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**LYN BEEKMAN - REVIEW OFFICER**

**EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

B.S., Civil Engineering; J.D., University of Michigan Law School

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Since 1978 served as hearing officer in over 350 hearings and state review officer for 3 states. Provide consultative assistance or hearing officer trainings for 43 states and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Also served as a mediator, arbitrator, and complaint investigator in over 100 cases

**AUDREY BEESON – HEARING OFFICER**

**EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

B.A., Political Science, University of Nevada Las Vegas; J.D. William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

2007, UNLV, General Counsel, Law Student Intern; 2006-2007, Law Clerk, Webster and Associates; 2007-2011, Associate, Webster and Associates; 2011-2012, Senior Associate, Family Law, Rainey Devine; 2011 – Present, Audrey Beeson, Esq PLLC, Owner, Family Law/Estate Planning; 2012 – Present, Law Offices of Frank J. Toti Esq., Of Counsel, Family Law/Estate Planning; 2020 – Present, State of Nevada Mediator – Temporary Residential Summary Eviction Program; 2019 – Present, Track Attorney – Abuse and Neglect ; 2018 – Present, Mediator – Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program

**STEVE BRAZELTON – HEARING OFFICER**

**EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

B.A., Humanities, Loyola Marymount University; J.D., Southwestern University School of Law

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

1993-94, Articles Editor, Southwestern Journal of Law & Trade in the Americas; 1994-1995, Research Attorney, NAFTA Arbitration Panel; 1995, Assoc. Atty., Civil Litigation/Business Transactions; 1995-1998 Assistant General Counsel, Super Shops, Inc.; 1998-1999, Associate Attorney, Civil Litigation/Business Transactions; 1999 to Present, Sole Practitioner, Law Office of Steven P. Brazelton

**LUCINDA COUMOU – HEARING OFFICER**

**EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

B.A., History, University of California at Los Angeles; J.D., Pepperdine University School of Law

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

1993-1995, Law Clerk, Appellate Division, Nevada Supreme Court; 1995-1998, 2011, Clark Co. District Attorney's Office, Criminal Division, Chief Deputy District Attorney; 1993-2019, Chief Deputy District Attorney/Senior Attorney, Civil Division, Clark County District Attorney's Office; 2011, Special Bar Counsel for Nevada State Bar; 2019 – Present, Appointed Counsel for Indigent Criminal Appellate Defense selected by the Clark County Office of Appointed Counsel; Clark County Hearing Officer, Board of Clark County Commissioners, Dept of Admin Services and Business License; 2021 - Present, Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore - Las Vegas Justice Court

**GRETCHEN GREINER – REVIEW OFFICER (reserve)**

**EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

B.S., Education, Utah State University; M.S Communicative Disorders, Utah State University, Ed.D., Educational Administration, UNR

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

1973-1984, Speech Therapist; 1984-1988, Elementary Principal; 1988-1989, Coordinator of Special Education; 1989-2001, Director of Instruction, Elko County School District, Elko County School District, Elko, NV

**SHARON LAPOINTE – REVIEW OFFICER (inactive)**

**EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

B.S., Applied Arts; M.A., Clinical Psychology; Specialist, School Psychological Services, Central Michigan University; J.D., University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

1971-1981, School Psychologist. 1984-1990, attorney practicing labor law and also representing parents in special education due process hearings. 1991-2017, attorney representing local and intermediate school districts in special education/Section 504 matters. 1994-2006, Michigan Department of Education (MDE) local hearing officer for special education due process hearings, serving by mutual selection of the parties or by MDE appointment; 1999-2018, adjunct instructor for Saginaw Valley State University in the area of special education law.

