



BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT OF MELISSA ZENSEN-LIPMAN

Melissa Zensen-Lipman joined Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada in 2020 as a Guardianship Attorney in the Consumer Rights Project Division. With 20 years of litigation experience, Melissa began her career as a state prosecutor in St. Louis, Missouri, representing children and adult victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence. After seven years as a prosecutor, she went into private practice where she worked for mid-size law firms in litigation. In 2003, Melissa established a business boutique law firm where she and her partner fought large companies and big law firms on behalf of small business owners who were being exploited.

While practicing law and managing her law firm, Melissa owned and operated a retail boutique, handling all facets of the business. In 2018, she retired from private practice to pursue a career in the nonprofit sector and served as Volunteer Coordinator at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri.

In 2019, Melissa and her husband moved from St. Louis to Las Vegas. Melissa volunteered for Nevada Reading Week and Project 150 and joined Impact Las Vegas, a nonprofit that awards an annual grant to other nonprofit organizations that serve the Las Vegas community. She currently serves on its Board of Directors.

Melissa graduated with honors from University of Missouri with a Bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice in 1990 and earned her Juris Doctorate degree from St. Louis University School of Law in 1993.