

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION APPLICATION

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT 2

By

APRIL R. BRADSHAW



Personal Information

1.	Full Name	April Rose Bradshaw
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.	April Rose Foster – First married name – 1999-2011 April Rose Foster-Stayman – Second married name – 2011-2013
3.	How long have you been a continuous resident of Nevada?	27 years
4.	City and county of residence	Mc Gill, White Pine County
5.	Age	46

Employment History

6. 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	White Pine County District Attorney's Office
Phone	(775) 293-6565
Physical Address & Website	1786 Great Basin Blvd. Ely, White Pine County, Nevada 89301 whitepinecounty.net
Date(s) of Employment	4/2021 – present
Supervisor's Name and Title	Melissa A. Brown, Esq. White Pine County District Attorney Dylan V. Frehner, Esq. Lincoln County District Attorney Theodore Beutel, Esq. Eureka County District Attorney
Your Title	Deputy District Attorney/Special Prosecutor ICJR Grant Funded Tri-County Special Prosecutor for White Pine, Lincoln, and Eureka Counties in Nevada
Describe Your Key Duties	Prosecute crimes of intimate partner violence, including: stalking, domestic violence, sexual assault, and other related crimes from inception to resolution or verdict on behalf of The State of Nevada; Argue pretrial release hearings; Attend arraignments; Conduct preliminary hearings; Prepare, present, and argue motions in Justice Court and District Court; Perform jury trials; Argue sentencing recommendations; Argue at disposition hearings for probation violations; Communicate with victims/survivors about rights and case involvement; Negotiate plea agreements; Communicate with and train law enforcement regarding issues of domestic violence;

	Communicate with and prepare witnesses for hearings and trials; Review evidence; Make charging decisions; Complete application for ICJR grant and comply with semi-annual grant reporting requirements; Meet and work with Victim/Witness Advocate weekly regarding status of pending cases involving victims/survivors; Draft appellate briefs on behalf of State of Nevada; Perform legal research
Reason for Leaving	N/A

Current or Last Employer	Bradshaw Law Group, LLC
Phone	(702) 321-1107
Address & Website	421 Bell Avenue Ely, Nevada 89301 (no website)
Date(s) of Employment	06/2015-present
Supervisor's Name and Title	April R. Bradshaw, Esq. Owner
Your Title	Owner/Attorney
Describe Your Key Duties	Litigation Attorney and Business Owner of boutique law firm; Represent and advise clients through their legal issues, including, but not limited to: divorce, custody, guardianship, adoption, name change, property matters, probate, estate planning, and business formation.
Reason for Leaving	N/A

Previous Employer	Lincoln County District Attorney's Office
Phone	(775) 962-8073
Address & Website	181 N. Main Street P.O. Box 60 Pioche, Nevada 89043 lincolncountynv.org
Date(s) of Employment	12/2018-04/2021
Supervisor's Name and Title	Dylan V. Frehner, Esq. Lincoln County District Attorney
Your Title	Deputy District Attorney
Describe Your Key Duties	Prosecute criminal actions on behalf of The State of Nevada from inception to resolution; Advise Lincoln County Officials, employees, and representatives on legal matters and questions; Draft resolutions, ordinances, and contracts; Train and communicate with law enforcement; Make charging decisions; Communicate with witnesses and prepare witnesses for hearings and trial; Perform legal research; Draft, present, and argue motions; Attend Seventh Judicial District Drug Court in and for County of Lincoln on behalf of State of Nevada
Reason for Leaving	Accepted Tri-County Special Prosecutor position located in White Pine County

Previous Employer	April R. Bradshaw, Sole Proprietor
Phone	(702) 321-1107
Address & Website	3121 Morning Springs Avenue Henderson, Nevada
Date(s) of Employment	06/2018-09/2018
Supervisor's Name and Title	April R. Bradshaw Sole Proprietor
Your Title	Lyft Driver
Describe Your Key Duties	Transportation as a service in Clark County, Nevada
Reason for Leaving	Moved to Lincoln County, Nevada

Previous Employer	Ford & Friedman
Phone	(702) 904-9898
Address & Website	2200 Paseo Verde Parkway Suite 350 Henderson, Nevada 89052 fordfriedmanlaw.com
Date(s) of Employment	10/2017-06/2018
Supervisor's Name and Title	Chris Ford Owner and Partner
Your Title	Associate Attorney
Describe Your Key Duties	Represent clients and litigate their family law issues; Prepare, present, and argue motions before the Family Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court in Clark County, Nevada; Perform legal research; Evaluate matters and communicate legal strategy and recommendations to clients
Reason for Leaving	Re-opened Bradshaw Law Group, LLC

Previous Employer	Lorber, Greenfield, & Polito
Phone	(725) 543-7001
Address & Website	1180 N. Town Center Drive, Suite 100 Las Vegas, Nevada 89144 lorberlaw.com
Date(s) of Employment	04/2016-10/2017
Supervisor's Name and Title	Sean D. Allen, Esq. Partner
Your Title	Associate Attorney
Describe Your Key Duties	Represent and defend client in construction defect and general liability matters; Take, defend, and attend witness and expert depositions; Prepare, present, and argue motions before the Discovery Commissioner and District Court in the Eighth Judicial District Court in Clark County, Nevada; Perform legal research; Review documents and discovery; Prepare discovery and discovery responses

Reason for Leaving	Accepted a position with Ford & Friedman as an Associate Attorney
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Previous Employer	The Law Office of Karen H. Ross
Phone	(702) 458-4152
Address & Website	2275 Corporate Circle, Suite 160 Henderson, Nevada 89074 (no website found)
Date(s) of Employment	11/2014-10/2015
Supervisor's Name and Title	Karen H. Ross, Esq. Owner
Your Title	Associate Attorney
Describe Your Key Duties	Represent clients and litigate their personal injury claims, business actions, and family law issues; Prepare present, and argue motions before the Eighth Judicial District Court and Discovery Commissioner in Clark County, Nevada; Evaluate matters, communicate strategy, and make recommendations to supervising attorney and clients
Reason for Leaving	Opened Bradshaw Law Group, LLC

Previous Employer	Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard, & Smith
Phone	(702) 893-3383
Address & Website	6385 South Rainbow Blvd., Suite 600 Las Vegas, Nevada 89118 lewisbrisbois.com
Date(s) of Employment	08/2013-11/2014
Supervisor's Name and Title	Keith A. Weaver, Esq.; Brent Vogel, Esq.; and Robert W. Freeman, Esq. Partners
Your Title	Associate Attorney
Describe Your Key Duties	Represent and defend physicians, medical facilities, and hospitals in medical malpractice and general liability matters from inception through resolution; Assist supervising attorney through all stages of litigation in employment matters; Take, defend, and attend witness and expert depositions; Prepare, present, and argue motions before the Eighth Judicial District Court and Discovery Commissioner in Clark County, Nevada; Evaluate matters, communicate strategy, and make recommendations to supervising attorney and clients
Reason for Leaving	Accepted a position at The Law Office of Karen H. Ross

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Previous Employer	Lincoln, Gustafson, & Cercos, LLP
Phone	(702) 257-1997
Address & Website	7670 W. Lake Mead, Suite 200 Las Vegas, Nevada 89128 lgclawoffice.com
Date(s) of Employment	03/2013-07/2013
Supervisor's Name and Title	Shannon G. Splaine, Esq. Partner
Your Title	Associate Attorney
Describe Your Key Duties	Represent and defend clients in construction defect matters; Prepare, present, and argue motions before the Discovery Commissioner and District Court in the Eighth Judicial District Court in Clark County, Nevada; Perform legal research; Review documents and discovery; Prepare discovery and discovery responses
Reason for Leaving	Accepted position at Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard, & Smith