**DEUSDEDI MERCED – REVIEW OFFICER**

**EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

B.A., Politics, May 1992, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, J.D. Albany Law School of Union University Albany, NY

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

1996-1997, Hearing Officer, Office of Student Suspension Hearings, NY C Board of Education; 1997-2000,

Attorney, General Practice and Special Education Unit Office of Legal Services, NYC Board of Education;

2000-2008 Private Practice, NY, NY; 2008 - Present - Consultant to New York, Hawaii, and Illinois State Department of Educations, 2015 - Present, Special Education Solutions, Managing Member

### **VICTORIA OLDENBURG – HEARING OFFICER**

#### **EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

B.A., Social Psychology, Minor Business; J. D., Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College, Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources law with Honors

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

1992-1993, Guild & Hagen Ltd. General Civil Practice; 1993-1995, Law Clerk to the Honorable David W. Hagen; 1995-1996, Deputy City Atty, Environmental Division; 1996-1988, Attorney, McDonald Carano Wilson, LLP; 1995-1998 Deputy Attorney General; 2001-2003 Senior Legal & Policy Analyst, Governor Guinn; 2003-2010 Senior Deputy Attorney General; 2010-2015 General Counsel, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony; 2015 - Present Special Appeals Officer, State of Nevada; 2014-2018, Oldenburg Law Office

### **COLLEEN PLATT – HEARING OFFICER**

#### **EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

B.S, Biology, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois; M.A., Biology, Illinois Institute of Technology; J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Illinois

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

2000-2001, Researcher, Rush Presbyterian St. Luke’s Medical Center; 2001-2003, Researcher, University of Illinois at Chicago; 2004, Legal Intern, Law Offices of Chicago-Kent; 2005-2007, Contract Attorney, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; 2007-2013, Senior Deputy Legislative Counsel, State of Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau; 2013-2015, Deputy Attorney General, Nevada Attorney General; 2017-2019, The Perkins Company, of Counsel; 2018-2021, General Counsel, Northern Nevada HOPES; 2015- Present, Owner, Platt Law Group

### **JAMIE RESCH – HEARING OFFICER**

#### **EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

B.A, Criminal Justice, Psychology Minor, University of Wisconsin-Osh Kosh; J.D., Northern Illinois University College of Law

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

1997-1998, Law Clerk Positions; 1999-2000, Trust Administrator, Wells-Fargo Bank; 2000-2001, Associate Attorney, John Peter Lee, LTD; 2001-2003, Associate Attorney, Lee & Russell; 2003-2004, Resch Law Office; 2004-2005 Associate Attorney, Lee A. Drizin; 2005-2015, Chief & Senior Deputy

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Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General; 2017 - Present, Pro Tem Judge, Clark County Justice Court; 2016 - Present, Conviction Solutions, Owner

### **KEVIN RYAN – HEARING OFFICER**

#### **EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

B.S., Colorado State University, J.D., University of Idaho College of Law, International Law Program graduate, Regent's College, London, England; MBA, University of Phoenix

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

1991-1992, Law Clerk for Honorable Jerry Carr Whitehead; 1992-1995, Associate Attorney, Osborne & Gamboa, Chartered; 1996-1997, Associate Attorney, Hardesty & Bader, Ltd; Partner Hardesty, Bader & Ryan, Ltd.; 1999 - Present, Partner, Bader & Ryan, Ltd

### **DAVID STEPHENS – HEARING OFFICER**

#### **EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

B.S., Mathematic, Brigham Young University; J.D., Cum Laude Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

1983-1984, Associate, Simmons & Vannah; 1984-1986, Associate, Lehman & Nelson; 1986-1989, Associate, Callister & Reynolds; 1989-1997, Owner of Law Offices of David A. Stephens; 1997-2019, President, Stephens and Bywater, P.C.; 2019 to Present, President, of Stephens Law Offices; 1992 – Present, Arbitrator for Court Annexed Arbitration Program; 2000 to Present, Justice of the Peace Pro Tem: 2002 - Present, Short Trial Judge, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court; 2004 to Present, Private Mediator and Arbitrator; 2005 – Present, Mediator for Court Annexed Mediation Program

### **PERRY ZIRKEL – REVIEW OFFICER**

#### **EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

Ph.D. in Educational Administration, University of Connecticut; J.D. University of Connecticut; Master of Laws Degree, Yale University

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

1983-2015, University Professor of Education and Law, Lehigh University; 1996-2001 Iacocca Professor of Education, 1977-1983, Lehigh University, Dean and Professor, College of Education; 1971-1977, University of Hartford; 1970-1971, Connecticut State Department of Education; 1969-1970, University of Connecticut - Hartford Public Schools; 1965-1969, New York City Board of Education