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Re: Permanent Guardianship Commission

To the Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court:

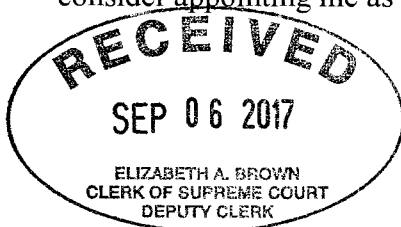
I am very interested in serving on the permanent Guardianship Commission. I have a very wide breadth of professional experience in guardianship proceedings, and I believe my understanding of the issues facing individuals subject to guardianship would be a valuable asset to the Commission.

My first experience with guardianship matters began in 2004 as a pro bono attorney for volunteer advocates from the Special Advocates for Elders of Washoe County ("SAFE"). I was a member of the Board of Directors for SAFE from 2005 through 2011 and served as its President in 2008 and 2009. My work with the SAFE program gave me a very unique perspective of the impact guardianship can have on individuals and families.

I have been appointed in many cases as counsel of the Protected Person or as *Guardian ad Litem*. I have also acted as private counsel for the Guardian in numerous cases, including both adult and minor guardianship cases.

I was a member of Judge Doherty's local task force, which reviewed local rules and procedures in guardianship cases in Washoe County and worked to propose positive change. Currently, I am serving on Judge Doherty's task force concerning Assisted Decision Making Agreements. Although I was not a member of the initial Guardianship Commission, I did attend a majority of the meetings and closely followed the Commission's progress. In my practice, I have already observed many positive changes resulting from the Commission's work and hope to see future changes to better serve those individuals facing guardianship.

I would be honored to be selected to the Guardianship Commission and ask that you consider appointing me as a member of the Commission.



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Sincerely yours,

[Signature of Michael W. Keane]
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