

Agenda Item 3



**STATE OF NEVADA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**
<http://ethics.nv.gov>

**MINUTES
of the meeting of the
PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE OF
THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

The Commission on Ethics held a public meeting on
Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.
at the following location:

**State Bar of Nevada
9456 Double R Boulevard, Suite B
Reno, NV 89521**

Zoom Meeting Information
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86857547785?pwd=ZXVQSkpldS9McG55Q3RsMzJ4R3VaUT09>
Zoom Meeting Telephone Number: 720-707-2699
Meeting ID: 868 5754 7785
Passcode: 799869

These minutes constitute a summary of the above proceedings of the Nevada Commission on Ethics. A recording of the meeting is available for public inspection at the Commission's office.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Kim Wallin, CPA, CMA, CFM appeared in-person at the State Bar of Nevada office in Reno and called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Vice-Chair Brian Duffrin also appeared in-person. Commissioner James Oscarson was excused. Present for Commission staff in Reno were Executive Director Ross E. Armstrong, Esq., and Executive Assistant Kari Pedroza. Deputy Attorney General Laena St-Jules, Esq. also appeared in person in Reno.

2. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes of the April 19, 2023, Personnel Subcommittee Meeting.

Chair Wallin stated that all Personnel Subcommittee members were present for the April Subcommittee Meeting.

Vice-Chair Duffrin moved to approve the April 19, 2023 Personnel Subcommittee Meeting Minutes as presented. Chair Wallin seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried as follows:

Chair Wallin:	Aye.
Vice-Chair Duffrin:	Aye.

4. Interviews and consideration of candidates for the Commission Counsel position, and possible referral to the Commission potential candidates for the Commission Counsel position. Under NRS 241.020(2)(d)(4), the Commission may consider the character and professional competence of the following candidates for the Commission Counsel position:

- 1.) Jill I. Greiner
- 2.) Brandi Jensen
- 3.) Chris Davis

Previously interviewed candidates who may be considered for referral to the Commission for the Commission Counsel position:

- 4.) Oscar Peralta
- 5.) Michael Matuska

NOTE: It is anticipated that the Subcommittee may take one or more breaks during this Item to allow Staff to prepare requested documents and for other matters, at the discretion of the Chair.

Chair Wallin introduced the agenda item, outlined the interview process, and stated that the Personnel Subcommittee would be interviewing 3 applicants for the Commission Counsel position. She explained that upon completion of the interviews, the Subcommittee would deliberate and determine whether it would proceed with referring candidates to the full Commission for final interviews.

The Personnel Subcommittee then interviewed each candidate in the following order: Brandi Jensen, Jill I. Greiner and Chris Davis. A lunch recess occurred between Ms. Jensen and Ms. Greiner.

Chair Wallin expressed her gratitude to each of the applicants and Vice-Chair Duffrin echoed her comments.

The Personnel Subcommittee members discussed the merits of each candidate and the option of referring any of the 5 applicants interviewed by the Subcommittee during its April 19 and May 17 meetings to the full Commission for final interviews.

Vice-Chair Duffrin made a motion to move forward with Brandi Jensen and Chris Davis for final interviews before the full Commission. Chair Wallin seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

5. Adjournment.

Vice-Chair Duffrin made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Commissioner Oscarson seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

/s/ Kari Pedroza

Kari Pedroza
Executive Assistant

/s/ Ross Armstrong

Ross Armstrong, Esq.
Executive Director

Minutes approved May 30, 2023:

Kim Wallin, CPA, CMA, CFM
Chair

Brian Duffrin
Vice-Chair

Agenda Item 4



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1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Kim Wallin, CPA, CMA, CFM appeared in-person at the State Bar of Nevada office in Reno and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Vice-Chair Brian Duffrin also appeared in-person. Commissioner Barbara Gruenewald, Esq. participated telephonically. Appearing via Zoom videoconference were Commissioners Teresa Lowry, Esq. and Amanda Yen, Esq. Commissioners James Oscarson and Thoran Towler, Esq. were excused. Commissioner Damian Sheets, Esq. tendered his immediate resignation via electronic mail earlier that morning. Present for Commission staff in Reno were Executive Director Ross E. Armstrong, Esq., Associate Counsel Elizabeth J. Bassett, Esq., Investigator Erron Terry, and Executive Assistant Kari Pedroza. Deputy Attorney General Laena St-Jules, Esq. also appeared in person in Reno.

