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ELIZABETH A. BROWN
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY 
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

Re: Guardianship Commission

Dear Ms. Brown :

Pursuant to the Court's Order referencing ADKT 507, filed August 2, 2017, I am writing to request consideration for appointment to the permanent Guardianship Commission. I believe my experience with Probate, and more recently, Guardianship dockets, along with the specialized education I have sought on these topics, would be of value to the permanent Guardianship Commission.

I was first assigned the Probate docket in 2011 and have continued in that role to the present. In order to further my education in the field I searched for specialized judicial education and began attending the National College of Probate educational meetings, which cover not only trusts and estates but also adult guardianship and elder law issues. In January 2017 Chief Judge Gonzalez reorganized the Probate and Adult Guardianship dockets and I now hear 20% of all newly filed Guardianship petitions. At the time Adult Guardianship was within the original and exclusive jurisdiction of Family Court, so I attended the specialized New Juvenile and Family Court Judges one week training program through the NCJFCJ. The program proved to be a valuable refresher in the unique considerations that govern family and juvenile court cases.

Since adding Guardianship to my docket I have instituted a series of Joint Probate and Guardianship Bench Bar meetings. Previously I had relied on the State Bar of Nevada Trusts and Estates section to communicate with practitioners about issues of concern. We have found that the Bench Bar meetings are well attended and can focus on issues of interest in Clark County instead of statewide.

In my role on the Eighth Judicial District's Legislative Committee I followed the various guardianship bills through the legislative process, and have continued to further my

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understanding of the new changes so I can share the information with my colleagues in the bench and bar. The October Bench Bar meeting will feature the Secretary of State and her Deputy on use of the SOS Lock Box for digitally preserving estate planning documents such as guardianship designation; future programs will focus on electronic notarization and legislative changes to elder law.

I have reviewed the topics which the permanent Guardianship Commission will consider and believe that I can contribute to the Commission's study on these issues and can be a conduit of information to my colleagues in Clark County and throughout the Nevada. I appreciate your consideration of my application for appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GJS', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gloria J. Sturman
District Court Judge

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