

(Please Note: The following information will become public information upon submittal.)

**CLARK COUNTY APPLICATION**

Name: Steven B. Wolfson

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**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Please provide employment history for the past 15 years beginning with current or most recent employment, including self-employment and periods of unemployment.

Current or Last Employer: **Wolfson and Associates, Attorneys at Law**

Phone Number: **702-385-7227**

Address/City/State/Zip Code: **601 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Las Vegas, NV 89101**

From: **1990** To: **Present**

Supervisor's Name/Title: **(Self)**

Your Title: **Owner**

Duties (be specific): **Criminal Defense Attorney, representing persons accused of committing all categories of crimes, from petit misdemeanors up to and including first-degree murder.**

Reason for leaving: **Seeking an opportunity to continue my service to the community in a different venue**

Current or Last Employer: **City of Las Vegas (Elected City Councilman)**

Phone Number: **702-229-6115**

Address/City/State/Zip Code: **City Hall, 400 Stewart Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Las Vegas, NV 89101**

From: **2004** To: **Present**

Supervisor's Name/Title: **Elected by the citizens of Ward 2 and accountable to the citizens of the city of Las Vegas**

Your Title: **Las Vegas City Councilman**

Duties (be specific): **As a member of a seven member council, I represent the citizens of Las Vegas through the actions I take and the votes I cast at regularly scheduled council meetings. I direct city management as needed with respect to city policies, ordinances and budgeting. Additionally, the City Attorney and City Auditor report directly to the council and take direction from me accordingly.**

Reason for leaving: **Currently serving as a Councilman**

Current or Last Employer: **Gibbons, Berman & Wolfson Law Firm**

Phone Number: **None**

Address/City/State/Zip Code: **Firm dissolved.**

From: **1987** To: **1990**

Supervisor's Name/Title: **N/A**

Your Title: **Partner**

Duties (be specific): **Attorney and partner, representing clients in criminal, family law and general civil litigation cases.**

Reason for leaving: **Opened my own law firm.**

Current or Last Employer: **United States Attorney's Office**

Phone Number: **(702)388-6336**

Address/City/State/Zip Code: **333 South Las Vegas Blvd  
Lloyd George Federal Building  
Las Vegas, NV 89101**

From: **1986** To: **1987**

Supervisor's Name/Title: **William Maddox, U.S. Attorney for the District of Nevada**

Your Title: **Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal Prosecutor**

Duties (be specific): **I served in the Criminal Division and prosecuted major white-collar felony cases, including wire fraud, mail fraud, pornography and other federal cases.**

Reason for leaving: **To enter into private practice.**

Current or Last Employer: **Clark County District Attorney's Office**

Phone Number: **671-2500**

Address/City/State/Zip Code:: **Office of the District Attorney  
200 Lewis Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89101**

From: **1980** To: **1986**

Supervisor's Name/Title: **Robert Miller, District Attorney and Rex Bell, District Attorney**

Your Title: **Deputy District Attorney, Criminal Division Prosecutor**

Duties (be specific): **During my first year I served as a law clerk, and was then promoted to Deputy District Attorney. I prosecuted all types of cases ranging from misdemeanor through felony, including murder with the use of a deadly weapon, sexual assault and all other major felony crimes. I personally prosecuted more than 40 jury trials.**

Reason for leaving: **To accept a position with the United States Attorney's Office**

## EDUCATION

1. List names and addresses of colleges and graduate schools (except for law school) attended; dates of attendance; certificates or degrees awarded; reason for leaving.

**San Diego State University  
5500 Campanile Drive  
San Diego, CA 92182**

**Graduated 1977  
Bachelor Degree, Criminal Justice  
Dean's List, 5 semesters**

2. List name and addresses of law schools attended; degree and date awarded; if more than one law school attended, explain reason for change.

**California Western School of Law  
225 Cedar Street  
San Diego, CA 92101**

**Graduated 1980  
Juris Doctorate  
Externship Director**

## LAW PRACTICE

3. State the year you were admitted to the Nevada Bar and your Bar #.

**Admitted: 1981  
Bar #: 01565**

4. Name the states (other than Nevada) and year of admission, in which you are admitted to practice law and accompanying Bar #s. Name any federal court and year of admission, in which you are admitted to practice law.