Previous Employer	Alverson, Taylor, Mortensen, & Sanders (now known as Alverson, Taylor, & Sanders)
Phone	(702) 384-7000
Address & Website	6605 Grand Montecito Parkway, Suite 200 Las Vegas, Nevada 89149 (no website located)
Date(s) of Employment	09/2010-01/2013
Supervisor's Name and Title	Leann Sanders, Esq. & Shirley Blazich, Esq. Partners
Your Title	Associate Attorney
Describe Your Key Duties	Represent and defend physicians and hospitals in medical malpractice matters, employment discrimination matters, and general liability matters; Document review and discovery preparation; Develop defense strategies based on client needs and facts gathered; Take, attend, and defend witness depositions; Prepare, present, and argue motions before the Eighth Judicial District Court and Discovery Commissioner in Clark County, Nevada; Perform legal research; Attend mediations with clients; Evaluate matters and make recommendations to clients and supervising attorney through every stage of litigation
Reason for Leaving	Personal

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Previous Employer	Chili's Bar & Grill
Phone	(702) 638-1482
Address & Website	2011 N. Rainbow Blvd Las Vegas, Nevada 89108 chilis.com
Date(s) of Employment	07/2010-11/2010
Supervisor's Name and Title	Jesse (last name unknown) Manager
Your Title	Server
Describe Your Key Duties	Greet customers; Take food orders; Problem solve customer issues; Deliver food and drinks to tables; Clear and bus tables; Re-stock areas of restaurant at end of shift
Reason for Leaving	Success on the Nevada Bar Exam and career goals did not align with maintaining this employment

Previous Employer	The Law Offices of Kristina Wildeveld & Associates
Phone	(702) 222-0007
Address & Website	550 E. Charleston Blvd., Suite A Las Vegas, Nevada 89104 veldlaw.com
Date(s) of Employment	03/2010-05/2010
Supervisor's Name and Title	Kristina Wildeveld, Esq. Owner
Your Title	Contract Law Clerk
Describe Your Key Duties	Legal research; Review case; Draft appellate brief
Reason for Leaving	Completed project

Previous Employer	Las Vegas Township Justice Court, Department 6
Phone	(702) 671-3116
Address & Website	Regional Justice Center 200 Lewis Avenue #2 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 lasvegasjusticecourt.us
Date(s) of Employment	08/2009-12/2009
Supervisor's Name and Title	The Honorable Nancy C. Oesterle (Ret.) Justice of the Peace
Your Title	Legal Extern (Unpaid Law School Internship for Credit)
Describe Your Key Duties	Legal research; Draft legal memos for Judge's review and consideration; Review Declarations of Probable Cause submitted to Department; Attend court including DUI treatment court with Judge; Attend DUI Treatment Court staff meetings; Assist Judge with assigned duties of the Court
Reason for Leaving	Externship completed

Previous Employer	San Diego County, Multiple Conflicts Office – Major Cases
Phone	(619) 446-2909
Address & Website	451 A Street, Suite 1480 San Diego, California 92101 sandiegocounty.gov
Date(s) of Employment	09/2008-04/2009 (Pro Bono)
Supervisor's Name and Title	James F. Weintre, Esq. Chief Deputy
Your Title	Law School Intern
Describe Your Key Duties	Review cases and case materials; Log key findings in reviewed materials; Legal research; Draft pleadings and motions; Attend court hearings with supervising attorney; Assist supervising attorney on cases in every stage of litigation
Reason for Leaving	Internship ended

Previous Employer	Carrabba's Italian Grill
Phone	(702) 304-2345
Address & Website	8771 W. Charleston Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada 89117 carrabbas.com
Date(s) of Employment	08/2006-12/2007
Supervisor's Name and Title	Claire (last name unknown) Proprietor/Manager
Your Title	Key Manager, Bartender, Server, Take-away Server; Hostess, Trainer
Describe Your Key Duties	Key Manager: Address and solve issues during shift for guests and front of house employees; Assist front of house employees on shift; Assign duties to employees on shift Bartender: Serve guests at restaurant bar; Make drinks at bar per order from restaurant guests; Clean and restock bar Server: Serve restaurant guests; Take and place restaurant guest food and drink orders; Run food and drinks to restaurant guests; Clean tables and other areas within restaurant; Restock all areas of restaurant Take-away Server: Answered telephone for take-away orders from the restaurant; Took and placed guests food orders; Packaged food orders for guest take-away orders Hostess: Greeted restaurant guests upon entry to restaurant; Seated guests; Maintained wait-list; Rotated seating of guests throughout restaurant to waitstaff on restaurant floor Trainer: Trained new servers, take-away servers, and host staff in classroom and on-the-job
Reason for Leaving	Located to San Diego to attend Law School

Previous Employer	The Cheesecake Factory
Phone	(702) 792-6888 (Caesar's Palace) (702) 951-3800 (Summerlin)
Address & Website	Caesar's Palace: 3500 S. Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada Summerlin: 750 S. Rampart Blvd., Suite 17 Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 thecheesecakefactory.com
Date(s) of Employment	3/2003-8/2006
Supervisor's Name and Title	Caesar's Palace: Pamela Johnson, General Manager Summerlin: Linda Bruschi, General Manager
Your Title	Expediter, Server, Baker, Hostess, Trainer
Describe Your Key Duties	Coordinate and expedite food orders out of kitchen, Serve restaurant guests, Prepare dessert orders in bakery, Receive, place, and package guest carry out food orders; Cleaned all areas of restaurant; Trained new hires in expeditor, server, baker, and host positions; Member of opening team in Rancho Cucamonga, California
Reason for Leaving	Accepted position at Carrabba's Italian Grill

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 School	Cheyenne High School
Address	3200 W. Alexander Road North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032
Dates of Attendance	08/1992-05/1993; 02/1994-05/1995
Diploma	Yes
Reason for Leaving	Graduated

High School	Cimarron-Memorial High School
Address	2301 N. Tenaya Way Las Vegas, Nevada 89128
Dates of Attendance	11/1993-02/1994
Diploma	No – Sophomore Year
Reason for Leaving	Moved

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High School	Western High School
Address	4601 W. Bonanza Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89107
Dates of Attendance	08/1993-11/1993
Diploma	No – Sophomore Year
Reason for Leaving	Moved

College	University of Nevada Las Vegas
Address	4505 S. Maryland Parkway Las Vegas, Nevada 89154
Dates of Attendance	08/1995-12/2007
Degree	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Management
Reason for Leaving	Graduated

College	Community College of Southern Nevada (Now known as College of Southern Nevada)
Address	North Las Vegas Campus 3200 East Cheyenne Ave. North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030
Dates of Attendance	01/1996-12/1999
Degree	No
Reason for Leaving	Transferred all credits to UNLV

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

I attended three different high schools and carried a class load that enabled me to graduate with Academic Honors in an accelerated three-year time span. I also participated in extracurricular activities at each school throughout my high school career.

I participated in the following extracurricular activities at Cheyenne High School:

Cross Country – Varsity Letterman, Fall 1992

Manager of Men's Soccer Team, Fall 1994

Women's Varsity Soccer – Varsity Letterman, Winter 1995

Marching Band – Varsity Letterman, Fall 1992, Fall 1994

Concert Band – Spring 1993, Spring 1994

I participated in the following extracurricular activities at Western High School:

Cross Country – Varsity Letterman, Fall 1993

I participated in the following extracurricular activities at Cimarron-Memorial High School:

Concert Band – Spring 1994

Once I graduated high school and I moved onto my undergraduate years, I did not follow the traditional four-year college plan. In fact, there was a twelve-year time span between the very first class I attended at UNLV in the Fall of 1995 to graduation from UNLV in the Fall of 2007.

