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## BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

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IN THE MATTER OF HEIDI ALMASE,

Former Municipal Court Judge,

City of Las Vegas,

County of Clark,

State of Nevada,

Respondent.

## MOTION TO RECUSE PROSECUTING OFFICER KATHLEEN M. PAUSTIAN

COMES NOW, the Respondent HEIDI ALMASE, former Municipal Court Judge for the City of Las Vegas, in Proper Person, and files the motion, and supporting points and authorities and affidavit in support of her request.

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## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

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On or about April 19, 2018, the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline ("the Commission") filed a Formal Statement of Charges against Respondent, HEIDI ALMASE, alleging multiple violations of the Revised Code of Judicial Conduct ("the Code"). Prior to the filing of the Formal Statement and during the course of the investigation, Respondent cooperated with and was interviewed by the assigned investigator about her campaign, including her representation by former campaign manager, David V. Thomas. Respondent was provided investigatory materials following the finding of probable cause and is aware that Respondent's campaign manager, Jennifer Barrier, also a former employee and/or contractor for Mr. Thomas was interviewed by the Commission investigator. Both interviews were transcribed and provided to Respondent.

Following the investigation, the Commission filed a Formal Statement of Charges against Respondent and assigned Kathleen M. Paustian as Prosecuting Officer for the case. Based on information and belief, Ms. Paustian has a long term personal and/or professional relationship with David V. Thomas and his wife, Judge Nancy Allf. See Affidavit of Heidi Almase and Exhibit 1. Respondent was represented by Mr. Thomas directly or through his company, Policy Communications, for her 2011 campaign for the Las Vegas Municipal Court and through the 2017 primary election for the same seat. In the course of the campaign representation, Respondent and her family spent a both personal and professional time with Mr. Thomas and his wife, Judge Nancy Allf. On the evening of the 2017 primary election, Mr. Thomas terminated representation of Respondent which led to a significant amount of acrimony between Respondent and Mr. Thomas including threatening and emotional text messages and voicemail sent by Mr. Thomas to Respondent and a May 3, 2017, article in the Las Vegas Review Journal by columnist Jane Ann Morrison critical of Mr. Thomas. Based on information and belief, the Las Vegas Review-Journal is the largest daily newspaper in Nevada.

Respondent's exhibits demonstrate Ms. Paustian and Judge Nancy Allf were law partners in the law firm of Parsons, Behle & LatimerIn as far back as 2002 and, further, indicate Mr. Thomas, Judge Allf and Ms. Paustian socialized together. See Exhibits 1 and 2. Minutes of the State Bar of Nevada Board of Governors meeting dated August 30, 2007, wherein Judge Nancy Allf was president of the Board of Governors, indicate Judge Allf had appointment authority granting Ms. Paustian a position with the Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics and Election Practices. See Exhibit 3. Ms. Paustian maintains social media contacts with both Mr. Thomas and Judge Allf. See Exhibits 4 and 5.

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In the course of discussing the case with Respondent, Ms. Paustian did not, in writing or verbally, notify Respondent of her personal and/or professional relationship with Mr. Thomas and/or his wife. Respondent does not know if Ms. Paustian advised the Commission or its designees and/or its employees of the relationship with either Mr. Thomas or his wife. Therefore, to avoid the appearance of bias, whether implicit or explicit, and to ensure the neutrality of the proceedings, Respondent requests the Commission appoint a different and neutral prosecuting officer to this matter.

## POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

The Procedural Rules of the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline, Exhibit A, Public Case Filing Procedures, Procedure 4, Challenges for Cause ("Procedural Rules"), provide a mechanism for a respondent to disqualify a commissioner for actual or implied bias or prejudice or other cause. Specifically, the Procedure 4 requires the respondent to file an affidavit specifying the facts upon which the disqualification is sought and, where represented by an attorney, that the motion is filed in good faith and not for delay. See Procedural Rules, Rule 4(1). Thereafter, the challenged commissioner shall proceed no further and, within five (5) days after receipt, admit or deny the allegations and set forth any additional facts which bear on the question of disqualification. See Procedural Rules, Rule 4(3). The question of disqualification must

be heard and determined by the Commission in accordance with Rule 3 of the Procedural Rules. No such rule exists for a challenge to a special prosecutor.