2. Public Comment.

Public Comment was provided in-person by the following:

- Nicholas St. Jon requested comments be placed on the record. He provided comments pertaining to Washoe County Commissioners' conduct during open meetings and bond requirements for certain officers (see attached handout Mr. St. Jon provided)
- Penny Brock

Public Comment was provided via Zoom by the following:

- Renee Lourenzentes

3. Approval of Minutes of the April 19, 2023, Commission Meeting.

Chair Wallin stated that all Commissioners were present for the April Commission Meeting, except for Commissioner Lowry who was excused and therefore precluded from participating in this item.

Commissioner Yen moved to approve the April 19, 2023, Commission Meeting Minutes as presented. Vice-Chair Duffrin seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried as follows:

Chair Wallin:	Aye.
Vice-Chair Duffrin:	Aye.
Commissioner Gruenewald:	Aye.
Commissioner Lowry:	Abstain.
Commissioner Yen:	Aye.

4. Discussion and approval of a Written Opinion concerning Ethics Complaint Case No. 22-051C regarding Joseph Rodriguez, Trustee, Washoe County School District; Lieutenant, State Fire Marshall Division, State of Nevada.

Chair Wallin introduced the item and noted that Vice-Chair Duffrin would be acting as presiding officer for this matter.

Vice-Chair Duffrin asked if any Commissioners needed to make a disclosure on this item. Commissioner Yen disclosed and abstained from participating in this matter because the Subject is a client of McDonald Carano, the firm Commissioner Yen is a partner with, and to which she has both a pecuniary interest in her employment and a private commitment to the firm, as her employer, and its clients under NRS 281A.065(4) and NRS 281A.065(5). The independent judgment of a reasonable person in Commissioner Yen's situation could be materially affected in voting upon matters related to this case.

Vice-Chair Duffrin stated for the record that proper notice had been provided and waivers were received regarding this item. He confirmed that the Review Panel in this matter consisted of Chair Wallin, and Commissioners Towler and Sheets and pursuant to NRS 281A.220(4) those members would be precluded from participating in this item. Vice-Chair Duffrin provided that he and Commissioners Gruenewald and Lowry were the only Commissioners who could act on the matter.

Commissioner Lowry made a motion to approve the Written Order and direct Deputy Attorney General Laena St-Jules to finalize the legal form of the Order and any matters relating thereto. Commissioner Gruenewald seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried as follows:

Chair Wallin:	Abstain pursuant to NRS 281A.220.
Vice-Chair Duffrin:	Aye.
Commissioner Gruenewald:	Aye.
Commissioner Lowry:	Aye.
Commissioner Yen:	Abstain pursuant to NRS 281A.065.

Vice-Chair thanked his fellow Commissioners and Deputy Attorney General St. Jules.

5. Report by Executive Director on agency status and operations, and possible direction thereon. Items to be discussed include, without limitation:

- a. Education and Outreach
- b. Legislative Update
- c. Budget Update
- d. Scheduling Update

e. Commission Recruitment Updates

Chair Wallin introduced the Item and asked Executive Director Armstrong for his presentation.

a. Education and Outreach: Executive Director Armstrong referenced the written report included in the meeting materials. He outlined the Education and Outreach priority tasks as finalizing the content for the Online Learning Management System and fulfilling training requests received through the online training form recently added to the Commission's website.

b. Legislative Update: Executive Director Armstrong reiterated that the Commission's Budget Closing was heard on April 24 and there were no changes to the Agency's Requested Budget. He stated that the Public Information Officer position would likely be filled with an anticipated starting date of October 1, 2023. Executive Director Armstrong summarized current legislation Commission staff was monitoring on behalf of the Commission and informed the Commission that its proposed bill AB 66 did not look like it would survive the upcoming Friday Second House Passage deadline. He outlined important dates for the conclusion of the current Legislative Session.