I attended both UNLV and CCSN in my hometown of Las Vegas, Nevada. I began my undergraduate career as a secondary education major, changed my major to early childhood education, and ultimately graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Business Management degree from UNLV. I earned One Hundred Seventy-Two (172) credits throughout the twelve-year timespan as both a part- and full-time student. In addition to attending school, I also married, had my daughter, divorced, and raised my daughter while I worked both part- and full-time jobs and attended school as time and finances would allow until I ultimately graduated from UNLV in December 2007.

During my undergraduate years from 1995-2007, I amassed a great deal of life and educational experience not only through school, but also through my personal relationships, raising my daughter as both a cohesive family-unit and later as a single mother. I worked to support my family and myself while going to school and working toward my undergraduate degree. I took my undergraduate studies seriously because I knew how crucial an education would be in order to provide my daughter and me with a better life. While persevering through my undergraduate career, I often led group projects, encouraged collaboration, and promoted group participation in order to ensure that quality, interesting, and educational information was presented to our fellow classmates. As for my individual contributions to group projects, I spent countless hours brainstorming with group members creating quality class presentations, and I was often nominated, or otherwise volunteered, to finalize and edit projects myself to guarantee that a quality group project would be submitted and/or presented for final presentation and grading.

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.

Law School	California Western School of Law
Address	225 Cedar Street San Diego, California 92101
Dates of Attendance	01/2008-01/2010
Degree	Juris Doctorate Cum Laude – 1/15/2010
Class Rank	26/254

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.

Employer	San Diego County, Multiple Conflicts Office – Major Cases
Date(s) of Employment	09/2008-04/2009
Supervisor's Name and Title	James F. Weintre, Esq. Chief Deputy
Your Title	Part-time, Pro-Bono, Intern
Nature of Employment	Review cases and case materials; Log key findings in reviewed materials; Legal research; Draft pleadings and motions; Attend hearings with supervising attorney; Assist supervising attorney on cases in every stage of litigation

Employer	Las Vegas Township Justice Court, Department 6
Date(s) of Employment	08/2009-12/2009
Supervisor's Name and Title	The Honorable Nancy Oesterle (Ret.) Justice of the Peace
Your Title	Full-time, Legal Extern, Unpaid Law School Internship for Credit
Nature of Employment	Legal research; Draft legal memos for Judge's review and consideration; Review Declarations of Probable Cause submitted to Department; Attend court including DUI treatment court with Judge; Attend DUI Treatment Court staff meetings; Assist Judge with assigned duties of the Court

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

I attended California Western School of Law from January 2008 to January 2010, and graduated with a Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude. Graduating in two years and participating in an out-of-town internship for credit in Las Vegas, Nevada, required me to take a full-time class load each trimester, e.g., Spring 2008 – 14 credits, Summer 2008 – 14 credits, Fall 2008 – 16 credits, Spring 2009 – 15 credits, Summer 2009 – 18 credits, and Fall 2009 – 12 credits (which included the out-of-town internship for credit and an independent study).

Based on my academic performance during the first two trimesters of law school, I earned an academic scholarship, and I maintained the scholarship through the remainder of my law school career by continuing to exhibit academic excellence. I graduated with a 3.51 Grade Point Average and was ranked 26/254 in my class.

I was on the Dean's Honor's List in the Summer of 2008, Spring of 2009, and Summer of 2009.

I earned Academic Excellence Awards (highest grade in class) for (1) STEPPS – Professional Responsibility, Professional Skills, Prevention & Problem Solving, and Advanced Legal Writing; and (2) California Evidence.

I was recognized as a Pro Bono Honor Society member and awarded as such for the Pro Bono work completed with the San Diego County, Multiple Conflicts Office – Major Crimes from the beginning of Fall 2008 to the end of Spring 2009.

In the Spring of 2009, I was invited to and participated on Law Review as an Associate Writer. I submitted a Law Review Article in the Spring of 2009, however, the article was not ultimately published in the California Western Law Review. I continued to participate on Law Review as an Associate Writer in the Summer of 2009.

In the Fall of 2009, I completed an out-of-town internship for credit as an extern in the Las Vegas Justice Court to The Honorable Nancy C. Oesterle (Ret.), Dept. No. 6. When I left San Diego to complete the internship for credit, I knew that I would be deficient one credit for graduation in

January 2010. In order to earn the deficient credit while completing the out-of-town internship for credit, I endeavored to complete an Independent Study to make up the credit while also participating in the full-time internship.

I enjoyed my time in San Diego, California while in law school and I really enjoyed law school academics. I always intended, however, to return to my home state of Nevada to practice law.

Law Practice

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

I was admitted to the Nevada Bar on October 7, 2010.

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

N/A

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

No

15. Estimate what percentage of your work over the last five years has involved litigation matters, distinguishing between trial and appellate courts. For judges, answer questions 15-19 for the five years directly preceding your appointment or election to the bench.

Legal Discipline	Percentage of Practice
Domestic/family	6%
Juvenile matters	1%
Trial court civil	0%
Appellate civil	0%
Trial court criminal	81%
Appellate criminal	.5%
Administrative litigation	0%
Other: Guardianship	4%
Other: Probate	3%
Other: Property/Quiet Title	2%
Other: Child Welfare	2%
Other: Employment	.5%

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

Since 2020, approximately 80% of the litigation matters that I worked on involved cases set for jury trial, and approximately 20% of the litigation matters that I worked on involved cases set for bench trials or otherwise set for evidentiary hearings to be heard in non-jury trial settings.

17. 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 the past five years, I have been lead counsel and tried seven (7) jury trial matters to conclusion and approximately four (4) non-jury trial matters to a decision.

18. List courts and counties in any state where you have practiced in the past five years.

COURT	COUNTY, STATE
Nevada Supreme Court	White Pine County, Nevada
Seventh Judicial District Court	White Pine County, Lincoln County, and Eureka County, Nevada
Eighth Judicial District Court – Family Division	Clark County, Nevada
Eleventh Judicial District Court	Pershing County
Justice Court of Ely Township No. One	White Pine County, Nevada
Ely Municipal Court	Ely, White Pine County, Nevada
Meadow Valley Justice Court	Lincoln County, Nevada
Pahranagat Valley Justice Court	Lincoln County, Nevada
Eureka Justice Court – Eureka Township	Eureka County, Nevada
Eureka Justice Court – Beowawe	Eureka County, Nevada
United States District Court – District of Nevada	Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada

19. List by case name and date the five cases of most significance to you (not including cases pending in which you have been involved), complete the following tables:

Case 1
Case name and date: <i>The State of Nevada vs. Jonathan Pierce</i> Justice Court of Ely Township No. One, County of White Pine, State of Nevada Case No. 20-CR-00162-7K Judgement and Sentence entered June 21, 2021
Court and presiding judge and all counsel:

<p>Justice Court of Ely Township No. One, County of White Pine, State of Nevada Justice of the Peace, Stephen J. Bishop Counsel for the Defendant: Richard W. Sears, Esq. Counsel for the State of Nevada: April R. Bradshaw, Esq.</p>
<p>Importance of the case to you and the case's impact on you:</p> <p>This case was a misdemeanor domestic battery prosecution and was the first misdemeanor domestic battery jury trial that was conducted in a Justice Court within White Pine, Lincoln, and/or Eureka Counties following the Nevada Supreme Court's decision in <i>Andersen v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court</i>, 135 Nev. 321 (2019). <i>Andersen</i> clarified that the State Legislature's changes to the law deemed the offense of misdemeanor domestic battery a "serious" offense which entitled defendants to the right of a jury trial. The <i>Andersen</i> Court determined that misdemeanor domestic battery was a "serious" offense that entitled defendants to a jury trial because of the impact of recent changes to Nevada law that a conviction of misdemeanor domestic battery may have on a defendant's Second Amendment right to bear arms.</p> <p>Not only was it the first misdemeanor domestic jury trial for White Pine, Lincoln, and Eureka Counties, it was my first experience as lead counsel in a jury trial as well. Trying the matter, the first of its kind in the Ely Justice Court, and achieving a conviction provided validation and confirmation that I could make sound charging decisions and proceeding to trial.</p>
<p>Your role in the case:</p> <p>Lead prosecutor for The State of Nevada as Deputy District Attorney/Special Prosecutor for White Pine County, Nevada</p>
<p>Case 2</p>
<p>Case name and date:</p> <p><i>The State of Nevada v. Dakota Hunt</i> Seventh Judicial District Court, County of White Pine, State of Nevada Case No. CR-2203021</p> <p>Date of Acquittal: April 28, 2022</p>
<p>Court and presiding judge and all counsel:</p> <p>Seventh Judicial District Court, County of White Pine, State of Nevada Dept. 1 The Honorable Steve Dobrescu Counsel for Defendant: Kirsty E. Pickering, Esq. Counsel for the State: April R. Bradshaw, Esq.</p>
<p>Importance of the case to you and the case's impact on you:</p>