- **California  
Admitted: 1981  
Bar # 97972**
- **Federal District Court, District of Nevada  
Admitted: 1981**

5. List courts and counties in any state where you have practiced in the past ten years.

### NEVADA:

**Nevada Supreme Court  
Clark County District Court  
Nye County District Court  
Las Vegas Justice Court  
Pahrump Justice Court**

**Las Vegas Municipal Court  
Henderson Municipal Court  
North Las Vegas Municipal Court  
... and other outlying courts in  
Southern Nevada**

6. Have you ever been denied admission, suspended or disbarred from the practice of law in Nevada or any other state? If so, describe circumstances, dates, and locations.

**No**

7. Describe any pro bono or public interest work of which you want the committee to be aware.

**Every year I donate from 100 to 200 hours of pro bono legal services.**

8. List all bar associations and professional societies of which you are or have been a member. Give titles and dates of offices held by you in such groups. List committees on which you have served that you believe to be of significance. Exclude information regarding your political affiliation.

- **Board of Governors, State Bar of Nevada, Board Member (2001-2004)**
- **Coroner's Inquest Hearing Officer (2002-2004)**
- **Judicial Ethics and Campaign Election Practices Committee Board Member (1997-2004)**
- **Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board, State Bar of Nevada, Chairman (1994-1996), Member (1987-1994)**
- **Selection Committee, Clark County Special Public Defender (Justice Mike Cherry)**
- **Selection Committee, Clark County Public Defender (Marcus Cooper)**
- **Selection Committee, Clark County Public Defender (Phil Kohn)**
- **Selection Committee, District Court Arraignment Judge (Kevin Williams)**
- **Judicial Selection Committee (Judge Robert Teuton)**

9. Describe in detail your experience in practicing criminal law, including the prosecution of criminal cases and juvenile court proceedings.

**For the past 31 years, my experience has been primarily in the area of criminal law. Although I have practiced in areas of administrative law, family law, and civil law, my focus has been mostly in the field of criminal law.**

**From 1980 through 1986, I was employed at the Clark County District Attorney's office; the first year as a law clerk, followed by almost five years as a Deputy District Attorney. During this time, I prosecuted all cases from misdemeanor, through felony levels, including cases involving murder with use of a deadly weapon, sexual assault, and all other major felony crimes. I personally prosecuted approximately 40 jury trials, as well as many misdemeanor trials and related hearings.**

**In 1986, I was hired by the United States Attorney's office for the Federal District of Nevada. For almost two years, I was an Assistant United States Attorney assigned to the criminal division. During this time, I prosecuted major white-collar felony cases, including wire fraud, mail fraud, pornography, and other federal felony cases.**

**In 1987, I joined the law firm of Gibbons and Berman. I started in this firm as an associate, and after one year became a partner. The firm then changed its name to Gibbons, Berman, and Wolfson. For three years, I practiced criminal defense, family law, and general civil litigation.**

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**In 1990, I opened my own private law firm under the name of Wolfson & Associates. Shortly thereafter, my wife Jacalyn Glass, who is also an attorney, joined the firm and became my law partner. From 1990 through 2002, the law firm operated under the name of Wolfson & Glass.**

**In 2002, Jackie became a District Court Judge. I continued with my law firm under the name of Wolfson & Associates, and I am currently the operating partner of this law firm.**

**Since 1990, I have focused my practice in the area of criminal defense. I have represented persons accused of committing all categories of crimes, from petit misdemeanors up to and including first-degree murder cases. I have represented persons through jury trial, through many preliminary hearings, through misdemeanor trials, and all other typical types of evidentiary hearings.**

**I believe it is important to note that while working in my private practice, I was appointed by two different courts to act as a Special Prosecutor on two separate cases because there was a conflict of interest between the prosecutor's office and the defendants in the respective cases.**

**In the first instance I was appointed by the Las Vegas Justice Court to be a Special Prosecutor in a case involving a Deputy District Attorney's father who was accused of a D.U.I.**

**In the second instance, I was appointed by the North Las Vegas Municipal Court to be a Special Prosecutor in a case involving a North Las Vegas Police Officer. I investigated the case, determined that it was appropriate to file charges, prosecuted the case and the charges resulted in a conviction of the officer.**

***Stated simply, for the past 24 years I have practiced mostly criminal defense with emphasis on major felony crimes.***

**Since opening up my law firm in 1990, I have supervised a number of associate attorneys. Those attorneys include: John Duffy, Chip Siegel, Steven Altig, James Ruggieri, Cynthia Dustin, and my current associate, Patrick McDonald. With my wife Jackie, I was the managing and supervising attorney over all of these associate attorneys.**

