



State Bar of Nevada 2009 BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTIONS

Candidate's Statement

MASON EDWARD SIMONS

Date of admission to practice in Nevada: *April 20, 2005*

Firm: *4th Judicial District Court*

Present position: *Family/Juvenile Court Master*

Size of Firm: *N/A*

Practice area of law: *Family & Juvenile Law*

Affiliations: *Member of the Family Law Section and Public Lawyers Section of the Nevada Bar; American Bar Association; Elko County Bar Association; Washoe County Bar Association*



Biography/Candidate's Statement

Current – Family Court Master (4th Judicial District)

Current - Child Support Master (7th Judicial District)

Current - Adjunct Instructor (Great Basin College)

Former - Deputy Public Defender (Elko County)

Mason E. Simons has been a resident of the State of Nevada for over 17 years. He graduated with honors from Las Vegas High School, where he served as a student body officer. Following graduation, Mason attended college in Utah, eventually graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science (Cum Laude) from Utah State University in Logan, Utah. While in college, he served as an intern with the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, in the office of the Chief Counsel. Mason attended law school at the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. While in law school, Mason served as a legal extern with the Clark County District Attorney's Office in the appellate division, and as a licensed student attorney in the Immigration Clinic at the Boyd School of Law. Following law school, Mason served as law clerk to Judge Gloria S. Sanchez, 8th Judicial District Court, Family Division. He then accepted a position as a Deputy Public Defender with the Elko County Public Defender's Office. Following that service, Mason was appointed by Judge Andrew J. Puccinelli to serve as the Family/Juvenile Court Master for Elko County. He has served in that capacity for nearly 2 ½ years. In this capacity, Mason hears 432B abuse and neglect proceedings, juvenile delinquency cases, protective orders against domestic violence, juvenile restraining orders, child support enforcement cases, and administers the juvenile drug court program. Mason was also selected by Judge Steve Dobrescu and Judge Dan Papez to serve as the Child Support Hearing Master for the 7th Judicial District Court and hears child support enforcement cases in White Pine and Lincoln counties. Mason has served in that capacity for approximately 1 year. Mason is also employed as an Adjunct Instructor in the Social Science Department at Great Basin College. He is a member of the Nevada State Bar (Public Lawyer & Family Law Sections), American Bar

Association, the Washoe County Bar Association, and the Elko County Bar Association. Mason is active in his community and church. He is an Eagle Scout, and fluent in Spanish. Mason currently resides in Elko, Nevada with his wife Mandy Hunter Simons, and his daughters, Miley and Marley. Mason's wife is active in the community as well and previously served on the Editorial Board of the Elko Daily Free Press.