This matter involved domestic violence in a three count Criminal Information that alleged Misdemeanor Domestic Battery; Felony Residential Burglary Constituting Domestic Violence; and Gross Misdemeanor Interruption, Interference, or Delay with a Telecommunication Device.

In my role as the Tri-County Special Prosecutor, I have tried some cases that I have obtained guilty verdicts and some where the defendants have been acquitted. When justice has required, I have not been shy about taking difficult cases to trial. This matter was a case that was difficult and the Defendant was ultimately acquitted, but justice required that the matter be taken to trial.

In the week leading up to trial, the Defendant agreed to enter into a guilty plea agreement, however, the Defendant reneged on signing the agreement on the day that the Defendant was scheduled to enter the Defendant's change of plea. My choices as the prosecutor at that point were to either dismiss the case outright or to proceed to trial. I believed there were sufficient facts and evidence to achieve a conviction, however, I was also aware that there may have been other hurdles that could have overridden the evidence and facts in the case. I knew that this matter would be a difficult case to present to a jury and to achieve a guilty verdict. However, I believed in the case and I believed in the victim and I ultimately decided to proceed to trial with a difficult case instead of dismissing the matter.

By taking the matter to trial, it gave the victim an opportunity to say out loud what happened to the victim in the victim's home at the hands of the Defendant. The victim was able to take back some of the victim's power that the victim felt was lost during the relationship with the Defendant.

The Defendant was, however, acquitted and, honestly, I was somewhat disappointed in the outcome. However, my disappointment was not attributed to my decision to take the matter to trial. I was proud of the victim for testifying and telling the jury about the incident that formed the basis of the matter.

During my career as a prosecutor, I never want to be known as the one who shied away from taking difficult matters to trial because I was "afraid to lose." I am not afraid to take hard cases to trial when victim's rights are at stake. Furthermore, I do not believe that the ends of justice are served when an offender can potentially be held less accountable simply because they have been able to exert a certain amount of power and control over another person and use it to the offender's advantage.

Even after "losing" this trial, I felt that I did the best that I could to stand for the rights of the individual victim in this matter as well as every citizen in the community's right to feel safe by attempting to hold the Defendant accountable for the Defendant's actions.

This matter was important to me because of the lessons that I learned in knowing that "winning" at trial, just like "winning" in life, is not everything. Although I may have "lost" at trial, I did not feel that my efforts were not meaningful.

<p>Your role in the case:</p> <p>Lead prosecutor for The State of Nevada, Deputy District Attorney/Special Prosecutor for White Pine County, Nevada</p>
<p>Case 3</p> <p>Case name and date:</p> <p><i>The State of Nevada v. Nataly Espino-Castanon</i> Seventh Judicial District Court, County of White Pine, State of Nevada Case No. CR-2306090</p> <p>Judgement of Sentence entered March 18, 2024</p>
<p>Court and presiding judge and all counsel:</p> <p>Seventh Judicial District Court, County of White Pine, State of Nevada Dept. 2 The Honorable Gary D. Fairman Trial Counsel for Defendant: Chris Arabia, Esq. Sentencing Counsel for Defendant: Derrick S. Penney, Esq. Counsel for the State: April R. Bradshaw, Esq.</p>
<p>Importance of the case to you and the case's impact on you:</p> <p>Similar to the case above, this matter is one that I served on as lead trial counsel on and also an example of a case that I knew would be a difficult case, but warranted being taken to trial. Unlike the matter above, this one ended in a guilty verdict and Felony Domestic Battery conviction.</p> <p>Prior to being arrested in this matter, the Defendant had three misdemeanor domestic battery convictions in the past seven years. The victim in this matter made it clear very early on that the victim did not want to testify in any court proceeding against the Defendant and I was not able to locate the victim at the time of trial.</p> <p>I took a risk and went forward with the jury trial anyway because I believed that with the Defendant's confession and the significant amount of physical evidence in the case, I could proceed without the victim's testimony.</p> <p>Throughout my career as a special prosecutor who prosecutes cases involving domestic violence, I have been to trainings and CLE courses that teach about evidence-based prosecutions. Prior to going to trial on this matter, I was unsure of just how effective an evidence-based prosecution could really be outside of the theories taught in the classroom and in the reality of a courtroom. I was, however, willing to give it a try in this case. I was pleasantly surprised when I applied the classroom theories and the perpetrator of felony</p>

domestic violence was held accountable for their actions despite not having the victim available to testify.

This case impacted me and continues to impact me because it strengthened my belief in the criminal justice system to bring balance to communities in holding perpetrators accountable, sometimes even when victims are not available to testify.

Your role in the case:

Lead prosecutor for The State of Nevada, Deputy District Attorney/Special Prosecutor for White Pine County, Nevada

Case 4

Case name and date:

The State of Nevada v. Ryan Allen Taylor
Seventh Judicial District Court, County of Lincoln, State of Nevada
Case No. CR-0501223

Judgement of Sentence entered June 28, 2024

Court and presiding judge and all counsel:

Seventh Judicial District Court, County of Lincoln, State of Nevada
The Honorable Gary D. Fairman
Counsel for Defendant: Franklin J. Katschke, Esq.
Counsel for the State: April R. Bradshaw, Esq.

Importance of the case to you and the case's impact on you:

In this matter, the Defendant was charged with Domestic Battery with Prior Felony Domestic Violence Conviction. The Defendant severely harmed their significant other on their significant other's birthday in Lincoln County, Nevada. As implied in the name of the charge, the Defendant had a prior felony conviction for domestic violence and was a violent individual. Unlike the matters indicated above, this matter did not go to trial and resulted in the Defendant pleading guilty just before trial.

Initially, the victim was a cooperative State's witness. After a few months though, the victim did a one-hundred-eighty-degree turn against the State and fully aligned with the Defendant.

As we approached the date set for trial, the victim believed that the court, law enforcement, and I were responsible for all of the "injustice" that the victim and Defendant both believed was being waged against the Defendant.

This was difficult for my logical mind to understand because the victim was the one with significant injuries to the face and the one who called for law enforcement intervention on

the evening of the victim's birthday. However, because I had been working with victims/survivors of domestic violence for approximately three years at the time, my experience aided in understanding that it was the continued dynamic of power and control over the victim coupled with the unlawful contact with the victim while awaiting trial that contributed to the victim's reality being skewed and the victim's turn against the State. The State who only sought to hold the Defendant accountable for the Defendant's unlawful conduct.

The Defendant went to great lengths to maintain power and control over the victim in this matter prior to trial to try to force a dismissal of the charges. The victim was not very fond of me or the State's position in continuing to prosecute the Defendant. However, I wholeheartedly believed that if the Defendant would have achieved a dismissal of the charges, or even a lessening of the charges, the Defendant would not have been held accountable for the Defendant's bad behavior and the victim would have been more severely injured after the Defendant's release.

