## LEGAL AID CENTER of Southern Nevada



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## **BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT**

Bailey Bortolin is the Director of Advocacy and Strategic Initiatives at Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. Bailey is an attorney and policy expert who works to effectuate systems level change to advance access to justice.

Bailey first started with Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada as a law clerk during her time as a UNLV Boyd law student. She went on to serve as the Statewide Advocacy, Outreach and Policy Director for all non-profit legal service providers in the State of Nevada. In that role Bailey was intimately involved with the Nevada legislative process, where she advocated on a wide variety of topics on behalf of low-income and vulnerable Nevadans, including landmark legislation securing the right to counsel for children in the child welfare system. During the pandemic, Bailey worked with state and local leaders to implement emergency eviction protections and rental assistance programs. In 2021 Bailey served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Steve Sisolak, where she worked to make advancements in critical issues facing the state, including housing security and public and behavioral health systems.

Bailey received her bachelors degree from American University, School of Public Affairs in 2012. She received her juris doctor from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law in 2015, and is barred in both Nevada and the District of Columbia.