

# APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

DEC 13 2019

Instructions: You may fill out this application on-line by tabbing between fields. After you have completed the form, print the application by clicking on the Print button at the bottom of the page. Alternatively, you may print the blank form and fill it out by hand. You must sign and date the application. Attach any additional documents and mail to the address at the bottom of the form.

Name of Board/Commission/Committee as listed on announcement:

Nevada County Law Library Board of Trustees

Filing Period (as listed on the announcement):

January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020

Type of Member:

Representative for the Nevada County Board of Supervisors

Incumbent? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Name: Last Cavanaugh

First Helen

Residence Address (Must be a resident of Nevada County)

Mailing Address, if different from residence

Address

Address

City

State

CA

Zip Code

City

State

CA

Zip Code

Supervisorial District 1 through 5  
(Available from Election Office, 265-1298)

1

Home Phone with area code

☐ Unlisted?

Email Address

Work Phone with area code

Extension

Time(s) available to attend meetings (days, evenings, etc.)

Weekdays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Experience:** A resume, or additional sheets, may be attached containing any information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application.

Education/Employment Experience

See attached resume

Community Experience and Affiliations

Other County Boards, Commissions, or Committees on which you have served:

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board of Supervisors in making this appointment:

References: Please list two references with telephone numbers

Hon Thomas Anderson

Hon Linda Sloven

Applicants may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a financial disclosure statement as part of the appointment process. The form may be viewed at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>. An Oath of Office will be required upon appointment.

I have reviewed the Financial Disclosure Statement requirement:

Initial

Signature

Date

11/18/2019

Applications must be filed with: **Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Nevada, 950 Maidu Ave., Nevada City CA 95959-8617.** This application is a public document.

Print Form

## HELEN CAVANAUGH

---

### EXPERIENCE:

Family Law Facilitator, Nevada & Sierra Counties. July 2016 – present  
Director, Self-Help Center, Superior Courts of Nevada & Sierra Counties. Nov. 2005 – present  
Project Attorney, Federal Grant recipient for Education and Advocacy for training for adoptive families of special needs children. Trained and established a statewide network of Peer Advocates to assist an adoptive parenting.. Author *Understanding AAP: A Parent and Worker Guide*, Oct. 1995 – Nov. 2004 Attorney, Solo Practitioner. February 1995 – 1999; 2004 – January 2006.  
Temporary Deputy District Attorney, Nevada County; 1998. Represented children in dependency court and prosecuted delinquency matters.  
Attorney/ Law Clerk, Civil Insurance Defense & Employment Law. Hill, Gensen, Even, Crandall & Wade and John Hill & Associates – Torrance CA. Sept. 1989 - June 1994

### ACTIVITIES:

The Hub for Direct Community Access (2013-2016)  
Founding member Northern California Lawyer Access “Law Practice Academy” (June 2015)  
Lawyer Referral Service Board Member 2013-2016  
Nevada County Bar Association: Vice President 2006-2010  
Lawyer Referral Service: Ex Officio Board Member  
Truckee Family Resource Center – Advisory Board Member 2006-present  
Charter Governance Council: Nevada City School of the Arts 2002-06  
Annual Presenter, NACAC international conference 1995 - 2004  
Presenter at California State Foster Parent Association  
Parent Representative for Special Education in local school district  
Advisory Bd. Member, Nevada County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Advisory Bd.  
Past Board Member, Aqueous Solutions, Therapy Pool  
Past Member of National Association of Counsel for Children

### APPOINTMENTS:

Nevada County Law Library Board of Trustees 2008- present  
Judicial Council Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee - 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00.  
Guardianship Workgroup of the Juvenile Law Subcommittee 1999-2001  
Governor’s Adoptions Initiative Project, Post Adoption Services Workgroup - 1997.  
Little Hoover Commission - 1998-99, Invited Advisory Member.

### PUBLICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS:

*Understanding AAP: A Parent and Worker Guide*. Publication in coordination with the training and education on California’s Adoption Assistance Program under Federal Adoptions Appropriations Grant #90-C00771. 1997. Updated annually.  
*Understanding AAP: A Parent and Worker Guide (Federal)*. 1998.  
“Who Will Speak for This Child?” *The Legal Secretary*, Vol. 51, Book 4, May 1997  
“Systems Change in Child Welfare; the Evolution of Foster Care” Television Interview for Sierra Adoption Services on FCAT-TV, Nevada City, California, June 1997.  
“Parens Patriae: The Federal Government’s Growing Role of Parent to the Needy” *Journal Of The Center For Families, Children, & The Courts*, Vol. 2, 2000.

