



BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT OF RAESHANN CANADY

Rae originally joined Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada in May 2023 as a staff attorney in the Minor Guardianship Advocacy Project (MGAP) representing children in minor guardianship proceedings. After a brief hiatus, Rae has returned to MGAP. Prior to joining Legal Aid Center,, Rae was the Chief Appeals Referee for the State of Nevada’s Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation, worked in court administration with the Eighth Judicial District Court as the Manager of the Family Mediation Center, and the City of Las Vegas Municipal Court as a Division Manager. Prior to relocating to Las Vegas, Rae was an Assistant State Public Defender, Local Attorney Manager, and Regional Attorney Manager with the Wisconsin State Public Defender’s Office. Rae represented children in dependency cases, juveniles in delinquency cases, and adults in criminal cases. Rae was part of the team that brought the first drug treatment court to Milwaukee County. Rae was also an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Marquette University, teaching several undergraduate and graduate courses.

Rae is a trained mediator and has worked in government and non-profit settings for 20+ years as a social worker, attorney and administrator. She is licensed in Wisconsin and specially licensed in Nevada. Rae graduated from the University of Michigan in 1996 with Bachelor’s degrees in Sociology and Psychology, and in 1998 with a Master’s degree in Social Work. Rae graduated from Marquette University Law School in 2004 with a Juris Doctor. In 2008, Rae received the Howard B. Eisenberg Service Award from Marquette University Law School for her outstanding public service. In 2019, she received the Excellence in Technology award from Tyler Technologies for creating an online child custody mediation program for Clark County litigants.

Rae absolutely loves living in Las Vegas. In her free time, she travels and volunteers at the LGBTQ Center of Southern Nevada.