Chair Wallin commended Executive Director Armstrong for his efforts in promoting AB 66.

c. Budget Update: Executive Director Armstrong informed the Commission that the funds for the Commission's Online Learning Management System were approved to continue past the end of the grant.

d. Scheduling Update: Executive Director Armstrong outlined dates and potential locations for the upcoming Commission meetings in May, June, and July.

e. Commission Counsel Hiring Update: Executive Director Armstrong shared that the Personnel Subcommittee would be holding interviews that afternoon for the Commission Counsel position and depending on the outcome, the full Commission could interview the final candidates at an upcoming Commission meeting.

Executive Director Armstrong informed the Commission that Wendy Pfaff would join the team as the new Senior Legal Researcher on Monday May 22.

Chair Wallin thanked Executive Assistance Pedroza for assisting with the Senior Legal Researcher tasks in the interim.

Commissioner Yen moved to accept the Executive Director's agency status report as presented. Commissioner Gruenewald seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

6. Commissioner Comments on matters including, without limitation, identification of future agenda items, upcoming meeting dates and meeting procedures. No action will be taken under this agenda item.

Vice-Chair Duffrin thanked Commission staff for taking on extra duties due to the Commission's two vacant positions.

7. Public Comment.

Public Comment was provided via Zoom by the following:

- Betty
- Valerie Fiannaca

Public Comment was provided in-person by the following:

- Nicholas St. Jon

Executive Director Armstrong provided contact information for the Commission's office.

8. Adjournment.

Vice-Chair Duffrin made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Chair Wallin seconded the motion. The Motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:

/s/ Kari Pedroza

Kari Pedroza
Executive Assistant

/s/ Ross Armstrong

Ross Armstrong, Esq.
Executive Director

Minutes approved May 30, 2023:

Kim Wallin, CPA, CMA, CFM
Chair

Brian Duffrin
Vice-Chair

Agenda Item 5

Brandi Jensen

**Commission Counsel
Submission**



Brandi Jensen

Experience

March 2010 –Present

City Attorney • City of Fernley

- ❖ Served in an advisory role for all Boards and Commissions at the City of Fernley including the City Council, Planning Commission, and the Senior Citizen Advisory Board
- ❖ Legal advisor for all City ordinances, resolutions, and regulations.
- ❖ Served as the legal advisor for the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches at the City serving all three branches to ensure a legally compliant and successful municipality.
- ❖ Supervised all City municipal legal affairs, including but not limited to employment issues, legal documents, contracts, Council agenda reports, Open Meeting Law, Ethics, land use, etc.
- ❖ Lead the City attorney's office team by overseeing the day-to-day and strategic efforts of administrative staff and the deputy prosecutor.
- ❖ Developed previously non-existent internal policies and procedures.
- ❖ Worked cohesively internally with City Council members, Department Heads, Mayors, Law Enforcement and Municipal Court Judges over a span of 12 years.
- ❖ Collaborated without outside agencies including NDOT, NHP, LYSO, Lyon County, and various departments within the State.
- ❖ Managed over 700 cases annually in prosecution, prepared individuals for testimony including law enforcement, officers, expert witnesses, and adult and juvenile victims.
- ❖ Handled or managed outside legal in lawsuits both for and against the City;
- ❖ Served as the legal advisor through contract for North Lyon Fire District



