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Re: Permanent Nevada Statewide Guardianship Commission

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to be considered for participation on the permanent Nevada Guardianship Commission. I have attended many meetings of the prior commission, read much of the materials, and even presented to the commission in the past. Since that time when I was a private attorney in the field of guardianship and elder exploitation, I have become the Attorney for the Rights of Older Persons and Persons With Disabilities with the State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division.

My role with the state is codified in NRS 427A.1234 (as amended by Assembly Bill 31) and I assumed the role Sally C. Ramm, Esq. previously held in January 2017. I have been able to participate in the legislative session as guardianship bills made their way through the process and have been participating with trainings and outreach about the new laws. I am also the state legal services developer under the federal Older Americans Act and therefore have experience with access to justice issues and funding for representation of protected persons.

Part of what brought me to close my private practice in Las Vegas, Nevada and move to Northern Nevada this year was the prospect of preventing guardianship abuses instead of seeing them mid-stream as I previously had. Having practiced in Clark County primarily since being admitted to the bar 10 years ago, I have the unique perspective of someone who has seen the guardianship crisis first hand. I even successfully represented a protected person against her former guardian, April Parks, and assisted law enforcement with their pursuit of charges against Parks related to other cases.

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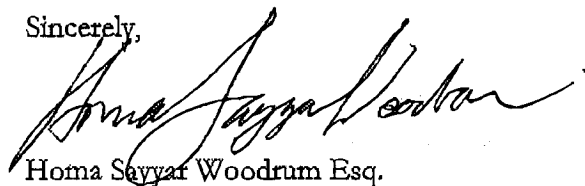
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On the flip side, I have been able to explore the rural areas of Nevada and make contacts with people there since my relocation. I have seen the different issues faced as we strive to allow people self-determination and the ability to age in place. I have participated with groups from the End Abuse in Later Life Grant with the Nevada Attorney General's Office (I am a member of the Coordinated Community Response Team) to the Supported Decision Making Grant Research Team looking at alternatives to guardianship.

I am happy to provide writing samples, articles, or references to assist as you determine members of the Commission. I have enclosed my resume in case that is of use as well. My email address is hwoodrum@adsd.nv.gov and my direct line is 775-687-0582. It would be an honor to serve and I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Aging and Disability Services Division

Encl. as stated

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

Oct. 2007 United States District Court, District of Nevada
 Oct. 2007 State Bar of Nevada . . . Nevada Bar No. 10803

ACADEMIC SUMMARY

2004-2007 Juris Doctorate, *William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada Las Vegas*
 Final Cumulative GPA: 3.17 . . . Final Rank: 33 / 143 . . . *Cum Laude*

2002-2003 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, International Business, *University of Nevada Las Vegas*
 Final Cumulative GPA: 3.90 . . . *Magna Cum Laude*

2000-2002 Associate of Arts, *College of Southern Nevada*
 Final Cumulative GPA: 3.97 . . . *High Honors*

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2017-
 Present Attorney for Rights of Older Persons and Persons With Disabilities, *Aging and Disability Division of Nevada*
 Elder and Disability Rights advocacy position. Includes legislative work, community contact and education, as well as supportive legal advice for the Department of Health and Human Services Aging and Disability Services Division. State of Nevada Legal Services Developer under the Older Americans Act.

Aug. 2016-
 Jan. 2017 (Appointment) Pro Tem Hearing Officer, *Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Division (clarkcountycourts.us)*
 Pro Tem Hearing Officer Training in Child Support and Mental Commitment Courts.

Jan. 2016-
 May 2017 Adjunct Professor, *University of Nevada Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law (law.unlv.edu)*
 Professor teaching legal writing course(s) at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, including Lawyering Process III.

Apr. 2015-
 Jan. 2017 Of Counsel, *Schaefer Law Firm (immigrationnevada.com)*
 Helm of Nevada office for Immigration representation (naturalization, waivers, adjustments of status, visas, etc.) of clients of Schaefer Law Firm (based in Idaho).

Sep. 2014 -
 Jan. 2017 Co-Founder, *The Allergy Law Project (allergylawproject.com)*
 Along with Mary Vargas, Esq. and Laurel Francoeur, Esq., co-founded a free legal resource online to provide useful information to those with disabilities (especially food allergy and celiac disease) under the law. Included co-authoring articles as well as helming website operation, logo design, and social media management.

Jan. 2014 -
 Jan. 2017 Equity Partner, *Woodrum Law LLC (woodrumlaw.com)*
 Practicing in the areas of guardianship, wills & trusts, elder law, civil litigation, corporate formation, and immigration law. Also providing pro bono services through Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada and Nevada Legal Services.

