



# Washoe County Community Services Department Application

Volunteer ... Make a Difference in Washoe County!

Please complete the following application to indicate your interest in a position on a Washoe County Board or Commission. Your application will be kept on file for 12 months. You will need to reapply after that time if you still wish to be considered for a position.

Is there a specific Board or Commission vacancy you are applying for? If yes, which one?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Washoe County Law Library Board of Trustees	

Name: Cortney Young
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### Residential Home Address

Address: [REDACTED]		
City: Reno	State: Nevada	Zip: [REDACTED]
Assessor's Parcel Number if known: [REDACTED]		
Home Phone: None	Cell Phone: [REDACTED]	
E-mail: [REDACTED]		

### Mailing Address (if different from residential home address)

Address: Same as above		
City:	State:	Zip:

### Occupation and Business Address

Job Title: Mediator		
Business Name: Blanchard, Krasner & French		
Address (Street and/or P.O. Box): 5470 Kietzke Lane, Suite 200		
City: Reno	State: Nevada	Zip: 89511
Assessor's Parcel Number if known:		
Business Phone: [REDACTED]		
E-mail: [REDACTED]		

### Registered Voter

Are you registered to vote in Washoe County?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
The Washoe County Commission requires that a person be a registered voter in Washoe County (if eligible to vote) to be considered for membership.	

How long have you lived in your area? (Years/Months) 3 Years
How long have you lived in Washoe County? (Years/Months) 16 years
Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than minor traffic violations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please list conviction dates and nature:

Please print or type, and complete the form entirely.

May 2015

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Briefly, in your own words explain why you would like to be appointed to the Board or Commission.

I would like to continue my service as a member of the Board of Trustees because the law library is a great asset to our community. Having served on the board I have seen first hand the valuable services that the law library provides. It continues to offer access to high quality legal information for members of the bench, bar, and self represented litigants. The library continues to offer critical services such as lawyer in the library, which are vital to the health of our justice system.

Describe your qualifications for this appointment, including, but not limited to your educational background, professional background and awards/honors.

I spent over a decade with the Litigation and Trial team at Chapman Law firm, which has resolved millions of dollars annually in eminent domain and other real property claims. Additionally, I was a key player in the firm's ADR Litigation practice, and she continues that work at Blanchard, Krasner & French.

My mediation practice is focused on the resolution of a wide variety of disputes, including, but not limited to, asset valuation, eminent domain, securities, probate and trust disputes, divorces, breach of contract, homeowner association disputes, foreclosure and super-priority mediation, boundary disputes, landlord-tenant, employee disputes, and complex civil litigation.

Representative Third Party Neutral ADR Experience  
Mediations:

Residential Construction Defect March 2014  
Business litigation involving alleged property damage October 2014  
Homeowner Association Construction Defect December 2014  
Breach of Contract Mediation with Counterclaims January 2015  
Breach of Contract involving alleged property damage April 2015  
Securities Fraud September 2015  
Breach of Contract involving property damage March 2016  
Quiet Title- breach of contract July 2016  
Dispute Concerning CC&Rs and Interpretation March 2017  
Commercial Tenancy Dispute June 2017  
Dissolution of Marriage (high net worth) July 2018

Representative Party-Side ADR Experience

- Dispute concerning complex purchase option in public/private lease agreement involving complex high worth valuation issues of over \$200,000,000.
- Direct condemnation action for land with companion inverse condemnation action for water rights that condemning agency had failed to acknowledge, resulting in judgment for \$20,000,000.
- Resolved complex title dispute involving Small Tract Act parcels and easements.

Mediation/Arbitration Affiliations

- Arbitrator, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)(2017- Present)
- Arbitrator, National Futures Association (2017-Present)
- Mediator, Nevada Real Estate Division (2016-2017)
- Mediator, Neighborhood Mediation Center, Mediator (2014-Present)
- Mediator/ Arbitrator, State Bar of Nevada Fee Dispute Committee (2014-Present)
- President, Nevada Dispute Resolution Coalition, (2017-Present) Member since 2014

Education

- Pepperdine University, School of Law -Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution (2015)
- University of Nevada Reno-Beginning Dispute Resolution (2014)
- University of Nevada Reno, Paralegal Studies (2005)

I was named a winner of the Twenty Under Forty awards in 2017 and chosen as one of Sierra Nevada's Top 20 Most Powerful Women in 2019. I have also been asked, for a second year, to join several nationally recognized scholars, practitioners, and judges as faculty for the American Law Institute and their annual seminar on Eminent Domain and Land Valuation Litigation Conference.

List your community and/or civic involvement history.

I am currently the Vice-Chair of the Reno Human Rights Commission.

I am the Founder of the Children's Cancer Classic which is a charity basketball game played between the District Attorneys and Public Defenders. Our game was played to raise money for the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation. We joined with the Reno Bighorns to put this event on. We ceased the event when the Bighorns left. However, we raised more than \$20,000 for the charity.

From 2015- 2017 I sat on the committee to grow the endowment for the Sierra Arts Foundation which, among other things, provides art education to school aged children in the Washoe County School District.

In 2017 I helped facilitate a local growth effort for K9's for Warriors which provides service dogs to Veterans living with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Please list the name and phone number of any personal references that we may contact.

Lidia Stiglich [REDACTED]  
Steven Silva [REDACTED]  
Melissa Johnson [REDACTED]

Please attach any additional information you wish.

I understand the role and responsibilities of membership on this board or commission and am willing to serve. If appointed, I will attend required meetings and training and will adhere to pertinent Rules, Policies and Procedures. I understand that some appointments require a Financial Disclosure Form to be submitted to the Nevada State Ethics Commission. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided in this application is true and correct. If the information provided is false or incomplete, it shall be sufficient cause for disqualification or removal.

Signature: 

Date: 9/18/19

**PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION TO:**

Washoe County Community Services Department, Planning and Building Division  
1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, NV 89512  
Phone: (775) 328-3600; FAX: (775) 328-6133; Email: [kemerson@washoecounty.us](mailto:kemerson@washoecounty.us)

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Commission District: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointed to: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your interest in Washoe County Government!*

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