While it was painful and emotional for me to see the victim upset and angry with me, I believed that I was seeking justice and protecting the victim from the Defendant. I filed motions with the Court when the Defendant violated court orders and was able to hold the Defendant somewhat accountable for violating the Court's Orders. This enraged the Defendant and the victim in the matter. However, I knew that my intent was in the interest of justice and to protect, not to hurt or further traumatize, the victim. I also knew that I needed to do whatever I could to hold the Defendant accountable for inflicting severe injury upon the victim.

As we inched toward trial, I lost all cooperation that I had in the victim as a witness and the victim was going to be a hostile witness at trial aligned with the defense. However, I was not deterred in my quest for justice, to protect the victim, to maintain public safety, to deter future criminal activity, and to hold the Defendant accountable.

Eventually, the Defendant accepted a plea deal, and we did not go to trial. However, I was fully prepared to go to trial even if the victim did not think I was doing that in the victim's best interest.

This case is important to me because it reminded me that seeking justice is sometimes painful, emotional, and hard. In the quest for justice, so many have their own feelings about what justice means and how it should look. Not everybody outside of the criminal justice system has to play by the ethical standards that attorneys and judges must abide. It made me proud to be a part of the criminal justice system. I believe that I assisted in keeping the Lincoln County community safer by pursuing this matter even though it was difficult and presented unique challenges that were both professionally and personally difficult for me.

This case also made me appreciate and understand the role of the criminal justice system, in protecting the most vulnerable citizens of our communities, even when they do not want or think they need protection.

<p>Your role in the case:</p> <p>Lead prosecutor for The State of Nevada, Deputy District Attorney/Special Prosecutor for Lincoln County, Nevada</p>
<p>Case 5</p> <p>Case name and date:</p> <p><i>In the Matter of the Guardianship of the Person of:</i> <i>A.R.A., a Protected Minor</i> Seventh Judicial District Court in and for the County of Lincoln, State of Nevada Case No. PR 0100320</p> <p>Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law Following Evidentiary Hearing Regarding Petition for Guardianship and Order Appointing Guardian Over Protected Minor entered July 28, 2021</p>
<p>Court and presiding judge and all counsel:</p> <p>Seventh Judicial District Court, County of Lincoln, State of Nevada The Honorable Gary D. Fairman Counsel for Respondent: Bruce I. Shapiro, Esq. & Alicia Exley, Esq. Counsel for the Petitioner: April R. Bradshaw, Esq. Counsel for Protected Minor: Matthew Carling, Esq.</p>
<p>Importance of the case to you and the case's impact on you:</p> <p>This was a guardianship matter in which the protected minor's paternal grandmother petitioned for guardianship. The protected minor's father objected to the appointment of a guardian. I was retained by the Petitioner, who was the Protected Minor's paternal grandmother, through my private office.</p> <p>At the time of the evidentiary hearing on the Petition for Guardianship, the protected minor, A.R.A., was twelve years old. A.R.A.'s grandmother had been A.R.A.'s only consistent caregiver for all of A.R.A.'s life. A.R.A.'s biological mother abandoned A.R.A. when she was approximately two-and-a-half-years-old. A.R.A.'s biological father had contact with A.R.A. throughout A.R.A.'s life, however, the contact had not been significant or consistent in any way.</p> <p>The circumstance that led to A.R.A.'s grandmother seeking guardianship involved A.R.A.'s biological father announcement to A.R.A. and A.R.A.'s grandmother one evening that he would be moving to Florida to live with his fiancé and that he would be taking A.R.A. with him to Florida. A.R.A. had only met her father's fiancé approximately two to three times. A.R.A.'s grandmother did not believe that A.R.A. would be safe with A.R.A.'s biological father or that it would be in A.R.A.'s best interest to move with A.R.A.'s father to Florida. Furthermore, A.R.A.'s grandmother had been A.R.A.'s only consistent parental figure for</p>

A.R.A.'s entire life. A.R.A. told A.R.A.'s grandmother that she was scared to go with A.R.A.'s father and that A.R.A. did not want to relocate to Florida with A.R.A.'s father away from her grandmother.

I learned in my experience practicing family law, that to say cases involving families with children are emotional and unpredictable, it is an understatement. Outcomes in family law are always the most difficult to predict and when asked about a certain situation involving rights as a parent, rights as a grandparent, or a child's rights, my response is always usually something along the lines of, "it depends." This case was no different when A.R.A.'s grandmother came to me to help her in the situation with her granddaughter and her adult son.

There were several ups and downs on the rollercoaster of emotions during this matter. In the end, however, the Court agreed that it was in A.R.A.'s best interest for A.R.A.'s grandmother to be appointed A.R.A.'s guardian, despite the statutory parental preference in Nevada. This decision, however, also left its own set of messy emotions regarding the fractured relationships between A.R.A. and her father and A.R.A.'s grandmother and her adult son.

This case was important to me because while it was a case that was messy, emotional, and heartbreaking, it was also a case that I wholeheartedly believed in obtaining a fair result for the family. I was not sure what the outcome would be given Nevada's statutory parental preference. However, I believed that the law agreed that A.R.A. and A.R.A.'s grandmother should be allowed to stay together as a family unit as they had been since A.R.A. was a small child. I also believed that Nevada law should not allow A.R.A.'s father to uproot A.R.A. from her family and home to move across the country to live with strangers simply because A.R.A.'s father was the biological parent. I believed in pursuing this matter on behalf of my client at every emotional turn along the way. The evidentiary hearing was professionally, personally, and emotionally challenging to me. Ultimately, I believe that Judge Fairman's application of the law and the facts presented during the evidentiary hearing, resulted in the fairest outcome possible for the family. Judge Fairman's role in the process also made me appreciate his role as the impartial judiciary all the more. I understood that as difficult as the matter was to pursue on behalf of my client, the matter was likely more difficult on Judge Fairman as the one making the decision in this emotional family situation. However, I was absolutely impressed by Judge Fairman's ability to approach the matter with professionalism, compassion, grace, and fairness from start to finish. I knew that if I was ever so honored to be appointed or elected to the bench, I would strive to emulate these same characteristics.

Your role in the case:

I was the Petitioner's attorney, retained by the Petitioner, A.R.A.'s grandmother, through my private office, Bradshaw Law Group, LLC.

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

No

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

In 2015, I accepted a pro bono family law matter through the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. I assisted my client with filing and obtaining a divorce from my client's spouse in Clark County, Nevada.

In 2018, I participated in several Ask-A-Lawyer Sessions through the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada in Clark County, Nevada.

After moving my private practice to Lincoln County, Nevada in late 2018, I assisted several indigent, rural clients on a pro bono basis. I also accepted appointments by the Court in family and guardianship matters for low hourly rates set by the Court. When I did charge clients for legal services through my private practice, I typically charged low-bono prices. My goal in operating my small, private civil practice, while also being employed full-time with the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office, was to assist local residents in the county with legal issues that they otherwise likely would not have the option of retaining legal counsel due to the scarcity of private attorneys in the area and the lack of financial resources to hire an attorney. While I still have a small private practice, I scaled back the number of clients that I accept through my firm. However, I still operate on the same premise of pro bono or low-bono fees.

I entered public service in December 2018 when I was hired as a Deputy District Attorney in Lincoln County, Nevada and I've continued working in public service since. In April 2021, I accepted a position in White Pine County, Nevada as the Tri-County Special Prosecutor. I am currently deputized and prosecute domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and protection order violation cases in White Pine County, Lincoln County, and Eureka County.

22. 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.

BNI Power Partners – Henderson, Nevada July 2018-October 2018
Ely Rotary Club – Member April 2023-March 2024

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

I am in compliance with the continuing legal education requirements applicable to me as a lawyer.

