

## HOTEL INFORMATION

The 1st Annual Nevada Statewide CASA Conference will take place at the Las Vegas Marriott Suites, which serves as the conference hotel. The Las Vegas Marriott Suites is centrally located on Paradise Road with easy access to all popular Las Vegas attractions. The Marriott Suites is an upscale hotel with 278 deluxe suites, providing a unique combination of a full service hotel, with a resort atmosphere.

Las Vegas Marriott Suites  
325 Convention Center Drive  
Las Vegas, NV 89109  
(800) 228-9290  
[www.lasvegasmariott.com](http://www.lasvegasmariott.com)

### Hotel Rates and Reservations:

Deluxe Suites: \$139

This discounted conference rate does not include the appropriate state and local taxes (currently 9%). **Conference rates are available May 1 and May 2, 2008 only.** Additional nights will be at the regular rates, and based on availability. Reservations must be received on or before, Tuesday, April 1, 2008, to receive the special rates. Please make your reservations as early as possible as there are a limited number of rooms available at this rate and may sell out prior to April 1, 2008.

You may book your hotel room online at [www.lasvegasmariott.com](http://www.lasvegasmariott.com) or by calling the Marriott Suites at (800) 228-9290. You must mention that you are part of the Nevada CASA Conference in order to receive the special rate. **Conference attendee code is: nvcnvca.** Please note that a credit card number is required to guarantee your room reservation. Please contact the hotel directly to make any changes or cancellations.

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS & PARKING

Please visit the LV Marriott Suites website for driving directions from McCarran International Airport. The hotel is located 4 miles from the airport. Complimentary parking is available in the hotel's parking garage.

## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Mailing is the preferred method of submitting your registration. Faxed or emailed registrations will be accepted. However, payments must be received before your registration can be confirmed. Please note: **Please allow one week for registration processing and confirmation. Email is the preferred method of confirmation. If you do not receive confirmation within one week, please contact Vola at [thorsteinsonv@clarkcountycourts.us](mailto:thorsteinsonv@clarkcountycourts.us) or call (702)455-4306.** Registration will not be confirmed without full payment. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE.** THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.

## CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS POLICY

Cancellation must be postmarked by 5 p.m. **April 18, 2008**, to receive a refund of the \$50 registration fee. Written cancellations may be submitted via email to [thorsteinsonv@clarkcountycourts.us](mailto:thorsteinsonv@clarkcountycourts.us), by fax (702)455-5297 or mailed to:

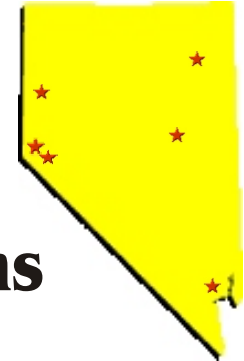
CASA Statewide Conference  
601 D North Pecos  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

**This Conference is Sponsored by the Nevada CASA Association**



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# Everything is Possible Through Shared Connections



**May 2 - 3, 2008**

**Special Guest**  
**Chief Justice Mark Gibbons**  
*Nevada Supreme Court*

Marriott Suites Hotel  
325 Convention Center Drive  
Las Vegas, NV 89109  
(702) 650-2000

*CASAs, Social Workers, Case Managers, Judges, Attorneys,  
Therapists, Foster Parents, and all interested groups & persons*

**Registration Limited to 150**  
**Registration \$50**  
CEUs Pending      CLEs Pending



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### REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Name (last, first) \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that the following continuing education credits have been applied for and will be granted subject to approval. Please indicate appropriate licensing:

SW License # \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney Bar # \_\_\_\_\_

MFT License # \_\_\_\_\_

### CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Please check which day(s) you will be attending:

Friday, May 2, 2008  Saturday, May 3, 2008  Both

A box lunch will be provided Friday only. Please choose one:

Turkey  Ham  Vegetarian

**REGISTRATION: \$50.**

Method of Payment:  Check  Money Order  Cashiers Check

**NO SHOWS** will be charged the Registration Fee - Non-refundable

**Please make checks payable to Nevada CASA Association**

**RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM BY 4/18/2008**

Fax or deliver to: **CASA Statewide Conference**

**601D N. Pecos, Las Vegas, NV 89101**

**(702) 455-5297 Fax**

If you have any questions, please call (702) 455-4306

### SPEAKERS

**THE HONORABLE ERNESTINE GRAY**, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Judge and President of National CASA Association Board of Directors. Judge Gray has served on the juvenile bench since November 1984, shepherding the lives of hundreds of children and families as they move through the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. Judge Gray will share her expertise on "shared connections equal better outcomes for our youth." Judge Gray is a true advocate for youth, and spends a great deal of time serving on numerous boards and committees whose missions are to improve the lives of children and families.

**PAT O'BRIEN**, M.S., C.S.W. Founder & Executive Director of You Gotta Believe! The Older Child Adoption & Permanency Movement, Inc. You Gotta Believe is one of the few placement agencies in the country that limits its practice to finding permanent homes for teen and pre-teen children in foster care without regard to whether the child is freed for adoption or not. Mr. O'Brien also produces and hosts You Gotta Believe's weekly cable access television show and radio forum, which are called "The Adopting Teens and 'Tweens Show." Watch a live stream by logging on to [www.bcat.tv/bcat](http://www.bcat.tv/bcat) or listen to a live stream of the broadcast at [www.am1240wgbb.com](http://www.am1240wgbb.com).

**RUTH KRAVITZ**, North Carolina Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Training Administrator, is recognized for her effective hands-on workshop, Case Studies: Working It Out Together. Case Studies participants process a realistic case in small interactive groups, where they learn from each other while reflecting on their own values and case management skills. This workshop is most effective for CASA/GAL volunteers and other supporters who want exposure to front line advocacy work.

**FRANK P. SULLIVAN**, Juvenile Hearing Master, Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Division, Las Vegas, Nevada, will speak on various areas of the Juvenile Court process and the impact which CASA volunteers make in the lives of children. Hearing Master Sullivan currently presides over cases involving child abuse and neglect and AB 369 mental health cases. He also presides over the Dependency Drug Court for parents whose children are Wards of the Court due to substance abuse.

### SCHEDULE

Friday, May 2, 2008

- 7:30-8:30 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-8:45 AM Welcome & Acknowledgments
- 8:45-9:15 AM Proclamations: Clark County Commissioner Lawrence Weekly  
City of Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman
- 9:15-10:45 AM The Honorable Ernestine Gray - "Shared Connections Equal Better Outcomes for Youth"
- 10:45-11:00 AM Break
- 11:00-12:30 PM Pat O'Brien - "How to Prevent Foster Teen Homelessness"
- 12:30-1:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30-1:45 PM Special Guest - Chief Justice Mark Gibbons, Nevada Supreme Court
- 1:45-3:15 PM Frank Sullivan - "Understanding a Child's Best Interest"
- 3:15-3:30 PM Break
- 3:30-5:00 PM Pat O'Brien - "Reducing Stress with Humor and Laughter"

Saturday, May 3, 2008

- 7:30-8:30 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-8:45 AM Welcome
- 8:30-10:00 AM Ruth Kravitz - "Case Studies: Working It Out Together: Part 1"
- 10:00-10:15 AM Break
- 10:15-12:15 PM Ruth Kravitz - "Case Studies: Working It Out Together: Part 2"
- 12:15-12:30 PM Closing Remarks