

IDEA DUE PROCESS HEARING AND REVIEW OFFICER DIRECTORY

OFFICE OF COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT SERVICES

LYN BEEKMAN - REVIEW OFFICER

EDUCATION/TRAINING:

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

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Since 1978, they 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

ELIZABETH EUBANKS – HEARING OFFICER

EDUCATION/TRAINING:

BA, Sociology, Minor Non-Profit Management; JD, Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law

WORK EXPERIENCE:

2007, Extern to the Honorable Robert M. Takasugi, United States District Court; 2007-2008, Law Clerk, A2Z Educational Advocates; 2008-2009, Attorney, A2Z Educational Advocates; 2009-2012, Supervising Attorney, Law Offices of Bonnie Z. Yates; 2012-2018, Regional Director, Inland Empire, Disability Rights Legal Center; 2012-2021, Clinical Professor and Adjunct Professor, University of La Verne College of Law; 2018-2024, Partner, Rios Eubanks, LLP

JILL GREINER – HEARING OFFICER (reserve)**EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

BA, University of California, Berkeley, Social Science/Public Policy; J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law, Emory Scholarship Recipient

WORK EXPERIENCE:

1989-1990, Judicial Clerk, The Honorable Justice John Code Mowbray, Nevada Supreme Court, 1991; Judicial Clerk, The Honorable Judge James Stone, WCSJ; 1991-1992, Deputy District Attorney, Washoe County, Civil Division; 1992-1996, Deputy City Attorney, Reno, Criminal and Civil Divisions; 1996-2002, Appellate Legal Defender, City of Reno; 1996 – 2004, Private Practice, Civil and Criminal litigation; 2002-2006, Associate Tribal Judge, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony; 1998-2012, Due Process Hearing Officer, Nevada Department of Education; 2009-2011, Mediator, State of Nevada Foreclosure Mediation Program; 2010-2014, Administrative Code Enforcement Hearing Officer, Washoe County; 2006-2012, Arbitrator, Court Annexed Arbitration Program, Second Judicial District Court; 2012-2014, Hearing Officer, Nevada Department of Administration, Division of Human Resource Management; 2009-2016, Mediator, United State Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; 2014-2016, Independent Contract Mediator, Dept of

Business and Industry, Real Estate Division, State of Nevada; 2016-2020, Administrative Hearing Officer, Washoe County Human Services Agency; 2016-2021, Associate, Dotson Law, Civil Litigation; 2007-2022, Settlement Judge, Nevada Supreme Court Settlement Conference Program; 2022-Present, Pro-Tempore Judge, Sparks Municipal Court and Reno-Sparks Indian Colony; 2007-Present, Appellate Court Justice, Inter-Tribal Court of Appeals of Nevada; 2007-Present, Administrative Hearing Officer, Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners; 2015-Present; Administrative Hearing Officer, City of Reno; 2022-Present, Administrative Hearing Officer, State Of Nevada Dept of Administration

MICHAEL LAZAN – HEARING OFFICER (reserve)**EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

BA, Binghamton University, Political Science/English; J.D., Fordham University School of Law

WORK EXPERIENCE:

1997- Present, Impartial Hearing Officer, New York State Education Department; 2000 – Present, Arbitrator, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Washington D.C.; 2011- 2016, 2017- Present, Office of State Superintendent of Education, Office of Dispute Resolution, Washington D.C.; 2015- Present, Arbitrator, New York State United Teachers/New York State Department of Education; 2017-Present, Arbitrator, Labor Panel and Consumer Panel, American Arbitration Association, New York, NY; 2017-Present, Arbitrator, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Roster of Arbitrators, Washington, D.C.; 2025-Present, Impartial Hearing Officer, Special Education, Connecticut State Department of Education

JANET MAXWELL-WICKETT – HEARING OFFICER (reserve)**EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

BA, Administration with Distinction, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; J.D., DePaul University, Chicago, IL College of Law

WORK EXPERIENCE:

2014-Present, Illinois State Board of Education, Impartial Due Process Hearing Officer and Mediator; 2021-Present, Special Education Solutions, LLC, Subcontractor, Complaint Investigator and State Complaint Investigator; 2024–Present, Kentucky Department of Education, Impartial Due Process Hearing Officer and Mediator; 2025–Present – Connecticut Department of Education, Impartial Due Process Hearing Officer

DEUSDEDI MERCED – REVIEW OFFICER (inactive)**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, NYC 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 Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General; 2017-Present, Pro Tem Judge, Clark County Justice Court; 2016-Present, Conviction Solutions, Owner

LISA RUSK – HEARING OFFICER (reserve)

EDUCATION/TRAINING:

BA, Ursinus College, Politics; J.D., Albany Law School of Union University, Albany NY

WORK EXPERIENCE:

1994- 2018, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP, Partner and Of Counsel, Poughkeepsie, NY; 2018-2021, New York State Unified Court System, Principal Law Clerk/Court Attorney, Ulster County; 2022- Present, Hearing Officer/Independent Investigator

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

GINA SESSION – HEARING OFFICER**EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

BA, University of California at Santa Barbara, Political Science; JD, McGeorge School of Law

WORK EXPERIENCE:

1994-2008, Legal Researcher, Deputy Attorney General, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office; 2008-2016, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Business and Taxation; 2016-2022, Director, Dept of Civil Rights Compliance, Washoe County School District; 2022–Present, Legal Information Line Attorney, Nevada REALTORS; 2024-Present, Hearing Officer, Nevada Board of Medical Examiners

BRAD SHIPLEY – HEARING OFFICER**EDUCATION/TRAINING:**

B.A., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, French/Education; J.D., University of Nevada, Las Vegas

WORK EXPERIENCE:

2018–Present, John H. Cotton and Associates, Ltd. Las Vegas, NV; 2014–2015, 2018, Law Clerk, The Honorable Joanna S. Kishner, Eighth Judicial District Court, Las Vegas, NV; 2013, Law Clerk, Honorable Abbi Silver, Eighth Judicial District Court, Las Vegas, NV

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