



**BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT OF
TIFFANI WICKEL**

Tiffani Wickel joined Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada in 2019 as an attorney in the Children’s Attorney Project (CAP) wherein she represents children who have allegedly been subjected to abuse and/or neglect by (a) parent(s) in Clark County, Nevada.

Prior to becoming a CAP attorney with Legal Aid Center, Tiffani served as a Deputy County Attorney prosecuting criminal cases in Cochise County, Arizona (2018-2019) and as an Assistant District Attorney prosecuting Child Protective Services (CPS) cases in Smith County, Texas (2004-2018). As a CPS prosecutor, Tiffani assisted the 321st Judicial District Court judge with the implementation of a drug court program that the parents in her cases could opt to participate in. This program, due to the intensive services provided, increased accountability and added support of the drug court team, made family reunification more probable.

Additionally, Tiffani worked closely with the 321st Judicial District Court judge to ensure that the legal process – from the forms used to the services provided to families - reflected trust based and trauma informed principles. This unique, successful approach to handling complex, heart wrenching dependency cases is showcased in the Texas Christian University documentary, All Rise: For the Good of Children, a project Tiffani was able to be involved with before leaving the District Attorney’s Office.

As Deputy County Attorney, Tiffani participated in a court sponsored program that was offered to defendants who were veterans, had mental health issues and/or substance abuse issues. The goal of this program is to provide assistance, via pairing up individuals with the appropriate community supports and services, so that the underlying issue(s) that contributed to the criminal behavior was successfully addressed.

Tiffani received the following awards and/or nominations: Austin Peay State University Drane Award Nominee (May 2000), John W. Joyce Moot Court Award (April 2002), Leighton B. Dawson Moot Court Award (April 2002), CASA of East Texas Angel Award (March 2007), Fairy Davenport Rutland Award Nominee (May 2008) and CASA Court Team Member Award (October 2013). Tiffani earned her Bachelor’s Degree in 2000 after majoring in Philosophy at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee and her Juris Doctorate in 2003 after studying Law at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Tiffani is licensed to practice law in Texas and Arizona.