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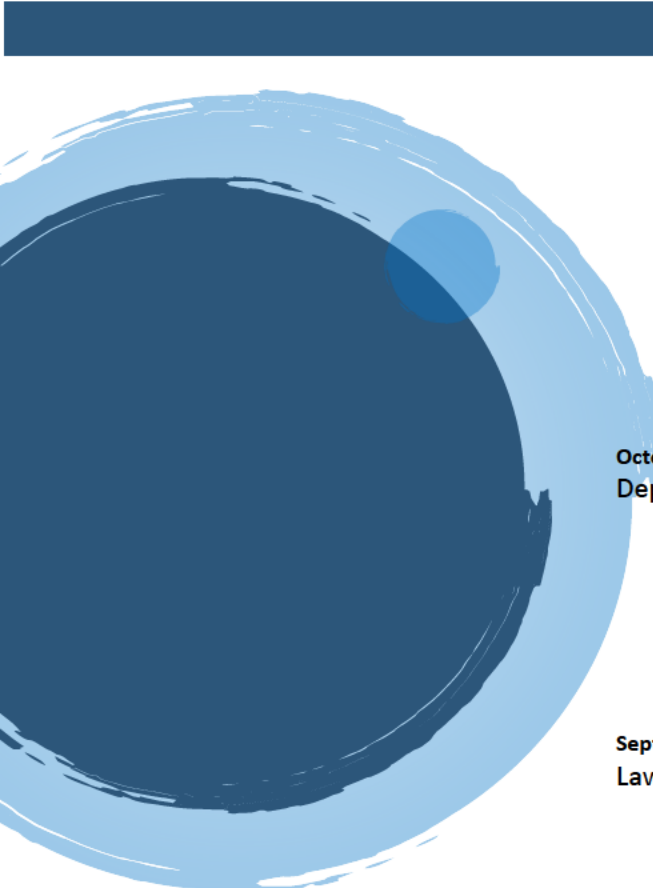


Nevada Bar #8509
Utah Bar #09750

2006–March 2010

Deputy District Attorney • Lyon County District Attorney's Office

- ❖ Collaborated with law enforcement, CPS, judicial entities, school officials, and private citizens to effectively prosecute cases arising out of the Fernley area within Lyon County.
- ❖ Advised law enforcement personnel on critical legal requirements including reasonable search and seizure, updates on new and evolving laws and statutory requirements.

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- ❖ Vertical prosecution of cases from charging to trial including Jury and Bench trials.
 - ❖ Handled all felonies, gross misdemeanors, and misdemeanor cases.

October 2003–2006

Deputy District Attorney • Churchill County District Attorney's Office

- ❖ Vertical Prosecution of Misdemeanor and Felony Criminal Cases within Churchill County.
- ❖ Numerous Jury Trials, Preliminary Hearings, and Misdemeanor trials.
- ❖ Experience ranging from Lead Prosecutor on Murder Case to Traffic Offenses - Primarily focused on Property Crimes and Animal Abuse

September 2001–September 2003

Law Clerk • Third Judicial District Court

- ❖ Conduct legal research, draft bench memorandums on issues of criminal, civil, administrative, and appellate law.
- ❖ Assist in drafting Court Orders and Opinions.
- ❖ Perform Bailiff duties for all court proceedings.

May 1999–September 1999

Student Law Clerk • Ninth Judicial District Court The Honorable Howard McKibben

- ❖ Conducted legal research and drafted memorandums and orders on issues of federal law

Education

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada

Juris Doctorate May 2001

- ❖ Law Review
- ❖ Student Bar Association, Vice-President
- ❖ Founder/Director, Student Ambassador Program
- ❖ Boyd School of Law Community Service Program – assisted Pro Se Litigants on family law issues

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada


Bachelor of Arts Criminal Justice, May 1998


- ❖ Student Ambassador
- ❖ Student Athletic Advisory Board
- ❖ UNLV Rodeo Team
- ❖ UNLV Scholar Athlete

Volunteer/Community Service

Lincoln Lessons

Started a program at Fernley High School teaching students on various





topics such as resumes, job interviews, taxes, banking/bills, applying for an apartment, buying a car, etc. Brought in local experts as guest speakers.

References

Here I offer references who have agreed to be contacted:

Senior Judge
Third Judicial District Court Drug Court
Archie Blake

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

City of Fernley City Engineer
Derek Starkey

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Justice of the Peace - Canal Township
And Fernley Municipal Court Judge
Lori Matheus

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

North Lyon Fire Department - Fire Chief
Jason Nicholl

[REDACTED]

Attorney
Rebecca Bruch

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Former Supervising Criminalist - Washoe Co. Crime Lab
Suzanne Harmon