### EDUCATION:

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Los Angeles, California, J.D. May 1993  
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, Illinois  
Bachelor of Science - June 1983: Communication Studies, Political Rhetoric

### TEACHING:

“Advocacy for Children”: Union Institute, 2000  
“Establishing A Not For Profit Organization”: Union Institute, 1998  
Placer / Nevada County Foster Parent Association, 1996, 1997, 1998

## HELEN CAVANAUGH

---

### PRESENTATIONS:

2012

CALDA California Association of Legal Document Preparers October 20, 2012  
Current Economy – Title Documents & Foreclosure and more

2010,2011,2012

Conflict Resolution Center October annual  
Court Mediation Program

2004 UNDERSTANDING AAP

NACAC Minn., MN. August 6

Statewide Shareholder's Mtg. Nov. 19

2003 UNDERSTANDING AAP

San Diego, CA Jan 30 – Feb 1

Fairfield, CA March 22

Santa Barbara, CA April 18

San Andreas, CA April 23

San Francisco, CA May 6

Anaheim, CA May 17

NACAC Vancouver B.C. August 7

2002 UNDERSTANDING AAP

Sacramento, CA Sac. Child Adv. February 22

Sacramento, CA March 7

Sacramento, CA May 2

Chicago, IL NACAC August 1

Anaheim, CA CSFPA State Conf. October 11

Sacramento, CA November 7

San Diego, CA November 20-21

OTHER PRESENTATIONS:

Beyond the Bench December 4-6

2001 UNDERSTANDING AAP

Nevada City, CA January 5

Oakland, CA CSFPA February 2

Redding, CA Forever Families February 6

San Francisco, CA CSFPA February 9

Red Bluff, CA Shasta College February 13

Santa Barbara, CA Allen Hancock College February 16

Nevada City, CA March 1

Sacramento, CA March 8

San Diego, CA Grossmont College April 20-21

Sacramento, CA May 10

Modesto, CA CSFPA Reg. Conf. June 21

Modesto, CA Stanislaus County July 24

Charolotte, NC NACAC, August 2

Vallejo, CA Solono College September 1

Sacramento, CA September 6

Palm Springs, CA CSCPA September 14

Los Altos, CA Help One Child September 15

San Francisco, CA Foster Parents United September 25

Fresno, CA CSFPA October 2

Ontario, CA CSFPA State Conf. October 13

Auburn, CA October 16

Monterey, CA Hartnell College October 23

Sacramento, CA November 8

10/22/2012

## HELEN CAVANAUGH

---

### OTHER PRESENTATIONS:

Beyond the Bench, Monterey, CA December 6-8

2000 UNDERSTANDING AAP

Nat'l on Web Chat Room January

New Orleans, LA, Nat'l Advocates February 3

Nevada City, CA February 15

Sacramento, CA March 13

Anaheim, CA, CSC April 5

Orange County, CA April 28

Baltimore, MD NACAC July 27

Pomona, CA CSCPA October 7

Sacramento, CA CSFPA October 14

Chico, CA October 16

Salinas, CA Hartnell College November 6

Sacramento, CA December 14

### OTHER PRESENTATIONS:

Beyond the Bench, Universal City December 6-8

1999 UNDERSTANDING AAP:

Monterey, CA Monterey Co./Hartnell College

Foster Parents Assn. March 9

Hercules, CA Family Alliance March 15

Modesto, CA

Calif. Judicial Clerks Assn. April 10

San Jose, CA, West Valley College

Foster Parents Assn. June 5

Pasadena, CA, NACAC, July 28

1998 UNDERSTANDING AAP:

Sacramento, CA March 16

Oakland, CA April 1

Ventura, CA April 7

Orange County, CA

California Department of Social Services-Adoptions Policy Branch

April 29 - June 3

NACAC, Cincinnati, OH July

Aspira Foster & Family Services September 24

### OTHER PRESENTATIONS:

Concurrent Planning Placer County, CA February

Child Welfare Training Institute UC Davis June 25

California Regional Center Case Manager Training October 1

Northern California Counsel for Children November 12

1997 UNDERSTANDING AAP:

Oakland, CA April 17

Davis, CA May 8

Los Angeles, CA May 22

Orange County, CA May 22

NACAC, Toronto, Canada July

### OTHER PRESENTATIONS:

Pre-Natal Exposure Yuba College February 24

Living with a Special Needs Child Ready Springs School March 14

California Association of Services for Children April 4

San Francisco Child Alliance S.F. Collaboration April 9

Foster Parent Training - State No. Calif. Quarterly Mtg. April 11

T.A.N.F. and the Child in Care Sacramento Alliance April 15

L.A. Co. Adoptions and Foster Care Parents April 18

Orange County Foster Parents Association May 22

## HELEN CAVANAUGH

---

### 1996 UNDERSTANDING AAP:

Nevada City, CA May 13

Oakland, CA May 16

San Bernardino, CA May 21

San Diego, CA May 22

Fresno, CA May 30

Sacramento, CA June 6

Los Angeles, CA June 11

Santa Ana, CA June 12

Monterey, CA July 9

San Joaquin Co. DSS August

Sacramento Co. DSS August

### OTHER PRESENTATIONS:

Supported Life Conference: October

Adopting a Child with Disabilities

1995 Supported Life Conference:

Sacramento, CA October

Planning for the

Financial Future of the Child with Special Needs