



**STATE OF NEVADA**  
**ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS**  
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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**December 12, 2023**

### **Budget Status and Expenditures ([Budget #1041](#))**

#### 2023 Prosecutors Conference:

- Deposit and penalty: **\$23,500.00**  
*Note: A 50% credit (\$11,750) has been applied to the 2024 Conference.*
- Raggio Award trophy: **\$159.27**
- Lanyards and nametag holders: **\$234.00**

National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators (NAPC) dues: **\$900.00**

### **Events Calendar**

2024 Prosecutors' Conference: September 25-27, 2024 (Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV)

### **Executive Director's Work with Other State Agencies**

#### Technological Crime Advisory Committee

The Executive Director worked with the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to appoint/reappoint the two legislative members to the Advisory Committee to reestablish a quorum for the Advisory Committee (Senator Nicole Cannizzaro, Assemblyman Steve Yeager). There are five pending applications to serve on the Advisory Committee at the Boards and Commissions Office in the Office of the Governor. The Executive Director is now working with the current Advisory Committee members to schedule a meeting for January/February 2024.

#### Vulnerable Adult Fatality Review Committee (VAFRC)

After the enactment of [Assembly Bill No. 119](#) from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Nevada Legislature, Health and Human Services Director Richard Whitley appointed the Mr. Morton as Chair of the Vulnerable Adult Fatality Review Committee. The VAFRC held its first meeting on December 5, 2023.

The VAFRC is charged with reviewing “each death in this State that is known or suspected to have been caused by or be related to adult maltreatment and is referred to the Committee by the [Aging and Disability Services] Division, a law enforcement agency[,] or an adult related to the decedent within the third degree of consanguinity[.]”

The VAFRC is also required to, among other things:

- Publish a biennial report that consists of data concerning adult maltreatment in Nevada;
- Develop findings and recommendations to prevent adult maltreatment and address the needs of victims of adult maltreatment; and
- Publish an annual report that includes a description of the deaths reviewed by the VAFRC; any disparities among the decedents identified by the reviews; plans for corrective action; and any legislative recommendations that may be needed to address adult maltreatment in Nevada.

The VAFRC is required to meet at least twice a year, and is planning an in-person meeting for February 2024 for the purpose of drafting/adopting rules for the Committee’s work.

#### Misdemeanor Subcommittee of the Nevada Sentencing Commission

Following the creation of the Misdemeanor Subcommittee of the Nevada Sentencing Commission was created, the Commission appointed John McCormick (Assistant Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts) as Chair of the Subcommittee. Mr. McCormick reached out to Mr. Morton to identify potential members of the Subcommittee, specifically, the statutory requirement for a city attorney. Sparks City Attorney Duncan agreed to serve in that capacity.

#### **Program Development**

##### National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators (NAPC)

With the payment of the dues discussed above in this report, the Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys is again the member agency for Nevada in the [National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators](#). Due to the lack of budgetary funding for training, Mr. Morton decided an annual dues payment would provide an opportunity to avail the Advisory Council and prosecution offices throughout the State of training and programmatic resources offered by the NAPC. Once the membership is verified (the check is in the mail), Mr. Morton will ensure that any training opportunities offered by NAPC are provided to Advisory Council members.

##### Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Training and Technical Assistance Resources

As Special Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Morton serves as the Attorney General’s Office liaison to local law enforcement agencies. A large portion of SAKI grants is used on training and technical assistance (TTA). RTI International is the TTA provider for SAKI grants, and offers various types of training for law enforcement and prosecutors relating to the prosecution of sexual assault crimes (especially those that can be linked to kit testing).

Mr. Morton is currently at the [8<sup>th</sup> Annual National SAKI Grantees Meeting](#), where he is meeting with RTI's Nevada representatives to discuss SAKI-funded training opportunities that can be made available to prosecutors in Nevada that work these types of cases. Of note, this year's keynote case study is the Charles Sullivan case out of Washoe County, which is being presented by the Nevada Attorney General's Office.

#### Extreme Risk Protective Order Grant RFP Development

Pursuant to the money [allocated](#) by the Interim Finance Committee last year, Mr. Morton is working with the Attorney General's Office grant management unit to develop the RFP seeking the creation of legal educational resources and the training of law enforcement agencies on Nevada's red flag laws related to extreme risk protective orders (red flag law). This RFP development is still in its internal stages within the grants management unit.