

# PRO BONO HONOR ROLL



The State Bar of Nevada Board of Governors and the Access to Justice Commission extend a special thanks to the following attorneys who generously accepted cases in July 2012, through the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Washoe Legal Services, Nevada Legal Services and Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans.

A. Kent Greene  
**Adriana Pereyra**  
**Andrew List**  
 April Becker  
 Artemesia Jones  
 Bill Hammer  
 Brian Blankenship  
 Bryce Kunimoto  
 Candice Renka  
 Carli Kinne  
 Charles Damus  
 Cody Mounteer  
 Cuthbert Mack  
 Dan Bonneville  
 David Colvin  
 David Duncan  
 David Loreman  
 Denise Bradshaw  
 Doug Nutton  
 Edward Gonciarz  
 Elyse Tyrell  
 Erik Fox  
 Ernest Adler  
 Frank Flansburg  
**Heather Robertson**  
 Henry Sotelo

Homa Woodrum  
 Israel "Ishi" Kunin  
 Jack DeGree  
 James Clafin  
 Jamie Frost  
**Jeff Hartman**  
 Jessica Goodey  
 Jessica Taylor  
 Joe Gorman  
 Joel Locke  
 John Cereso  
 John Graves Jr.  
 Jon Carlston  
 Joshua Benson  
 Kari Molnar  
 Katherine Provost  
 Kathleen Maynard  
 Kirsty Pickering  
 Lenard Schwartzler  
 Lynn Conant  
 Mario Fenu  
 Marjorie Guymon  
 Mark Smith  
**Marshal Willick**  
 Michelle Abrams  
 Muriel Skelly

Nancy Jackson  
 Nancy Wong  
 Pamela Lawson  
 Racheal Mastel  
 Raymond Chau  
 Rena Hughes  
**Rena McDonald**  
 Richard Barrows  
 Richard Holley  
 Richard Wade  
 Robert Wines  
 Roberta Ohlinger  
**Sarah Carrasco**  
 Scott Marquis  
 Sean Patterson  
 Shauna Hughes  
 Shawn Jones  
 Shay Wells  
 Taleed El-Sabawi  
 Tami Cowden  
 Thomas Standish  
 Tony Abbatangelo  
 Trevor Creel  
 Yvette Chevalier

## ASK-A-LAWYER, CLINICS, AND OTHER BRIEF SERVICES

**Amber Robinson**  
 April Green  
**Brian Ramsey**  
**Cheryl Wilson**  
 Chris MacKenzie  
 Christina Sommella  
 Christine Miller  
 Christopher Carr  
**Courtney Dolan**  
 Craig Bourke

Gabrielle Jones  
 Homa Woodrum  
**Jenica Yurcic**  
 Jie Amy Sun  
 Jill Davis  
 Jim Silvestri  
 Joan Wright  
**Malcolm LaVergne**  
 Marc Gardberg  
 Marla DaVee

Michael Fox  
 Michael Joe  
 Michele Roberts  
 Patricia Ross  
 Paul Georgeson  
**Richard Frankoff**  
**Robert Blau**  
 Ryan Andersen  
 Susan Noyce  
 Trina Dahlin

**BOLD** honors multiple cases accepted and/or sessions conducted within the month.

# PRO BONO SPOTLIGHT



## NANCY WONG

BY CHRISTINA ALBERTS,  
 NEVADA LAWYER STAFF

The act of legally changing someone's name may not be hard but, in some cases, it can be life changing, as Carson City attorney Nancy Wong experienced with one of her pro bono clients. Because the client, a single mom, had two different names, she couldn't get a driver's license and had to have her dad drive her from place to place. With Wong's help, the client got her name legally changed, got a new driver's license and experienced the freedom of being able to drive herself.

"I really saw my efforts make a difference," Wong said.

Wong began her career as a legal services attorney and has been working for the state of Nevada since 1986. As a public sector attorney, Wong thought she wasn't allowed to accept pro bono cases; a presentation at a conference for members of the bar's Public Lawyers section enlightened her and she's been taking cases from Washoe Legal Services ever since.

In addition to her pro bono work, Wong also runs a food pantry through her church. Since the pantry opened seven years ago, it has provided 13,000 bags of groceries to the needy. Wong's generosity paid off, literally, last month when she received a check from one of the pantry's former patrons. The patron forgot to bring her ID to the pantry one day, but Wong let her take her groceries anyway. The patron told Wong that the same thing had happened at a different pantry in the past; that pantry had *not* let her take her food. The patron promised Wong that if she ever came into money she would pay Wong back.

Recently, the woman did come into money and sent the pantry a check for \$1,000: a significant portion of the pantry's yearly budget. ■