Apr. 2013 -
 Dec. 2014 Co-Founder, *Food Allergy Bloggers Conference LLC*
 Co-founded and planned a food allergy social media related conference held 2013 and 2014 in Las Vegas. Drafted agreements regarding speakers and sponsors for a gathering of medical professionals, authors, bloggers, and advocates.

Apr. 2012-
 Jan. 2014 Of Counsel, *Sidhu Law Firm*
 Practiced in the areas of guardianship, bankruptcy, and immigration law; engaged in client lead generation strategies.

Oct. 2007-
 Aug. 2008 Associate Attorney, *Larson & Stephens*
 Practiced in the areas of family law, bankruptcy, private and public guardianship, and civil litigation through all case phases including client contact, discovery, dispositive hearings, appearances, settlement conferences, trial, and post-trial.

Jan. 2007-
 Apr. 2007 Judicial Extern, *Nevada Supreme Court, Honorable Michael Douglas*
 Cite-checked numerous opinions in anticipation of publication in Nevada Reporters and drafted preliminary documents for preparation of bench memos in two appellate matters.

Jan. 2006-
 Oct. 2007 Law Clerk, *Larson & Stephens*
 Drafted documents including research memos, complaints, and motions in areas including bankruptcy, family law, guardianship, and general litigation. Designed, coded, and maintained firm website.

ARTICLES AND SPEAKING

- July 1, 2017 "The Older Americans Act: Access to Justice for Those Over 60 in Nevada"
Nevada Lawyer Magazine, Volume 25 | Issue 7, Elder Law in the Silver State Issue
- August 17, 2016 "Discovery and Capacity Determinations" Homa Sayyar Woodrum (Speaker)
NBI – Guardianships from Start to Finish CLE
- August 1, 2016 "Representing Adults Facing and Under Guardianship Proceedings" by H. S. Woodrum & A. L. Woodrum
"Guardianship Case Summaries – Minor and Adult Guardianships[...]" by Homa Sayyar Woodrum
Clark County Bar Association Communique Magazine – Guardianship Issue
- May 14, 2016 "Food Allergies and the Law: Understanding Issues[...]" Homa Sayyar Woodrum (Speaker)
2016 National Food Allergy Research and Education Conference – Orlando, Florida
- October 1, 2015 "If You Can Send an E-mail, You Can Start Your Own (Legal) Blog" by Homa Sayyar Woodrum
Clark County Bar Association Communique Magazine – Social Media Issue
- September 18, 2015 "Paths to Immigration" Homa Sayyar Woodrum (Speaker)
City of Las Vegas Downtown Cultural Series Community Education Volunteer
- September 1, 2015 "Guardianship Legislative Update" by Homa Sayyar Woodrum
Clark County Bar Association Communique Magazine – Legislative Wrap-Up Issue
- June 1, 2015 "Warning Signs of Client Exploitation: Practice Tips for Attorneys" by Homa Sayyar Woodrum
Clark County Bar Association Communique Magazine – Family Law Issue

AWARDS, MEMBERSHIPS, AND ACTIVITIES

- July 2017 Rising Star: Super Lawyers (Mountain States)
- June 2017 Nevada Business Magazine Legal Elite (2017)
- 2017-present Member, Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association
- 2014-2017 Member, Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys
- 2016 Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year, Nevada Legal Services (Woodrum Law LLC)
- Dec. 2016 LACSN Pro Bono Award: 100 Hours Club
- Dec. 2015 LACSN Pro Bono Award: 100 Hours Club
- Oct. 2015 LACSN Pro Bono Attorney of the Month
- July 2015 – Dec. 2016 Chair, Eighth Judicial District Court Guardianship Committee Regarding Privacy and Media
- June 2015 Nevada Business Magazine Legal Elite
- 2014 AV Peer Review Rating of 4.7, Martindale-Hubbell
- Oct. 2014 Desert Companion Magazine Southern Nevada "Top Lawyer" – Guardianship
- 2014-2017 Co-Founder, Allergy Law Project
- 2014-Present Member, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
- 2014-2017 Member, Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys
- 2014-2017 Member, Clark County Bar Association
- 2013 Las Vegas Walk Committee, Food Allergy Research and Education
- Dec. 2013 LACSN Pro Bono Award: 100 Hours Club
- 2012-2016 Member, American Immigration Lawyers Association
- May 2007 Recipient, William S. Boyd School of Law Dean's Award

REFERENCES

- Karen Kelly, Clark County Public Guardian 515 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
- Mary Vargas, Esq., Stein & Vargas 5100 Buckeystown Pike, Suite 250, Frederick, Maryland 21704
- Edward Ablscer, Ph.D., Administrator, Nevada ADSD 416 Goni Rd., D-132, Carson City, Nevada 89706