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NOMINATION FORM
THE 2025 WILLIAM J. RAGGIO AWARD

The Nevada Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys is seeking nominations for the 2025 William J. Raggio Award. This prestigious annual award is given to a person employed by, or retired from, a federal, state, county or municipal prosecutor's office in Nevada who has contributed significantly to the improvement of the administration of justice in Nevada.

Nominee's Name: Nell Christensen

Nominee's Title and Office (or prior office if recently retired):

Chief Deputy District Attorney

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PLEASE ATTACH A LETTER DETAILING NOMINEE'S QUALIFICATIONS AND MERIT FOR THE AWARD.

Please email the completed nomination form and letter to Michael K. Morton, Special Assistant Attorney General, at mkmorton@ag.nv.gov.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATION(S): June 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

The Advisory Council will review all nominations and make the selection. The recipient of the 2025 William J. Raggio Award will be honored at the 2025 Nevada Prosecutors Conference, scheduled for September 10-12 at Harrah's Lake Tahoe in Stateline, NV.

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

It is with great honor and trust that I nominate Chief Deputy District Attorney Nell Christensen for the 2025 William J. Raggio Award. With a distinguished career defined by integrity, leadership, and a steadfast commitment to justice, Nell exemplifies the very spirit of this honor.

In a time when the recruitment and retention of skilled prosecutors has grown increasingly difficult, Nell has emerged as a vital force in shaping the future of our justice system. Across the country, offices are grappling with a shrinking pool of candidates willing to take on the challenges of public prosecution. Yet, thanks to Nell's tireless efforts, Nevada is boasting a talented, dedicated bench of new prosecutors who are ready to serve.

Nell has personally led initiatives to attract top legal talent, actively mentoring law students, forging relationships with local law schools, and ensuring that our recruitment strategies are not only competitive but rooted in a deep sense of purpose. More than simply filling positions, she has created a pipeline of principled, passionate attorneys who are fully prepared to meet the demands of modern prosecution.

But her influence extends well beyond recruitment. Nell has developed and implemented a comprehensive training program that focuses not only on trial skills but on ethics, professionalism, and the pursuit of justice above all else. She instills in every new attorney the understanding that being a prosecutor is a calling—one that requires compassion, courage, and unwavering respect for the rule of law. Under her leadership, new prosecutors are taught to weigh the consequences of their decisions, to seek fairness above expediency, and to be guardians of justice in every case.

In addition, Nell has worked tirelessly to foster collaboration across jurisdictions, heading several committees including Nevada Prosecution Best Practices to assist in solving complex issues that demand cooperative solutions. She has built bridges between offices, encouraging communication and shared strategies that benefit the broader legal community and improve outcomes for victims and communities alike. Her efforts have helped dismantle silos and foster a culture of shared responsibility and mutual respect among prosecutors statewide.

Nell is not only a member of the Prosecutors' Center for Excellence, she epitomizes what it stands for. For her enduring contributions to the field of prosecution, her leadership in navigating today's recruitment crisis, and her relentless pursuit of justice grounded in ethics and collaboration, I can think of no one more deserving of the 2025 William J. Raggio Award than Chief Deputy District Attorney Nell Christensen.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.