A presumption of honesty and integrity cloaks those who serve as adjudicators. Gilman v. Nevada State Bd. of Veterinary Med. Examiners, 120 Nev. 263, 269, 89 P.3d 1000, 1004 (2004), disapproved of by Nassiri v. Chiropractic Physicians' Bd., 130 Nev. Adv. Op. 27, 327 P.3d 487 (2014)(citing Withrow v. Larkin, 421 U.S. 35 (1975)). See also, Mosely v. Nevada Com'n on Judicial Discipline, 117 Nev. 371, 381, 22 P.3d 655, 661 (2001)(noting it was respondent's burden to demonstrate a Commission member was dishonest, biased or prejudiced). However, the United States Supreme Court observed in In re Murchison that "a fair trial in a fair tribunal is a basic requirement of due process." Id. (quoting In re Murchison, 349 U.S. 133, 136 (1955)). An adjudicator's actual bias against a party is constitutionally unacceptable and, in some situations, an implied probability of bias constitutes a deprivation of due process. Id. 117 Nev. at 377–78, 22 P.3d at 659.

Here, Respondent has demonstrated the existence of a long-term business and professional relationship between Ms. Paustian and Respondent's former campaign manager, David V. Thomas, and his wife, Judge Nancy Allf. Given the level of acrimony and publicity directed at Mr. Thomas owing to his decision to terminate his representation of Respondent during the 2017 election, Respondent believes Ms. Paustian may have implicit or explicit bias. Further, Respondent argues Procedural Rules Rule 4 has analogous implications for Special Prosecutors.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Respondent respectfully requests the following:

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The Commission grant Respondent's motion and appoint a different and neutral Prosecuting Officer to the instant matter.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ Day of May 2018.

HEIDI ALMASE, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 7839 521 Park Way E. Las Vegas, NV 89106 Telephone: 702/580-9622

In Proper Person

# AFFIDAVIT OF HEIDI ALMASE IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO RECUSE PROSECUTING OFFICER KATHLEEN M. PAUSTIAN

STATE OF NEVADA	) ) SS
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HEIDI ALMASE being duly sworn under penalty of perjury, deposes and says:

- 1. That, I am the Respondent in the above-captioned matter.
- That, David V. Thomas was my campaign manager for my candidacy for the 2011 campaign for the Las Vegas Municipal Court.
- That, David V. Thomas was my campaign manager through the 2017 primary election for my re-election campaign for the seat I held on the Las Vegas Municipal Court, Department 3.
- That, David V. Thomas is married to Judge Nancy Allf, Eighth Judicial District Court,
   County of Clark.
- 5. That, in the course of Mr. Thomas' representation of me in both elections, I spent both personal and professional time with Mr. Thomas and his wife, Judge Nancy Allf.
- 6. That, on the evening of the 2017 primary election, Mr. Thomas terminated his representation of Respondent where Respondent was unable to provide an additional \$30,000.00 commitment to him and/or the campaign.
- 7. That, Mr. Thomas' decision led to significant acrimony between he and Respondent including threatening and emotional text messages and voicemail from Mr. Thomas to Respondent as well as an May 3, 2017, article critical to Mr. Thomas in the Las Vegas Review Journal by columnist Jane Ann Morrison.
- 8. That, based on information and belief, the Las Vegas Review-Journal is Nevada's largest daily newspaper.
- 9. That, Kathleen M. Paustian, has been assigned as the Prosecuting Officer for the above-captioned matter.

- 10. That, based on information and belief, Prosecuting Officer Kathleen M. Paustian has a long-term personal and professional relationship with David V. Thomas and/or his wife, Judge Nancy Allf, dating back to at least 2002.
- 11. That, in discussing the case with Respondent, Ms. Paustian did not verbally or in writing state she had a personal or professional relationship with Mr. Thomas or his wife.
- 12. That, Respondent is aware of any facts or circumstances suggesting Ms. Paustian notified the Commission, its designees or employees of any personal or professional relationship with Mr. Thomas or his wife.
- 13. That this motion is made in good faith and not for the purpose of delay.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this Day of May 2018.

