Allstate Staff Counsel is now Kirst & Associates with the telephone number 702-726-3350

Address: 400 S Fourth Street, 10th Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89101 (no longer exists in this location or under the same name, is now Kirst & Associates at 2360 Corporate Circle, Suite 320, Henderson, NV 89074)

From: November 2006 **To:** April 2008

Supervisor’s Name: Erin Lee Truman

Supervisor’s Job Title: Managing/Lead Attorney

Your Title: Trial Attorney

Specific Duties:

- Responsible for all aspects of defense for as many as 35 new cases in litigation per month;
- Managed a case load of approximately 100-80 cases;
- Manage, plan, and conduct: discovery, trials, and resolution.

Reason for Leaving: opportunity to work on a greater variety of cases at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith.

Previous Employer: Alverson, Taylor, Mortensen, & Sanders

Phone Number: 702-384-7000

Address: 7401 West Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89104 (now at 6605 Grand Montecito Pkwy, Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89149)

From: March 2006 **To:** October 2006

Supervisor's Name: Monica Pierce

Supervisor's Job Title: Partner

Your Title: Associate Attorney

Specific Duties:

- Medical malpractice defense work: attended depositions and hearings, corresponded with clients, claim representatives, and third-party administrators, summarized and reviewed records, drafted motions/oppositions/replies, attended hearings.

Reason for Leaving: the opportunity to manage and try my own cases.

Previous Employer: Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbinson, & Lewis, Inc.

Phone Number: 918-587-3161

Address: 502 W. 6th Street, Tulsa, OK 74119-1010

From: January 2006 **To:** May 2006

Supervisor's Name: various, assigned work by multiple attorney/partners

Supervisor's Job Title: attorneys, partners

Your Title: law clerk

Specific Duties: Researched cases, prepared memos, drafted petitions, and assisted attorneys in matters pertaining to health law, employment law, family law, bankruptcy, and personal injury.

Reason for Leaving: temporary job for Spring 2005 semester of law school

Previous Employer: full time law student – University of Tulsa

Phone Number:

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From: August 2003 **To:** December 2005

Supervisor’s Name: n/a

Supervisor’s Job Title: n/a

Your Title: law student – full time

Specific Duties:

Reason for Leaving: graduated in December of 2005 (a semester early)

Previous Employer: The Princeton Review

Phone Number: 617-965-2657

Address: 1320 Center St., Suite 400, Newton Centre, MA 02459

From: January 2002 **To:** August 2003

Supervisor’s Name: contract work, supervisor changed with job

Supervisor’s Job Title: various

Your Title: teacher/tutor

Specific Duties: Prepared and conducted lessons geared toward test preparation (SAT and MCAS) and/or learning assistance.

Reason for Leaving: went to law school in Tulsa, OK

Previous Employer: Radisson (Hotel)

Phone Number: 508-771-1700

Address: 287 Iyannough Road, Hyannis, MA 02601

From: February 2002 **To:** February 2003

Supervisor’s Name: Jeff

Supervisor’s Job Title: Front Desk Manager

Your Title: Front Desk Associate

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Specific Duties:

- Check guests in/out of hotel
- Prepare guest bills/invoices
- Address guest complaints

Reason for Leaving: scheduling conflicts; new supervisor

Previous Employer: Esprit De Corp

Phone Number: store no longer exists

Address: Red Road, Miami, Florida

From: January 1999 **To:** December 2001

Supervisor's Name: Kristy Smith

Supervisor's Job Title: Store Manager

Your Title: Sales Associate

Specific Duties:

- Sell clothing to customers
- Keep sales floor neat and clean for customers
- Ring up customer sales and returns

Reason for Leaving: finished college and moved back to Massachusetts

Attachment C**Response to #47**

Although life experience outside of the legal world is always important and relevant, my biggest asset as a judge and what sets me apart the most as a candidate is my understanding and experience with trials and litigation. I have been lead counsel in over forty (40) jury trials that went to verdict and I have second chaired and/or been a consultant on at least another ten (10) trials. As I write this, I am preparing to start voir dire in another trial tomorrow. I have successfully attended and completed the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) trial training camp and lectured on trial practice. My experience and background, have not just taught me about trial practice, but they have also given me a great understanding of the importance, costs (not just monetary), and gravity attached to a trial and what occurs in a courtroom.

I have worked on both the Plaintiff and Defense sides of trials involving damage claims ranging from tens of millions of dollars to less than a few thousand dollars. My clients have likewise ranged from international multi-million-dollar companies to destitute individuals that I was taking on pro bono, for greatly reduced rates, or on a contingency basis. I have worked on cases involving motor vehicle accidents, construction accidents, product liability claims, slip and falls, family issues (divorce, custody, guardianship, etc.), business disputes, driving citations, alcohol and drugs, etc. During the pandemic, I even took on criminal work, pro bono. I am proud to say the charges against my clients in both of the criminal cases I took on were dismissed.

My experience gives me a unique perspective and knowledge base and has resulted in other attorneys seeking me out for assistance with anything from jury selection to witness preparation to closing arguments. I understand that try as we might to make our processes and system fair and just

and available to everyone, influence, experience, and funding vary among litigants. A good judge needs to recognize that change and evolution is needed and happening in our court system. COVID-19 has changed the way many practice law and made some of the divisions among litigants even more apparent.

Our processes and systems, as much as we want them to be fair and just, are still flawed and imperfect. Therefore, judges need to not only be fair arbiters with an understanding and knowledge of the law, but they also need to be flexible and understanding of the flaws in the system. Every litigant has the right to a judge that makes the case in front of him/her a priority, treats each litigant as a person and fellow human being, issues prompt rulings, researches relevant issues, and maintains courtroom decorum. As a judge I will take the time and make the effort, as I have and do as counsel and also a pro tempore judge, to observe and learn from other judges, litigators, and the parties that appear before me, and create an environment in my courtroom that upholds the law and allows each litigant access to justice regardless of his/her personal wealth or influence.

Prior to becoming an attorney, I worked in the fields of education, retail, and customer service. The jobs I held often involved long hours and low pay. Time off was hard to come by and often unpaid. Saving was difficult as just making enough money for monthly bills and expenses was challenging. I was lucky that through a combination of opportunity, hard work, and luck, I was not only able to get an undergraduate degree but also able to attend law school. I remember how fortunate I am every time I step into a courtroom and get to represent someone, argue a point, choose a jury, or do any of the other great honors we get as attorneys. I also understand that not everyone has the same opportunity or luck in life that I have been afforded. As judges and litigators,

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it is important we don't forget our goal is always to get people to resolution while protecting and respecting individual rights and following the law. This is not a responsibility I take lightly.