DATE	COURSE NAME	PROVIDER	GEN	ETHICS	AAMH
10/14/2024	Judicial Academy: A Course for Aspiring Judges	National Judicial College	17.00	2.50	0.00
6/26/2024	Domestic Violence: Impact and Intervention	Nevada Public Health Foundation	3.50	2.00	0.00
12/29/2023	Ethics Year in Review 2023	CLE-4460-2352	0.00	2.00	1.00
5/11/2022	Nevada Prosecutors Conference	Nevada Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys	10.00	2.00	1.00
12/28/2021	When Zealous Advocacy Crosses the Line	State Bar of Nevada	0.00	1.50	0.00
10/15/2020	Nevada Specialty Court 2020 Virtual Conference	Supreme Court of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts	4.50	1.50	5.00
9/24/2020	Nevada CIP 2020 CIC Summit: General Summit	Supreme Court of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts	6.00	0.00	0.00
9/26/2019	Nevada CIC 2019 Summit	Supreme Court of Nevada, Administrative Office of the Courts	10.00	0.00	0.00
7/14/2019	NADCP All Rise 19	National Association of Drug Court Professionals	18.50	0.00	2.50
6/27/2019	Trial Academy	State Bar of Nevada	16.00	0.00	0.00
5/15/2019	2019 Nevada Government Civil Attorney's Conference	State Bar of Nevada	7.50	2.00	1.00
3/13/2019	The Big Business of Cannabis	State Bar of Nevada	5.00	0.50	0.00
1/29/2019	Helping Children Who Have Experienced Trauma	Nevada Division of Child & Family Services	6.50	0.00	0.00

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

My full-time employment is with a governmental agency. I do not have Professional Liability Insurance in my small private practice.

Business & Occupational Experience

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

Yes. I have been engaged in several occupations and other industries besides the practice of law since I entered the work force in 1993.

DATES	INDUSTRY	OCCUPATION
1993	Travel; Cleaning	Cleaner at my great-grandfather's trailer rental business, Anderson Rentals, in Las Vegas, Nevada
1994	Food Service	Hostess at La Salsa Mexican Restaurant in Las Vegas, Nevada
1995	Travel	Runner for travel agency in Las Vegas, Nevada
1996-1997	Child Care	Teammate, trainer, and supervisor at Bright Horizons Kid's Quest in Henderson, Nevada
1998	Food Service	Server at campus restaurant at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado
1998	Warehouse	Break-pack Associate at Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Greeley, Colorado
1998	Child Care	Associate Teacher at Bright Horizons in Las Vegas, Nevada
1999-2000	Faith Based	Assistant at Central Christian Church in Henderson, Nevada
2001-2003	Food Service	Hostess, Server, Bartender, and Supervisor at Outback Steakhouse
2003-2006	Food Service	Server, Baker, Hostess, Expediter, and Trainer at The Cheesecake Factory in Las Vegas, Nevada
2006-2007	Food Service	Server, Hostess, Bartender, Trainer, and Supervisor at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Las Vegas, Nevada
2010	Food Service	Server at Chili's Bar and Grill in Las Vegas, Nevada
2018	Transportation as a Service	Lyft driver in Las Vegas, Nevada

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26. 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 the managing member of my small private law practice, Bradshaw Law Group, LLC.

- a. Bradshaw Law Group, LLC is a law practice.
- b. I am the sole owner and only manager of the business.
- c. I am the administrator and manager of the business.
- d. I do what is required of me to maintain the business.
- e. I own 100% of the business.

27. 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.

N/A

Civic Professional & Community Involvement
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28. Have you ever held an elective or appointive public office in this or any other state?

Yes

29. Have you been a candidate for such an office?

Yes

If so, give details, including the offices involved, whether initially appointed or elected, and the length of service. Exclude political affiliation.

I was appointed to the Lincoln County School Board of Trustees in July of 2019. The position became available and I applied for the appointment because I believed that it would be a great way to serve the schools and the community of Lincoln County, Nevada. I resigned my position on the School Board because I moved out of the District I was seated in July of 2020.

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

From October 14, 2024 to Friday, October 18, 2024, I completed the week-long Judicial Academy: A Course for Aspiring Judges offered by the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.

In January 2023, I began running in long distance events in this and other nearby states. Each event contributed to different non-profit organizations. Below is a list of some of the events and races that I have attended and the charitable organizations that benefit from even participation:

DATE	EVENT	CHARITY
January 21, 2023	Red Rock Canyon 2023 Calico Racing 5K	ASPCA and World Wildlife Fund
February 26, 2023	Rock 'n' Roll Las Vegas Marathon Half Marathon	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
April 1, 2023	Revel Mt. Charleston Half Marathon	Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Department
June 3, 2023	Revel Rockies Half Marathon	Local health-related and environmental nonprofit groups
August 5, 2023	Ely Outdoor Enthusiasts Ward Mountain Trail Run Half Marathon +	Community-wide wellness and WPC Tour and Rec
July 14-15, 2023	Vacation Races Mt. Ranier 5K & Half Marathon	The Wander Project
September 9, 2023	Revel Big Cottonwood Half Marathon	Brighton Institute and the Cottonwood Heights Foundation
November 18, 2023	Revel Big Bear Half Marathon	Big Bear Community
December 16, 2023	Calico Racing Out With the Old 10K	ASPCA and World Wildlife Fund
March 2, 2024	Vacation Races Zion Half Marathon	The Wander Project
April 6, 2024	Revel Mt. Charleston Half Marathon	Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Department
June 1, 2024	Revel Rockies Half Marathon	Local health-related and environmental nonprofit groups
June 15, 2024	Ely Outdoor Enthusiasts Ward Mountain Half Marathon +	Community-wide wellness and WPC Tour and Rec

July 19-20, 2024	Vacation Races Mt. Ranier 5K & Half Marathon	The Wander Project
September 14, 2024	Revel Big Cottonwood Half Marathon	Brighton Institute, the Cottonwood Heights Foundation, and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
November 3, 2024	Las Vegas Marathon Marathon	The Launch Team

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

N/A

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

I have provided law enforcement trainings at least one time per year between 2021 and 2025 to the White Pine, Eureka, and Lincoln County Sheriff's Offices regarding domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes.

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

I was awarded an academic scholarship during law school and graduated therefrom with honors.

I was also awarded Academic Excellence Awards (highest grade in class) for (1) STEPPS – Professional Responsibility, Professional Skills, Prevention & Problem Solving, and Advanced Legal Writing; and (2) California Evidence.

I was recognized as a Pro Bono Honor Society member and was awarded for the Pro Bono work I completed through the San Diego County, Multiple Conflicts Office – Major Crimes from the beginning of Fall 2008 to the end of Spring 2009.

In the Spring of 2009, I was invited to and participated on Law Review as an Associate Writer. I continued to participate on Law Review as an Associate Writer in the Summer of 2009.

On October 28, 2024, I was awarded a Certificate of Completion for the National Judicial College Judicial Academy: A Course for Aspiring Judges.

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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.

36. During the past ten years, have you been registered to vote?

Yes

Have you voted in the general elections held in those years?

Yes

37. List avocational interests and hobbies.

I am the mother of a U.S. Army veteran, a long-distance runner, and Labrador Retriever owner and enthusiast. I am part of a loving family both immediate and extended who remain close, even if we are far away.

Conduct

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

Yes

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

No

Except for a few minor traffic violations and parking violations that are over ten (10) years old. I paid the fines for each violation cited.

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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 the corresponding question in the confidential section.

No

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

Yes.

In accordance with Rule 2.11(A)(6)(b) of the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct, I would be required to recuse myself from any case in which I personally participated in my capacity as a Deputy District Attorney/Special Prosecutor in White Pine, Lincoln, or Eureka Counties.