HEIDI ALMASE, Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me

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KATHERINE KELLEY HOUSTON Notary Public State of Nevada No. 93-0472-1

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

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I hereby certify that on the \_\_\_ day of May 2018, I, HEID ALMASE, caused to be served via email and by first class mail, a copy of the foregoing MOTION TO RECUSE PROSECUTING OFFICER KATHLEEN M. PAUSTIAN with postage fully prepaid thereon, by depositing the same with the U.S. Postal Service, addressed as follows:

> Kathleen M. Paustian, Esq. 1912 Madagascar Lane Las Vegas, NV 89117 kathleenpaustian@cox.net Prosecuting Officer

> > HEIDI ALMASE, ESQ.

## LAS VEGAS SUN

# Columnist Elizabeth Foyt: Food and beverage directors enjoy Epicurean Gala

#### Elizabeth Foyt

Wednesday, June 5, 2002 | 8:23 a.m.

Certainly some of our city's great unsung heroes are those who serve as food and beverage directors at the resorts. Each week they create the special events, unique dinners and luncheons, fairy-tale weddings and lavish receptions that often make a Las Vegas conference or charitable event so memorable.

Rarely do these hard-working professionals have the chance to gather as one, yet remarkably they are among our community's most generous residents. Since its inception 11 years ago, the Food and Beverage Directors Association of Nevada has donated \$200,000 in scholarships for those seeking careers in the resort industry and have been equally generous with funds and man hours to worthy causes including Opportunity Village's Magical Forest.

Last Friday David Hensen, director of restaurants for Caesars Palace and president of the association, welcomed guests to the annual Epicurean Gala dinner in the Roman Ballroom at Caesars Palace. Opening with a lush reception, featuring elaborate tasting tables from the property's fine restaurants, the evening featured special wines and an icy martini serving station created by Jim Riley, special events manager for Ketel One vodka.

In the crowd were Aileen and Bryan O'Shields, Joan and Van Heffner, Bob Vannucci, Henry Harris, Dale Davidson, Olga Bratt, Larry Close and Theresa Kessler, as well as Jack and Nancy Weinstein, Dr. Leo and Sandy Spaccavento, Tony Goitia and Nancy Allf with Kathleen Paustian.

Honored for Culinary Achievement was Chef Ed Kane, director of Culinary Arts at Vo-Tech High School and adjunct professor for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Recognized as well with the Autrui Award for community service was Sandy Colon Peltyn. Joining in the round of applause for the honorees were Ed Guthrie, Dave Thomas, Linda Smith and past organizational president Kurt Weinrich as well as Roger Peltyn, his sons R.J. and Michael, and Michael's fiancee, Lisa Cote.

Guests enjoyed a gourmet meal and dancing to the jazz stylings of Ghalib Ghallab and David Osborne. All proceeds from the dinner and the related silent auctions benefitted the scholarship program and efforts to serve underprivileged children in Southern Nevada.

Bar unveiled

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Hats off to New York-New York, which gave a terrific launch to the resort's revamped Big Apple Bar last week.

Eavishly decorated with velvet fabric draped from ceiling to floor and with burgundy-satin walls, the bar's comfortable setting made for a colorful taste of the lounge scene for invited guests.

Speciality drinks of every description flowed generously to the crowd, where those sampling included Chef Les and Tammy Kincaid, seen with Danny Campbell, MGM MIRAGE vice president of purchasing. Mixing in the crowd as well were Ellen Curtis, Kim Capozzo, Jason Edrick with Kelli Maruca, Rob Catalano, Artie Nathan, Carrie Carter-Henderson and Rino Armeni.

Answering questions and speaking of recent activity at the hotel-casino were New York-New York executives including Felix Rappaport, John Shigley, Stefanie Johnson and Tim Evans. Il Fornaio provided the plentiful appetizers and hors d'oeuvres, while Soul Desire appeared onstage in a spirited performance.

