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### Summary of Qualifications

Twenty-five years of experience providing high quality lobbying and government relations services in Nevada including 12 regular and 15 special sessions of the Nevada Legislature

## <u>Professional Experience</u>

Jeanette established her own government relations consulting firm in 2000. She provides customized advocacy and special project services to trade/professional organizations, corporate and not-for-profit clients representing health care, commercial construction, licensing boards, property & casualty insurance and more.

Jeanette moved to Nevada in 1995 to accept the position of President/CEO for the Nevada Association of Hospitals and Health Systems. There, she served as the association's leading spokesperson and representative before the Nevada State Legislature and Congressional delegation, governmental bodies and the media.

In 1998, Jeanette joined Wadhams & Akridge where she represented the firm's clients in various public forums and assisted in developing government relations' strategies.

Prior to her relocation to Nevada, Jeanette has spent a significant part of her career in the health care field as a consultant, administrator and association executive. In the mid-1980s, she held various positions in the consulting services division of the Hospital Association of New York State, where she was responsible for technical assistance regarding hospital finances, reimbursement, and health care data systems.

Jeanette was also in charge of operations at a rehabilitation agency for the blind and visually impaired. In the early 1990s, she focused her efforts on hospital advocacy as the Senior Vice President at the Northeastern New York Hospital Council.

#### **Education and Training**

Jeanette graduated from the State University of New York (Albany) in 1979 with a B.A. in Economics and then attended Union College (Schenectady, New York) where she earned an M.B.A. in 1981.

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She is a trained mediator and facilitator and has taught mediation at University of Nevada Reno Extended Studies.

# **Professional Associations**

Association for Conflict Resolution Mediators of Southern Nevada Nevada Dispute Resolution Coalition – Vice President (2012-2013), President (2014) Nevada Mediation Group Nevada Taxpayers Association Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce – Member since 2008

#### Volunteer and Extracurricular Activities

Educator - Wooster High School (Peer Mediation Skills Course)

Washoe County School District (Mediation: A Guide to Bridging Conflict)

40 Hour Beginning Mediation and Conflict Resolution, UNR Extended Studies - 2013/2014

Speaker - Caregiver Essentials Class - University of Nevada Reno (Fall 2011 and 2012)

Court Improvement Program – Focus on Kids Conference (Summer 2011)

40 Hour Advanced Mediation Course – UNR Extended Studies (Summer 2011 and 2012)

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver's Conference (May 2013) Nevada Youth Legislature – Negotiation Skills (2016 and 2018) Speakers' Bureau – Nevada Dispute Resolution Coalition

Articles - "Elder Care Mediation: Helping Families Bridge Conflict"

Generation Boomer (Spring 2011)

<u>"Here's the new business mantra – Mediate before you litigate"</u> Northern Nevada Business Weekly (February 27, 2012)

Award - Northern Nevada AGC - SIR Award (2016)

Blog - The Olive Branch Blog - commenced in January 2013