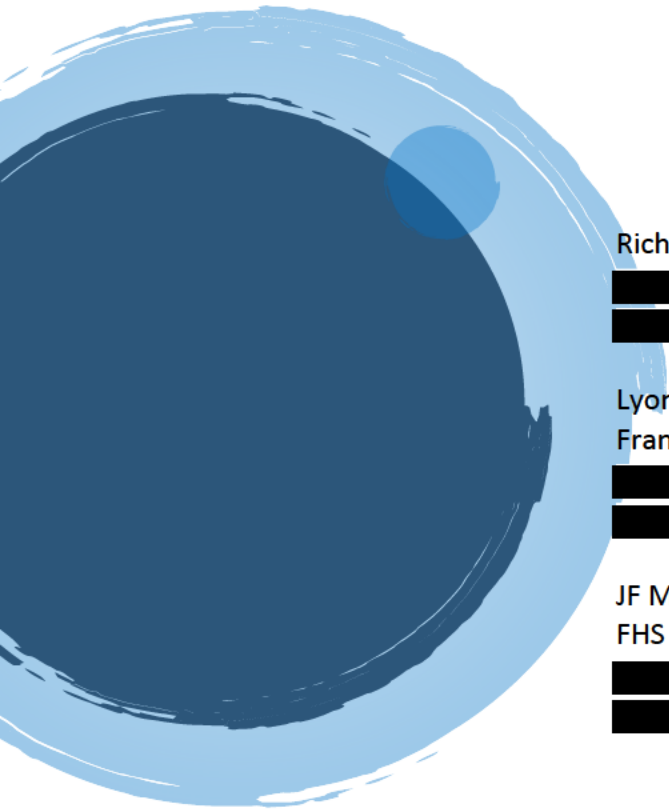
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Former Sergeant - Nevada Highway Patrol
Michael Zolyniak

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Churchill County Sheriff





Richard Hickox



Lyon County Sheriff
Frank Hunewill



JF McCullar (Senior Citizen Advisory Board)
FHS History Teacher and Lincoln Lesson coordinator



Agenda Item 5

Chris Davis

**Commission Counsel
Submission**

April 26, 2023

Kim Wallin
Chair of the Nevada Ethics Commission
704 W. Nye Lane, Suite 204
Carson City, Nevada 89703

Dear Ms. Wallin,

I deem it a privilege to apply for the position of Ethics Commission Counsel, which I found posted on nvjobs.nv.gov. As the majority of my career as an attorney has been devoted to public service, I would welcome the opportunity to further serve the citizens of State of Nevada.

Currently, I serve as a Senior Deputy Attorney General for the State of Nevada, representing the Public Safety Division. I am responsible for providing legal advice to the Nevada Department of Corrections and defending the Department against federal civil rights actions. I took the position at this stage in my career because of my desire to return to public service, and to serve as a mentor to the younger attorneys in our department. As Senior Deputy Attorney General, I have further developed my skills as an effective manager which should serve me well as Commission Counsel.

While I have had many rewarding and challenging opportunity throughout my career, serving as an Attorney Law Clerk for both the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States District Court was a defining point in my career. My six years working for the federal courts has provided me with extensive experience in hearing arguments and drafting opinions with findings of fact and conclusions of law. I have been repeatedly praised for my writing ability and my ability to correctly analyze complex issues, including those involving ethics.

Previously, I served as Associate General Counsel for the Sahara Las Vegas. When the Meruelo Group purchased the Sahara, they offered me the position to serve as the only attorney at the property. I functionally served as general counsel for the property by providing strategic and proactive legal advice on every issue faced by management of the new enterprise. I advised the Sahara on gaming compliance, human resource operations, proper security procedures, construction issues, and contract negotiations, just to name a few. I also served as the primary litigator for the Sahara, along with supervising outside counsel. My experience at the Sahara will be invaluable to the Ethics Commission as I was required to provide advice on how to navigate the strict and complex regulations faced by Nevada casinos, which are at least as intricate as those faced by the Ethics Commission.

I was offered the position at the Sahara because the Meruelo Group was my client when working at the firm Cohen|Johnson|Parker|Edwards. The Group was intimately familiar with my abilities as I had just prevented class certification of a multi-million-dollar wage complaint against the Grand Sierra Resort, one of the premier hotels in Reno owned by the Meruelo Group. While at Cohen Johnson, I litigated complex civil and appellate matters before Nevada and federal courts.