**During this past 24 years of practicing criminal defense, I have also practiced in the Juvenile Court. I have represented dozens of juvenile offenders through the Juvenile Court process. I have represented juveniles through contested hearings, and certification hearings to District Court.**

**In conclusion, my primary focus in my 31 years of practicing law has been in the field of criminal law. My career started as a state court prosecutor, then a Federal Prosecutor, and now I currently practice criminal defense.**

10. Describe in detail your experience in practicing civil law, including family support and child welfare matters.

- **As a private attorney, my experience in practicing civil law is not as extensive as my work in criminal law. As stated above, my field of expertise is in the nature of criminal law.**

**However, when I practiced law with the firm of Gibbons, Berman and Wolfson, I represented civil clients in both plaintiffs and defense work. I concluded one civil jury trial, and a number of divorce cases. Additionally, I have represented a number of persons in the administrative law courts.**

**My representation has included matters before administrative law judges and a number of State Board regulatory agencies. I have also represented a few persons who had cases filed against them through the District Attorney Family Support Division. I have never handled a child welfare matter.**

- **As a Las Vegas City Councilman, in order to make informed decisions, I have familiarized myself with many areas of civil law. I have learned that the types of civil law issues facing government entities are very different than those faced by a civil lawyer in private practice. Municipal law is unique. I am familiar with the ordinance process and have worked with the Las Vegas City Attorney to draft and sponsor legislation.**

**I have had the privilege of working with the City's legal department on a number of matters involving civil and municipal law. I have had to become familiar with litigation involving civil rights, first amendment issues and condemnation actions. Labor issues, including labor negotiations, have played a dominant role in recent years. In order to sit and vote on matters involving discipline of privileged license holders, I have had to learn administrative law and procedure. Finally, in the area of contract negotiations, I have participated in discussions, and provided direction, involving the development of projects, such as, the World Market Center, The Smith Center for the Performing Arts, the "new" city hall and the Zappos.com relocation to the current city hall site.**

**I also have experience working with elected officials at the state and federal level to bring services to our community, including projects like the BLM transfer of land for use as a major medical campus which will house public parks and Nevada Cancer Institute facilities.**

**I have also participated in many hearings to grant or revoke privileged licenses to applicants seeking such things as a liquor or massage establishment license.**

- **In my role as a member of the Metropolitan Police Department Committee on Fiscal Affairs I regularly participate in briefings on civil litigation, discuss the merits, and help determine the course of action to be taken.**

## **CIVIC, PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

11. Have you ever held an elective or appointive public office in this or any other state? Have you ever been a candidate for such an office? If so, give details, including the offices involved, whether initially appointed or elected, and the length of service, or the office for which you were a candidate.

**I am currently a Las Vegas City Councilman. Through a special election in 2004 I was elected to finish an uncompleted term for the Ward 2 City Council office. I filed to run for my first full 4-year term in 2005 and was unopposed. I filed for my second 4-year term in 2009, and was again unopposed. My current term expires in June, 2013.**

**Prior to becoming an elected official, I served in the following public offices:**

- **Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, North Las Vegas (1998-1999)**
- **Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, City of Las Vegas, Appointed by the Justice Court Judges (1994)**
- **Las Vegas Municipal Court Judge, Pro Tempore, Appointed by Las Vegas City Council (1987)**

12. State any civic activities in which you have taken part, giving dates and offices or leadership positions, of which you want the committee to be aware.

- **Metropolitan Police Department Committee on Fiscal Affairs, Vice-Chair (2009 to present)**
- **Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, Board Member (2005 to present)**
- **City of Las Vegas Audit Oversight Committee, Vice-Chair (2007 to Present)**
- **Yucca Mountain Nuclear Repository Committee, Board Member (2004-present)**
- **Local Law Enforcement Advisory Committee, Board Member (2007-2009)**
- **Oversight Panel for School Facilities, Board Member (2009-2011)**
- **Nevada Child Seekers, Board of Directors Member (2008-2010)**

13. List any accomplishments (i.e., educational, military service, charitable and the like) of which you want the committee to be aware.

