

## BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT OF MICHAEL WENDLBERGER

Michael Wendlberger is the Directing Attorney of Legal Aid Center's Pro Bono Project.

Michael joined Legal Aid Center in 2016 as the second full-time attorney representing protected persons in guardianship matters. Michael represented over 100 vulnerable individuals during his tenure in the Guardianship Advocacy Program. Michael successfully terminated numerous unnecessary guardianships, enabling his clients to regain the freedom to make decisions over their lives. Michael represented additional clients through the pro bono project in the Consumer Rights Project, Children's Attorneys Project, and in immigration matters.

In 2018, Michael was promoted to supervise the consumer and family law intake department, where he streamlined the intake processes and improved access to justice to vulnerable members of our community. As the supervising intake attorney, Michael ensured thousands of low income and vulnerable people in Southern Nevada received quality support with their legal matters.

Before joining Legal Aid Center, Michael spent seven years as a consumer civil litigation attorney in California. Michael has over ten years of experience practicing in federal and state courts and has experience in all aspects of litigation, motion practice, arbitration, mediation, deposition, and trials. Michael is specially admitted to practice law in Nevada and is admitted to practice law in California.

Michael earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from California State University, Fresno, and obtained his Juris Doctor at UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law. During law school, Michael volunteered for Partners in Pro Bono and taught the Guardianship community class, earning the outstanding student teacher award. During law school, Michael earned CALI awards for student excellence. Michael is passionate about providing zealous advocacy to those in need and wants to expand pro bono throughout Nevada. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking with his dogs, playing soccer, and volunteering in the community.