I also served as a Deputy City Attorney for the City of North Las Vegas. I performed many of the important functions the Ethics Commission is seeking from Commission Counsel including advising the City Council on important legal and policy issues, representing the City as a member on intergovernmental commissions, managing the City's litigation, and negotiating contracts critical to the operation of the City, with private and other government entities. My duties also included defending police officers against civil rights action, and the City in employment discrimination matters. One of my proudest accomplishments was developing a strategy for successfully arguing that the Nevada's Notice of Claim Statute was still in force despite Nevada Supreme Court precedent finding the statute to be unconstitutional. This strategy allowed the City of North Las Vegas to avoid meritless claims with minimal expense.

My commitment to public service has continued even while pursuing private practice. I have served as a member of the Functional Equivalency Committee for the Nevada State Bar. As a committee member, I take part in hearings to determine whether applicants to the Nevada State Bar, that have not graduated from ABA accredited law schools, have an education that is functionally equivalent to an ABA law school education. Part of my responsibility is to draft recommendations to the Nevada Supreme Court as to the merit of the applicants' petitions, which routinely involves ethical considerations. My unique experience should prove to be an asset to the Ethics Commission.

During my career, I have had the opportunity to associate and learn from the best. In addition to the Honorable Johnnie B. Rawlinson, I served with the Honorable Lloyd D. George, and the Honorable Kris Pickering, prior to her becoming a justice with the Nevada Supreme Court. Throughout my life and career, I have always endeavored to uphold the highest principles of ethics and integrity. I have been consistently tasked with the most difficult cases involving many of the issues that will be faced by Commission Counsel. I urge you to contact any of my previous employers, who will provide you with an accurate assessment of my legal abilities.

My experience and commitment to public service has provided me with the right qualifications to be successful as Commission Counsel. Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Chris Davis, Esq.

Education B. A., Political Science, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, August 1992.

Juris Doctor, University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City, Utah, May 1995.

- Class Rank: Top 25%
- William H. Leary Scholar

Affiliations Utah State Bar, admitted October 1995; State Bar of Nevada, admitted October 1998.

Attorney General Experience **September 2021 - Present**
Senior Deputy Attorney General – Office of the Nevada Attorney General, Las Vegas, Nevada.

- Responsible for representing the Nevada Department of Corrections in state and federal courts. Previously represented State of Nevada in post-conviction proceedings.
- Primary duties include analyzing pleadings, preparing legal strategy, drafting legal briefs, legal research, and presenting oral argument in state and federal trial and appellate courts.
- Serves as a mentor for other attorneys in the Public Safety Division of the Office of the Nevada Attorney General.
- Reviews and analyzes policies of Nevada Department of Corrections as necessary to respond to inmate litigation.

Court Experience **September 2020 – September 2021**
Attorney Law Clerk - Honorable Johnnie B. Rawlinson, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Las Vegas, Nevada.

- Assisted Judge Rawlinson with all phases of civil and criminal appellate litigation by evaluating case files, researching applicable law, interpreting constitutional and statutory provisions including criminal and habeas statutes, writing memoranda, making recommendations, and preparing court orders and opinions.
- Reviewed and made recommendations on death penalty cases and cases heard en banc.

General Counsel Experience **April 2018 - September 2020**
Associate General Counsel - Las Vegas Resort Holdings, LLC dba Sahara Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada.

- As the only attorney on property, functionally served as general counsel by providing strategic and proactive legal advice on every issue faced by the Sahara Las Vegas.
- Served as primary litigator and appellate counsel, and personally litigated cases involving the Internet Tax Freedom Act, Covid regulations, Las Vegas Monorail covenants, employment discrimination, intellectual property infringement, along with various personal injury and contract disputes.
- Advised management on gaming compliance, human resource operations, proper security procedures, construction issues, and contract negotiations.
- Supervised outside counsel.

March 2015 - April 2018

Attorney - Cohen|Johnson|Parker|Edwards, Las Vegas, Nevada

- Civil and Appellate practice before Nevada and United States Courts focusing on complex commercial litigation.
- Defended employers in wage, employment and discrimination matters.
- Litigated civil rights actions.
- Served as an arbitrator and short trial judge.