In accordance with Rule 2.11(A)(6)(a) of the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct, I would be required to recuse myself from any case in which I served as an attorney for a party in my private practice.

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.

N/A

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

See attached.

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.

Throughout my application, I have stressed my experience and role as an advocate, mostly for the State of Nevada as a prosecutor. However, I want to stress that I am keenly aware of the importance of the impartial role of the judiciary and that, if honored to do so, I am prepared to take on that role.

I have always understood that in order for the legal system to work as intended, advocates on every side of a matter, whether civil or criminal, must be prepared to advocate and the judiciary must remain fair and impartial. If appointed, it would be my honor and my privilege to faithfully fulfill this role in Seventh Judicial District of Nevada.

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

See attached.

47.
PERSONAL STATEMENT

PERSONAL STATEMENT
April R. Bradshaw

“April, why do you want to be a judge?” This is a question that I have been asked a lot lately and also a question that I have asked myself even more frequently over the past few years. I guess the short answer is that I want to change the perception in a positive way of what a judge is and what she does.

More specifically though, I would tell you that as a young girl, I grew up on a mini farm on the outskirts of Las Vegas, Nevada, in the northwest before it was the Northwest.

My family did not go on real family vacations, we went on camping and hunting trips in rural Nevada sold by my father to my mom, three siblings, and me as family vacations.

I went on family weekend trips joining my grandfather’s prospecting ventures in staking mining claims all over the countryside and hills of northeastern Nevada.

I also learned how to drive stick-shift on Nevada country backroads.

My father, who was raised on a ranch in Elgin, Lincoln County, Nevada, brought me up and taught me the benefits of hard work, the respect you earn through doing the work, and the discipline it takes to do work well. My father also taught me to be a problem solver and to get along when doing hard things. My father taught me to put my head down and work hard, to be honest, and to do everything with integrity.

By the time I was twenty-four years old though, I was a divorcee, a terrified single mother of a two-year old, and on the verge of dropping out of college. I was working hard in restaurants trying to support my daughter and continue going to school whenever time and finances would allow. Now, my two-year old is twenty-four, an Army veteran, and in culinary school herself. That twenty-four-year-old who was that two-year old’s mom, however, writes today with the requisite

education and life experience to ask you to consider her for and envision her as the next judge to take the bench in the Seventh Judicial District.

In my early adulthood I struggled financially, emotionally, and mentally, similar to so many of the people in the communities throughout this jurisdiction. Through my struggles though, I never forgot the lessons that my father taught me from a very young age.

I often wondered if all my struggles would ever go away. I continued to work hard, put myself through undergrad, and went on to law school. I studied hard and earned good grades through school, and I somehow was always able to pay my bills and keep food on the table. Honestly, though, my struggles would never entirely go away.

The best lesson I learned, however, was that life, whether mine or anyone else's, would never be without struggle. Another lesson learned was that struggle is the lesson that sometimes makes life so much better and enjoyable when struggle is not felt as much. Then I realized that my father never once promised me that life would never be without struggle.

These life lessons that I learned through my experiences leading up to the beginning of my legal career always stay with me and allow me to be empathetic and understanding to all other humans and their struggles in life.

I have been an attorney for approximately fifteen years. I have practiced in several different areas of law in both civil and criminal law. Over the past fifteen years of my legal career, I've put the lessons instilled in me into practice.

For the past six years as a prosecutor, I've worked in the Seventh Judicial District Court's jurisdiction. Most recently, I've served as the Tri-County Special Prosecutor in the three counties, White Pine, Lincoln, and Eureka, that make up the Seventh Judicial District, prosecuting domestic violence, stalking, protection order violations, and sexual assault crimes. I've tried seven cases to

verdict in the past four years, and I have resolved over one hundred more cases in that same time period as well.

Prior to my current assignment, I served as the Deputy District Attorney in Lincoln County for two years and had a small civil practice in Lincoln County as well. At the beginning of my legal career, I practiced for nine years in Clark County as a civil litigator in different areas. I have been involved with and litigated business matters, personal injury matters, medical malpractice matters, construction defect matters, family matters, probate and estate matters, property matters, guardianship matters, and employment matters to name a few. I have also worked in small firms, large firms, regional firms, national firms, solo practice, and small government offices.

In each case that I have been involved with, in both the civil and criminal law, I have honed my skill as an honest, integrous problem-solver. My life and work experience have shaped me into the judicial candidate who writes to you today and understands the struggle and lives of the people, the parties, and issues presented in the Seventh Judicial District Court.

As such, it would be my honor and privilege to serve the communities of the Seventh Judicial District Court. I believe that I am capable of being a judge in this jurisdiction who can be empathetic, understanding, courageous, and most importantly, a good person who knows how to work hard, be honest, and dedicate her future to serve this jurisdiction with honor and integrity. I humbly ask that the Judicial Selection Commission consider me for the bench in the Seventh Judicial District Court, Department 2.

49.
WRITING SAMPLE

Case No.: CR-0501223

Dept. No.:

IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF NEVADA

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THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RYAN ALLEN TAYLOR,

Defendant.

**STATE'S OPPOSITION TO
DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR
TEMPORARY RELEASE FROM
DETENTION**

COMES NOW the STATE OF NEVADA, by and through its attorney, APRIL R. BRADSHAW, ESQ., Lincoln County Deputy District Attorney/Special Prosecutor, and submits the State's Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Temporary Release from Detention.

This Opposition is based upon the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities, Declaration, all documents and pleadings on file herein, and all relevant points of law and rules of court.

DATED this ____ day of June, 2024.

DYLAN V. FREHNER, ESQ.
LINCOLN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

APRIL R. BRADSHAW, ESQ.
Deputy District Attorney/Special Prosecutor
Nevada Bar No. 11963

**STATE'S OPPOSITION TO
DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELEASE FROM DETENTION**

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Pursuant to the Local Rules of the Seventh Judicial District Court, Notice of Opposition is hereby provided:

_____ A hearing on this Motion is not requested;
 X A hearing on this Motion is requested and a court reporter is not requested.
It is estimated that One (1) hour should be set aside for the hearing on this Motion.

DATED this _____ day of June, 2024.

DYLAN V. FREHNER, ESQ.
LINCOLN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

APRIL R. BRADSHAW, ESQ.
Deputy District Attorney/Special Prosecutor
Nevada Bar No. 11963

**STATE'S OPPOSITION TO
DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELEASE FROM DETENTION**

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. PROCEDURAL AND FACTUAL HISTORY

Defendant, Ryan Taylor entered a NO CONTEST plea on April 15, 2024, to one Count of BATTERY WHICH CONSTITUTES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITH PRIOR FELONY CONVICTIONS, a Category B Felony, in violation of NRS 200.481, NRS 200.485(3)(a), and NRS 33.018. The Court accepted Defendant's plea and scheduled Defendant's Sentencing hearing for June 28, 2024.

Defendant was in custody at the time of entering his NO CONTEST plea, and remains in custody on a NO BAIL HOLD at this time. The Court revoked Defendant's bail on September 22, 2023, and issued a Bench Warrant for Defendant's arrest on the same date because Defendant did not appear at the Motion hearing on September 22, 2023, on the State's Motion for Order for Revocation of Defendant's Release and Request for Hearing.

Defendant surrendered himself to the Lincoln County Detention Center on October 11, 2023, while in the company of the victim in this matter, Sara Edwards, with whom the Court issued a NO CONTACT ORDER.

Despite Defendant's full awareness of the Court's NO CONTACT ORDER, Defendant continued to circumvent and ignore the Court's Order by contacting Ms. Edwards via telephone while incarcerated in the Lincoln County Detention Center.

