

Application Form

Profile

Colleen

First Name

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Middle
Initial

O'neal

Last Name

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Home Address

City

State

Postal Code

What Supervisory District do you live in? *☒ District 3 Supervisor Chris Coursey**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Measure O Citizen Oversight Committee: Submitted

Question applies to Mental Health Board

Please AGREE you have read and understand the following statement:

With the exception of consumers, no member shall be an employee of a county mental health service, the State Department of Health Care Services, or an employee or paid member of the governing board of a mental health contract agency. Consumers who work for the above-named agencies may be appointed to the board if they hold a position in which they do not have any interest, influence of authority over any financial or contractual matter concerning the employer.

☒ I Agree**Please describe your relevant experience/expertise that you believe would make you a valuable member of this body.**

I was the Hearing Officer at Oakcrest many years ago. Held hearings on whether or not folks originally admitted on 5150 holds should continue to be held against their will for additional (up to) 15 days. I changed the procedure in that department to requiring that the patient be present for the hearing. I currently am the payee for the son of a deceased friend. I see him at least once a week at the Board and Care home I found for him. I am involved in taking care of his shopping needs, medications etc. I have worked extensively with the homeless population in Sonoma County. I have acted as the attorney (pro bono) for the homeless in Federal Court and done extensive outreach with the homeless population.

O'neal

Interests & Experiences

What interests you most about this agency? What skills or experience would you bring to best support the work of this agency?

I think my skills/experience are outlined above. I am interested in helping the agency make the right decisions with regard to the best way to provide for the needs of people caught up in the mental health system, whether through drug/alcohol issues or other mental health issues, and in particular those people within the homeless community suffering from those issues.

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Please Agree with the Following Statement

You agree that the following information provided above is truthful.

☒ I Agree

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Please Agree with the Following Statement

It is required that board members attend all scheduled meetings in person throughout their term of service. If appointed, you agree to attend all scheduled meetings in person as required.

☒ I Agree

Demographics

Gender

☒ Female

Ethnicity (optional)

white

Occupation

semi-retired attorney

Highest Level of Education. Select one of the following *

☒ Graduate degree

Primary Language

English

Experience

Please list two local references below. Please provide their phone number and email address below.

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Community Service Experience

Commission on the Status of Women - 1984 - 1991 (?) Sonoma County Women Against Rape Board 1987 - 1995 (?) Arlene Francis Foundation - Board of Trustees 2006 - present Various pro bono legal work

Education

Eastern Illinois University - B.S. in education - 1972 San Francisco State University - M.A. - Sociology/Criminology 1977 New College of California School of Law - J.D. 1982

Employment

Attorney - Sole practitioner - 1983-present Chief Administrative Officer - New College of California - 1995-96 Arlene Francis Foundation - current CEO

Commitment

COLLEEN S. O'NEAL

EDUCATION

- Juris Doctorate
New College of California
School of Law - 1982
- M.A. (Sociology/Criminology)
San Francisco State University - 1977
- B.S. Education (Social Sciences/History)
Eastern Illinois University - 1973

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LEGAL

- LAW OFFICE OF COLLEEN S. O'NEAL



July 1990 - present

Civil litigation practice with focus on Civil
Rights Litigation

- CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE
719 Orchard St.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

January 1991 - June 1992

Worked on a contract basis doing intake
and client services family law and landlord
tenant law.

- LAW OFFICES OF CHARLES R. GARRY
1256 Market St.
San Francisco, CA 94102-4889
(Associate)

March 1990 to May 1991



Worked for Mr. Garry on a contract basis,
dealing primarily with discrimination
litigation.

- COUNTY OF SONOMA
Dept. of Mental Health

February 1986 to April 1988

Worked as the County's Hearing Officer for
LPS hearings, making the determination
with regard to whether or not people could
be held involuntarily for a 14 day period.

- ROSELAND COMMUNITY LAW OFFICE
1680 Sebastopol Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95407
Sole Practitioner

January 1984 to July 1990

This was a community-based practice that
involved dealing with a wide variety of legal
problems in a low income community.
Primary focus was family law, landlord tenant
law, criminal law and personal injury
litigation.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- NEW COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA
50 Fell St.
San Francisco, CA

June 1996 - January 1998

I worked initially as the Director of Admissions
(centralized all admissions functions for the
college, generated and implemented
admissions policies and procedures) and then
as the Chief Administrative Officer
(reorganized the administrative functions,
generated and implemented new budget
procedures).

- SONOMA COUNTY WOMEN AGAINST RAPE
P.O. Box 1426
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

October 1998 - 2000

Interim Executive Director. I took this position in order to lead the agency through a reorganization of its administrative and client services functions, including implementation of a new fiscal management system, case management system, data collection and reporting system.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- California State Bar Association
- Sonoma County Bar Association
- Sonoma County Women In Law
- Sonoma County Criminal Defense Bar

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- American Civil Liberties Union - Past Chair
- Women's Choice Clinic/Sonoma County Sperm Bank - Board Member
- Common Woman's Health Project - Board Member
- Sonoma County Women Against Rape - Board Member
- New College of California - Board Member
- The Arlene Francis Foundation - Board Member

APPOINTED POSITIONS

- 5TH District Commissioner, Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women (1985 - 1991)
- LPS Hearing Officer - County of Sonoma - Department of Mental Health (1986 - 1988)
- Southwest Sonoma County Advisory Board (1984 - 1986)