July 2012 - March 2015

Chris Davis, Esq. - Las Vegas, Nevada.

- Litigation and Appellate practice before Nevada and United States Courts.
- Represented clients in criminal and habeas appeals.
- Served as an arbitrator and short trial judge.

City Attorney Experience

March 2006 - July 2012

Deputy City Attorney - City of North Las Vegas, Nevada.

- Senior litigator and appellate counsel for the City's Civil Division.
- Advised the City Council on important legal and policy issues, including issues involving ethics, appropriate use of City funds, and Nevada's Open Meeting Law.
- Represented the City during many important contract negotiations, including negotiating a new franchise agreement with Nevada Power Company.
- Represented the City when negotiating a new charter with the member agencies of the Southern Nevada Water Authority.
- Defended the City, its detention and corrections facility, and its police department in almost all civil rights actions involving 42 U.S.C. § 1983, discrimination action under Title VII, actions under the Americans with Disabilities Acts ("ADA"), and actions under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act ("ADEA").
- Ultimately charged with litigating all employment cases under Nevada's Local Government Employee-Management Relations Act before the Local Government Employee-Management Relations Board.
- Defended the City against almost all of the personal injury actions filed against the City.
- Supervised outside counsel in eminent domain cases brought against the City.
- Reviewed and managed all subpoenas served on the City, both civil and criminal.
- As the litigator with the most experience in the civil division, acted as a mentor to other attorneys in preparing and executing litigation strategy.

September 2002 - March 2006

Attorney - Morris Pickering, Las Vegas, Nevada.

- Civil and Appellate practice focusing on complex commercial litigation.
- Litigated multi-million dollar cases for clients that included Nevada Power Company, MGM Resorts International and Harrah's Entertainment Inc.
- Worked closely with Steve Morris and Kris Pickering, now a justice with the Nevada Supreme Court.

Court Experience

September 1998 - September 2002

Senior Attorney Law Clerk - Honorable Johnnie B. Rawlinson, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Las Vegas, Nevada.

- Assisted Judge Rawlinson with all phases of civil and criminal litigation before the Appellate and District Courts.
- Served as a mentor to other law clerks which included assigning cases to law clerks, ensuring that assignments were timely completed, and by reviewing proposed opinions drafted by other law clerks before final review by Judge Rawlinson.
- Assisted with creating and implementing chamber policies and procedures on both the circuit and district court levels after Judge Rawlinson was newly appointed.

August 1997 - September 1998

Attorney Law Clerk - Honorable Lloyd D. George, United States District Court for the District of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada.

- Assisted Judge George with all phases of civil and criminal litigation for the District Court.
- Worked on a broad range of civil, criminal, and evidentiary issues brought before the District Court, which consistently required interpreting constitutional and statutory provisions including criminal and habeas statutes.
- Evaluated case files, researched applicable law, drafted memoranda, made recommendations, and prepared court orders.

December 1992 - August 1997

Attorney - McMurray, McMurray, Dale and Parkinson, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

- Civil and Appellate practice focusing on complex commercial litigation.
- Defended civil rights actions.

Volunteer Experience

October 2003 - Present

Committee Member - Functional Equivalency Committee for the Nevada State Bar.

- Participates in hearings before the Committee and makes recommendations to the Nevada Supreme Court as to whether applicants to the Bar, that have not graduated from an ABA law school, have obtained an education that is the functional equivalent of an ABA education.

August 1997 - December 2019

Volunteer - Boy Scouts of America.

- Served in a broad range of positions from an assistant Bear Den Leader to the Chartered Organization Representative.

Personal

Health excellent, age 62, height 6'3", weight 220 lbs., married. Fluent in Spanish. Eagle Scout.

References

Aaron Ford
Nevada Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

Honorable Johnnie B. Rawlinson
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Honorable Kristina Pickering
Supreme Court of Nevada

Mario Tapanes
General Counsel
Meruelo Group LLC

Paul Hobson
General Manager
Sahara Las Vegas

Steve Cohen, Esq.
H. Stan Johnson, Esq.
Cohen & Johnson