- **As a Las Vegas City Councilman I sponsored an ordinance that updated and strengthened the Municipal Code provisions so as to better discourage, detect and punish those who would drive under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances, chemicals, organic solvents, compounds or any combination of these.**
- **I was the Chairman of the Ethics 2000 Committee which was appointed by the Supreme Court of Nevada to review all current rules regarding the ethics and professional conduct of lawyers in the state of Nevada. The committee then forwarded recommendations to the Supreme Court of Nevada and that resulted in a wholesale review of the ethics and professional conduct rules. In 2007 the Supreme Court of Nevada enacted all recommendations forwarded by the committee.**

14. In the last ten years, have you been arrested, charged or held by any federal, state, local or other law enforcement authority, including the IRS and SEC, or convicted of violation of any federal, state, or local law, regulation or ordinance? Exclude minor traffic violations and any juvenile offenses. Provide detail of the circumstances, charges, and dispositions.

**No**

15. Have you ever been sued for any claim arising out of your activities as a lawyer or judge? If yes, explain.

**Yes. Las Vegas Justice Court, Small Claims: dispute over a \$1,000 attorney fee. Case dismissed, in my favor.**

16. Have you ever been the subject of an ethics, open meeting law or public records complaint? If yes, explain.

**No**

17. In the last ten years, have you have ever been called upon to respond to a complaint or charge or to appear before a judicial discipline commission, a bar association grievance committee, bar association character and fitness committee; or have you ever been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, commission, or military tribunal? If yes, explain. Include any complaints now pending.

**No**

18. Are you in violation of or have you violated any court orders, including spousal and child support?

**No**

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

19. Describe in detail your experience in overseeing and managing the work of other attorneys.
- **As a private attorney I have had several associate attorneys work under my direction throughout my career. Since opening up my law firm in 1990, I have supervised a number of associate attorneys. Those attorneys include: John Duffy, Chip Siegel, Steven Altig, James Ruggeroli, Cynthia Dustin, and my current associate, Patrick McDonald.**
  - **As a Las Vegas City Councilman, the City Attorney reports directly to the city council. In this capacity, I give direction to the City Attorney's office on matters relating to city business, as well as changes to ordinances governed by the city of Las Vegas.**

20. Describe in detail your experience in preparing and overseeing a budget.

- **As a small business owner, I personally oversee the revenues and expenses for my business. This includes the staffing and operating expenses for my law firm and the operating and maintenance expenses of the commercial office building I own.**
- **As a City Councilman, I regularly monitor the city budget which is in excess of \$1.3 billion dollars, with \$450 million of that being the current operating budget.**

**Since 2008, under the leadership of the City Council, that operating budget was cut by about \$115 million, creating a savings to taxpayers of nearly 20%.**

**We made it our priority to address the revenue shortfalls caused by the downturn in the economy. Because of the direction I gave to the city manager, and my constant insistence that we reign in the cost of labor, the city now approaches the hiring of new employees differently. The "new employee" is being hired at a lower starting salary, and fewer expectations and entitlements as previously realized by city employees.**

**I receive, discuss and review budget briefings and documentation from the City Manager and the Chief Financial Officer. I also provide input and suggest priorities for the city of Las Vegas annual budget.**

- **Also, as a City Councilman, and on a much smaller scale, I directly oversee the Ward 2 portion of the city of Las Vegas budget. This is the operational, staffing and discretionary funding which always comes in far under budget for my particular office.**
- **As a member of the Metro Fiscal Affairs Committee, I make decisions about the overall budget for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, including the approval of settlements in civil cases. Additionally, I directly participate in the annual budget process for the LVMPD.**
- **As a former member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada, I directed staff on budget issues affecting all Nevada lawyers statewide.**

21. Describe in detail your experience in managing and supervising non-attorney staff subject to collective bargaining agreements.

**While I do not directly manager or supervise individuals subject to collective bargaining agreements, I have a strong understanding of the negotiation process, the importance of compromise, and the reality of contract requirements.**

**Overall, my experience with collective bargaining has been as a policy maker for the city of Las Vegas which has four collective bargaining units. I have worked closely with city management and union leadership to ensure that the best interests of both were considered. Ultimately, the success of the city of Las Vegas' approach to contract negotiations came down to the votes my colleagues and I made and the direction given to staff during the negotiating process.**

**I have learned a tremendous amount over the last seven years as a councilman. I understand and respect the goals of both management and collective bargaining groups. I am confident that I have a complete understanding of the need for both, and more importantly how those needs must be weighed with the solvency of the entire organization and public good in mind.**

**OTHER**

22. If appointed, do you intend to seek election to this office?

**Yes, I do.**

I verify by my signature below that all statements made on the personal information form and application form are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statement may be cause for rejection of my application. I further understand that the County may make inquiries to verify any statement made on the application form including information relating to education, bar admission, and experience.

  
Signature

12-8-11  
Date