On December 8, 2023, the Court entered an Order Denying Defendant's Motion to Reinstate Bail and Order Revoking Defendant's Telephone Privileges. The Court found that: (1) ***Defendant is a flight risk and that he poses a risk to himself and the community***; (2) that Defendant violated one or more of the release conditions in this matter and that revocation of Defendant's bail pursuant to NRS 178.4851(7)(c) was and remains appropriate in this matter; and (3) that Defendant repeatedly abused telephone privileges while in custody by violating this Court's NO CONTACT ORDER with the victim, Sara Edwards, as such it is appropriate to revoke the Defendant's telephone privileges while in custody pending trial in this matter. (Emphasis added). The Court ORDERED that the Defendant's Motion to Reinstate Bail is DENIED; and the State's request to revoke Defendant's phone privileges while in custody pending trial in this matter

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1 is GRANTED, Defendant's phone privileges while in custody pending trial in this matter may only
2 be utilized to contact his legal counsel. Furthermore, the Court ORDERED that the Defendant
3 shall have absolutely no contact of any kind whatsoever with the victim, Sara Edwards, either
4 directly or through a third party.

5 On January 18, 2024, Defendant motioned the Court to reinstate limited phone privileges.
6 Defendant also authored several letters to the Court prior and subsequent to the filing of
7 Defendant's Motion. In a letter to the Court dated January 8, 2023, Defendant claimed, "***I have***
8 ***not abused your phone restriction***, could I please have that reinstated and the no contact order
9 dropped also." (Emphasis added). Defendant's claim that he had not abused the phone restriction
10 turned out to be untrue.

11 On February 5, 2024, the State filed an Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Reinstate
12 Limited Phone Privileges and attached Twenty-Six (26) recorded jail calls between December 8,
13 2023 and January 9, 2024, wherein Defendant repeatedly and blatantly violated this Court's NO
14 CONTACT ORDER and the Court's PHONE RESTRICTION ORDER. The State also attached
15 Twenty-Four (24) more recorded jail calls between January 9, 2024 and February 1, 2024, to
16 illustrate to the Court Defendant's brazen and continued violation of the Court's Orders even after
17 the Court indicated to Defendant that it would consider reinstating limited phone privileges once
18 Defendant presented a list of person's Defendant wished to contact.

19 In response to Defendant's blatant defiance of the Court's Order to have NO CONTACT
20 with the victim, Sara Edwards, in this matter and Defendant's total disrespect and disregard of this
21 Court's order regarding revocation of phone privileges while incarcerated from December 8, 2023
22 to February 5, 2024, the date of the filing of the State's Opposition to Defendant's Motion to
23 Reinstate Limited Phone Privileges, the State requested that Defendant's Motion be denied, and
24 further, that Defendant be placed in lockdown at the Lincoln County Detention Center.

25 On February 21, 2024, the Court entered an Order without a hearing, Denying Motion to
26 Reinstate Phone Privileges; Order that Defendant be Placed in Lockdown at Lincoln County Jail
27 Pending Trial. The Court indicated in its written Order that, "it is clear from Defendant's conduct
28 that he has not, nor will he follow any court orders regarding the defendant having no contact,

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1 directly or indirectly, with the alleged victim, Sara Edwards.” The Court DENIED Defendant’s
2 Motion to reinstate phone privileges and further ordered that Defendant be placed in lockdown
3 confinement at the Lincoln County Jail through his trial scheduled to end on April 24, 2024.

4 Now, after the Court has deemed Defendant a flight risk, and after Defendant has
5 repeatedly been dishonest with and defied Orders of this Court, Defendant requests that the Court
6 release Defendant for 10 hours in order to obtain a Nevada Identification Card from the DMV.
7 Defendant claims that without a valid Nevada State Identification Card he cannot obtain paid
8 employment within the Nevada Department of Corrections. However, this is patently false. Upon
9 being taken into NDOC custody, Defendant will be issued an Inmate ID and will be able to obtain
10 employment in some programs with just the Inmate ID. Furthermore, the Offender Management
11 Division will assist Defendant with obtaining a Nevada ID Card once he is in NDOC’s custody if
12 Defendant requests such assistance.

13 Defendant plead NO CONTEST to BATTERY WHICH CONSTITUTES DOMESTIC
14 VIOLENCE WITH PRIOR FELONY CONVICTIONS, a Category B Felony, in violation of NRS
15 200.481, NRS 200.485(3)(a), and NRS 33.018. The charge to which Defendant plead NO
16 CONTEST carries a mandatory prison sentence. Defendant is already being held on NO BAIL.
17 This Court deemed Defendant a flight risk. The Defendant has not shown any behavior that should
18 be deemed trustworthy to this Court. As such, Defendant’s request for a temporary release from
19 detention should be DENIED.

20 II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

21 A. DEFENDANT IS NOT TRUSTWORTHY AND A FLIGHT RISK, 22 THEREFORE, DEFENDANT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE 23 RELEASED FROM DETENTION

24 NRS 178.4853 provides factors to be considered in reviewing custody status of a
25 Defendant.

- 26 1. The length of residence in the community;
- 27 2. The status and history of employment;
- 28 3. Relationships with the person’s spouse and children, parents, or other family members
and with close friends;
4. Reputation, character, and mental condition;

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5. Prior criminal record, including, without limitation, any record of appearing or failing to appear after release on bail or without bail;
6. The identity of responsible members of the community who would vouch for the reliability of the person;
7. The nature of the offense with which the person is charged, the apparent probability of conviction and the likely sentence, insofar as these factors relate to the risk of not appearing;
8. The nature and seriousness of the danger to the alleged victim, any other person or the community that would be posed by the person's release;
9. The likelihood of more criminal activity by the person after release; and
10. Any other factors concerning the person's ties to the community or bearing on the risk that the person may willfully fail to appear.

This Court has reviewed and considered these factors regarding Defendant in this matter on at least three prior occasions. The Court previously imposed bail, which Defendant posted and was released on bail.

While out of custody on bail, Defendant violated the Court's release conditions which resulted in the Court revoking Defendant's bail. The Court issued a Bench Warrant for Defendant's arrest because Defendant failed to appear at the Motion hearing wherein the State sought to revoke Defendant's bail. Defendant did not immediately surrender himself to the Lincoln County Detention Center, but rather went on the run for approximately twenty (20) days.

Once Defendant surrendered himself to the Lincoln County Detention Center he was in the company of the victim in this matter, i.e., the only person with whom the Court ordered Defendant not to have contact.

Defendant continued to contact the victim while in custody, while representing to the Court that Defendant was following all of the Court's Orders. On December 8, 2023, the Court deemed Defendant a flight risk and a risk to himself and the community, thereby denying Defendant's reinstatement of bail and imposing a phone restriction from the Detention Center.

Defendant circumvented the phone restriction and continued to contact the victim in this matter, which resulted in Defendant being placed in lockdown at the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Defendant has not shown any signs of trustworthiness that Defendant will follow this Court's Orders or that Defendant is not a flight risk. Releasing the Defendant for any amount of time would be negligent at best. Defendant plead NO CONTEST to a prison mandatory charge

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1 and his sentencing is scheduled for Friday, June 28, 2024. These facts only compound the risk of
2 flight of the Defendant. Furthermore, Defendant will have an opportunity to seek assistance once
3 in custody of NDOC to obtain a Nevada ID Card if Defendant wishes to do so. However, it is
4 unclear for which, if any “jobs” or “programs” Defendant will actually need a Nevada ID Card
5 once in NDOC’s custody. Therefore, the State requests that the Defendant’s request for a
6 temporary release to obtain a Nevada ID Card be denied.

7 **III.CONCLUSION**

8 For the reasons set forth above, the State respectfully requests that this Honorable Court deny
9 the Defendant’s Motion for Temporary Release from Detention.

10 DATED this ____ day of June, 2024.

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