#### Author luncheon

V25001 Celebrating its first year, The Literary Society of Las Vegas again hosted an author's reception, luncheon and book againg at Four Seasons.

A new dimension in cultural endeavors for our citizens, the chapter was formed by Patrick Everett of the Northern Trust with founding president Dr. Joe McCullough of UNLV. Lori McDonald has coordinated the luncheon arrangements, making special efforts to include students and teachers from area high schools for round-table discussions with the authors prior to the general sessions.

Most recently Tony Earley, author of "Somehow Form a Family" and "Jim the Boy," was featured author for the Society's May luncheon. Earley, a professor of literature at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., has received great acclaim for both books in The New York Times Book Review. Speaking of Southern writing traditions, Earley was humorous and self-deprecating in his presentation.

In the audience, and later receiving books signed by the author, were Linda Leavitt, Sandee Tiberti, Phyllis Hendrickson with Arden Larsen, Mary Whittaker, Doug Christiansen, Eileen Aines, Kathy and Michael Buckley and Cam Fehrenbach.

The Literary Society, with another lineup of selected authors, will resume its meetings in October.

### History brunch

The Nevada Women's History Project-Southern Region recently held its spring brunch and meeting at Desert Pines Country Club.

During registration, informal modeling took place with Marion Kohler, Joan LeMere, Bernie Lenz and Frankie Williams giving a delightful look at classic fashions, both current and vintage, all in basic black with the requisite pearls as accessories.

Vice President Anne Reck presided over a brief meeting, followed by brunch and a program entitled "The History of the Clark County Democratic Women's Club." Sara Besser and Renee Diamond jointly presented the very entertaining program, sharing delightful stories about past campaigns and candidates.

Oh display was an extensive collection of photographs, campaign materials, newspaper articles and memorabilia collected by longtime Democratic Women's Club member Marie Ripps. The decades-old collection, rare in scope and depth, has since been donated to the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society.

Cork Proctor with his wife, Caroline Hamilton, installed the History Project's new officers for 2002-2003: Joyce Marshall, president; Mary Gafford, first vice president; Kaye Gray, second vice president; Frankie Williams, third vice president; Mollie Murphy, corresponding secretary; Anne Reck, recording secretary; and Jean Spiller, treasurer.

Members and guests at the brunch included Alice Pearson, Pat McNutt, Mitzi Johnson, Sandy Dunsmore, Billie Bates, Kathleen Hanselmann, Kathryn Howell and Sally Wathen. Membership information for this interesting group can be obtained by calling 876-3586.

## LAS VEGAS SUN

# Columnist Elizabeth Foyt: Legal elite honored at Law Foundation event

## Elizabeth Foyt

Wednesday, April 13, 2005 | 8:13 a.m.

Four Seasons was the gathering point Saturday for Nevada's legal elite at the Nevada Law Foundation's 12th Silver Ball.

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Richard Elmore, chairman of the foundation, said that the dinner-dance recognized 10 Nevada judges and attorneys for exceptional contributions, among them former Clark County Justice of the Peace Tony Abbatangelo as well as attorneys Robert Carlson, Brent Carson, Robert Cottle, Megan Dorsey, Tracy Eglet, Linda Linton, Thomas Sheets, Robert Vannah and William Voy.

Their efforts are part of the foundation's mission to fund legal services and advocacy to impoverished and disadvantaged Nevadans.

Services include temporary protection orders for abused women and families, the assignment of court-ordered special advocates to children in need of representation, and the administration of programs to educate citizens and provide counsel for abused women and children.

Funding is primarily provided by the Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts program, in which 85 percent of all Nevada attorneys participate. Since its inception in 1983, the foundation has donated nearly \$4 million for services to Nevadans in need.

Co-chaired by John Moran Jr. and his wife, Marilyn, with honorary co-chairs Jim Rogers and his wife, Beverly, the event was a sell-out affair with 420 in attendance. Rogers, the interim chancellor of the state university system, also served as keynote speaker and gave a rousing presentation on the state of the Boyd College of Law at UNLV.

