



BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT OF TONYA McCORMICK

Tonya McCormick joined Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada as a staff attorney in the Children's Attorney Project. Tonya represents abused and neglected children who are in the foster care system and advocates on their behalf. She is also a member of the Child Welfare Network.

Prior to joining Legal Aid Center, Tonya served as a Senior Attorney for the Guardian ad Litem Program, where she advocated for the best interests of abused, abandoned, and neglected children in a severely impoverished community in Florida. Before joining the Guardian ad Litem Program, Tonya served as an Assistant State Attorney, where she served as both Domestic Violence Division Chief and Juvenile Division Chief. Tonya also spent several years in private practice and working at a law firm primarily handling foreclosure matters.

Tonya is a graduate of Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark School of Law and earned her law degree with honors in 1999. While in law school, Tonya served as Editor and Board Member of the BYU Journal of Public Law, President of the Minority Law Student Association, Vice President of the Women's Law Forum, and was a member of the Trial Advocacy Team. She also authored a published comment on prosecuting domestic violence cases and co-authored a chapter in the Utah Juvenile Court Guidebook entitled, "Reporting, Investigating and Preventing Abuse."

Tonya received her undergraduate degree in International Studies from American University in Washington D.C., which she attended as a Presidential Scholar. During her time at American University, Tonya studied abroad in Brussels, Belgium and on Semester at Sea where she served as the Donations Coordinator for Students of Service. In that capacity, she organized the delivery of donated supplies to hospitals and orphanages in several third world countries.

Tonya enjoys spending time with her family, reading, traveling, and volunteering for her church. Tonya is licensed to practice law in Florida and is specially admitted to practice law in Nevada.