



Barbara Buckley, Esq.

## BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Barbara Buckley is the Executive Director of Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, a nonprofit corporation, providing free legal advice, representation and advocacy for individuals who cannot afford a lawyer. Barbara spent her entire legal career with Legal Aid Center, beginning as a staff attorney in 1989. Barbara became the Executive Director of Legal Aid Center in 1996. Since that time, Barbara created many new programs at Legal Aid Center, including:

- A partnership with William S. Boyd School of Law, where all first year law students are trained to teach legal classes to the public
- The Family Justice Project, serving victims of domestic violence and immigrant victims of violence
- The Children's Attorneys Project, representing abused or neglected children.
- The Civil Law Self-Help Center and the Family Law Self-Help Center where every year, tens of thousands of litigants have access to legal information and forms so they can properly represent themselves in court.
- Barbara is also immensely proud of Legal Aid Center's role in managing the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center, a one-stop center for the survivors of the October 1 shooting which recently expanded to serve all victims of crime.

Barbara served as the Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly from 2007 through 2010, the first woman in the state's history to hold this position. From 2001 to 2007, she served as Majority Leader of the Nevada State Assembly, also the first woman to serve in this role. She has received many awards and honors since her election in 1994, including the Most Effective Legislator in the Assembly in 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2009.

Barbara received her J.D. degree summa cum laude from the University of Arizona School of Law and her B.A. with honors from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.