Sipping champagne during the opening reception were law partners Jim Crockett with bride Traci and Rich Myers with wife Carolyne, who is also an attorney. They were joined by foundation treasurer Dr. John Ellerton and attorney wife Marie, with District Judge Mark and Alice Denton.

Nancy Allf and husband Dave Thomas, Kathleen and Darwin Paustian, Norman and Carol Kirschman, Tim and Ann Thomas, and Rob Rosenthal with Laura Rodriquez, used the occasion to celebrate their new firm of Parsons, Behle & Latimer. The firm also has offices in Reno, Salt Lake City and Phoenix.

Accepting best wishes on the birth of son Max (age 2 months) were J.T. and Jodi Moran, while Liz and Pete Gibson, Gary Houston with wife Joyce Goerglin and Judge Valorie Vega and husband Howard Stutz perused the auction tables. Talking politics and legislative issues were Judge Michael Cherry and Sheryl Kogan, state Sen. Dina Titus and husband Dr. Tom Wright with Becky Pinjuv and Bob Potter.

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Robert Maddox, Nevada Trial Lawyers Association's 2000 honoree, who divides his time between Las Vegas and Reno, hosted a table for colleagues, including his wife, Nancy Maddox, in addition to Dave and Bonnie Duristsa, Troy and Jeanne Isaacson, Melissa Mills, and his guests Michael and Theresa Minden, who donated the \$4,000 diamond bracelet Maddox later purchased in the live auction led by KTNV Channel 13 weatherman Nate Tannenbaum.

Seen table-hopping between courses of the fine meal were May Muskin, Chief Justice Nancy Becker of the Nevada Supreme Court, Elaina Hatch, Nancy Katz (R&R Partners), Gerald and Marci Welt, Patricia and Richard Wright, Ray Wong, Robert Langford, and Sugar and Mark Vogel.

High times

Breaking from tradition, HELP of Southern Nevada chose to crown a royal court of community leaders rather than a couple during its Mardi Gras night Saturday.

Arriving with great fanfare in parade fashion with New Orleans-styled music and a mime were honorees Renee and Bill Marion, Charlotte Hill, and past executive director Deni Conrad and husband Steve. Also recognized, but unable to attend, was Punam Mathur.

Held at the Orleans, the high-spirited evening received a special boost from the serving of rum-laced hurricanes, a favored beverage for Mardi Gras celebrations. The event marked HELP of Southern Nevada's 35th year of acting on its mission to assist families and individuals throughout Southern Nevada to overcome barriers and attain self-sufficiency through direct services, training and referral.

Board members Garry Dickover (Courtyard Marriott), Rich McGough (First National Bank of Marin) and Dawn Merritt (Sprint) planned the evening, working closely with HELP's new executive director Terrie Stanfill and development officer Fuilala Riley.

Joining the swirl of attendees, who later danced to the music of Tommy Rocker, were Dan and Bambi Bryant (Southwest Gas), Alan and Bonnie Helms (Marnell Properties), Paul and Linda Rheinberger (Greater Las Vegas Board of Realtors), David and Sandra Williams (Sierra Health Services), Will and Paige Candee (Purdue-Marion and Associates) and John Miller (United Way).

Present as well was Dr. Rene Mauban, landlord to HELP's new center at 1640 E. Flamingo Road, who was thanked during the program for his many contributions.

Pat and Joy Shalmy, last year's Mardi Gras king and queen, were seen with past honorees Lou and Jerry Emmert and former Sen. Richard Bryan and his wife, Bonnie.

Shalmy, in crowning the 2005 royal court, also spoke of his personal commitment to HELP as well as dedication to the charity as president of Nevada Power Co. Giving supporters a special glimpse into HELP's life-changing endeavors was former client Frank Young.

His story, a spiral of personal loss, medical issues and victimization, left him homeless before HELP's services helped him regain his self-sufficiency. Among those listening attentively were Tom and Maryann Kummer (Kummer, Kaempfer, Bonner & Renshaw), Bob and Susan Cottino (Southwest Gas), Leo and Rene Diamond, Vicky Dickover, Rhoda Anderson, Beverly and Jerry Saperstein, Pat Kelly, Steve and Janet Linder and Sam Lieberman.

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## Six Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP Attorneys Named Super Lawyers

Five Firm Attorneys Recognized as Rising Stars.

Milwaukee, WI, November 27, 2008 -- (PR.com)-- Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP has announced that nine Milwaukee-based and two Las Vegas-based attorneys have been recognized by their peers as Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. Law & Politics magazine compiles the annual list and selects candidates through surveys, professional achievement, and internal research. Lawyers, who have been in practice for at least five years, were asked to nominate the best attorneys they have personally observed in action.

Four attorneys from the Milwaukee office of Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP have been selected as Wisconsin Super Lawyers 2008. Attorneys named are Gerardo (Jerry) H. Gonzalez, Emery Kallarlan, R. Jeffrey Krill, and Joseph M. Fasi, II. Nancy L. Allf and Kathleen M. Paustian of the firm's Las Vegas office were honored as Mountain States Super Lawyers 2008.

Sagg Welfor B. Acosta, Jennifer L. Bolger, Benjamin C. Grawe, Eido M.

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# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

August 30, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada was convened on August 30, 2007 at the State Bar of Nevada at 9:05 am.

## The following members were in attendance:

Nancy Allf, President
Bruce Beesley, President-Elect
Connie Akridge
Larry Digesti
Cam Ferenbach
Francis Flaherty
Dara Goldsmith
Elana Hatch
Gregg Kamer
Bridget Robb Peck
Bryan Scott
John White
Robert Witek

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## State Bar Staff Present:

Rob Bare Chris Boadt David Clark Patrice Eichman Kimberly Farmer Marc Mersol Gale Skala

#### Guests

Suzan Baucum Justice Michael Douglas Ed Kainen Jasmine Mehta, Young Lawyers Section

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Allf at 9:05 am and a quorum was declared.

#### 2. CONSENT ITEMS

The Board of Governors agreed that item numbers 3, 5, 7, 8 should be removed from the Consent Agenda. The following Consent Agenda items were accepted or approved unanimously, as follows:

Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2007

Appointment to Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics and Election Practices

Patrick G. Byrne, Valerie G. Cooney, Steven L. Day, Janiece S. Marshall, Christine S. Munro, Kathleen M. Paustian, and Dan R. Reaser were approved to be reappointed to the Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics and Election Practices for a one year term beginning January 1, 2008.

Report of Law Related Education

### 3. REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Patrice Eichman gave the Board highlights of the Admissions report. Ms Eichman explained the proposed changes for rule SCR 49. The rule changes primarily cover the limited practice and arbitration rules and are intended to eliminate the "paper shuffle" that takes place between the SBN and the Clerk of the Supreme Court. It was moved and approved to recommend the changes to the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

#### 4. REPORT OF FEE DISPUTE COMMITTEE/CLIENT SECURITY FUND

It was moved and approved to appoint Nathaniel J. Reed for a three-year term effective August 2007 to the Fee Dispute Committee Las Vegas Panel C.

The following attorneys were approved to be reappointed to the Fee Dispute Committee for another three-year term effective August 2007:

Lee A. Drizin

Roger Harada

Zachariah Larson

Christopher Van Dyck

Las Vegas Panel A

Reno Panel

Las Vegas Pane C

Carson City Panel

Clark Vellis Reno Panel

It was moved and approved to reappoint the following Regional Chairs to the Fee Dispute Committee for another one-year term effective August 2007:

John C. Hope, Jr. Reno Panel

Paul F. Eisinger Las Vegas Panel B Rena G. Hughes Las Vegas Panel A

It was moved and approved to reappoint Jon S. Greene to the Clients' Security Fund for a three-year term effective August 2007.

Dara Goldsmith, the liaison to the Clients' Security Fund Committee (CSF), shared information with the Board from the last Committee meeting. The CSF has asked for the Board to interpret and clarify



