

# APPENDIX E

## SENATOR JUSTIN JONES

Justin was active in Boy Scouts and his church, where he developed a commitment to serving others. After high school and a two-year service mission in Guatemala, Justin attended Brigham Young University where he met his wife, Megan Krausman, a native of Las Vegas. After graduating from BYU, Justin went to Washington, D.C. where he attended law school at George Washington University.

After graduating from law school, Justin and Megan packed the car for their 4th cross country road trip to settle in Las Vegas, where Megan's family had planted their roots over 50 years ago. Justin and Megan now have two children, Gabriella and Liam, who serve as Justin's primary motivation to create a brighter future for Nevada. **No matter what Justin accomplishes, his favorite title will always be "Dad."**

Justin is an active community leader in Southern Nevada and spends countless hours volunteering for causes near to his heart. He provides free legal representation to child victims of domestic abuse for Legal Aid's Children Attorney Project. He also has worked to protect Red Rock National Conservation Area, a place he visits often with his family. He is active in his church and previously served as Chair of the Volunteer Center of Southern Nevada, co-chair of LDS Families Supporting Adoption, and on the board of United Way of Southern Nevada.

Today, Justin is a partner at the law firm of Wolf Rifkin Shapiro Schulman & Rabkin, a leading firm in Nevada and the Mountain West region. Prior to entering private practice, Jones served as a law clerk to the Honorable Roger L. Hunt of the United States District Court, District of Nevada. Justin is respected by his peers in the legal profession and is rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale Hubbell. He has also been selected by SuperLawyers magazine as a "Rising Star" for the Mountain State Region three times.

In order to continue his service to the community, Justin ran and won his election for the Nevada State Senate, District 9, in November 2012. During the 2013 Legislative Session, Justin served as the Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and on the Judiciary and Commerce, Labor and Energy Committees. Though it was only his first session, Justin quickly proved to be a rising leader by introducing landmark legislation that would protect our families. He was named as one of the "best of the best" legislators by the Las Vegas Review Journal's Steve Sebelius stating, *"on issue after issue, [Jones] showed the incredible courage of his convictions."* (June 9, 2013).

# **Nevada Health Care Workforce Summit**

## **April 8, 2014**

9:30 a.m. Health Care Workforce Legislative Overview – Senator Justin Jones

Senator Jones explained that during his time in the Legislature he has had the opportunity to learn along with all of his colleagues about the critical issues that are facing the State in terms of health care workforce development. Senator Jones mentioned some of the health care related legislative committees, bills, and issues that he has worked on. He said that if he learned anything from this first legislative session, it is that the 120 days legislators have during the legislative session is not the time to begin thinking about the issues. Right now, the interim is the time to begin focusing on the ideas that will get us to where we need to go, and that is exactly what he wants to do.

Senator Jones mentioned that at a recent NCSL conference that he attended with others present at the Summit, they began to discuss the important issue of how to increase the health care workforce. He learned very valuable information about what neighboring states are doing and gave examples in the states of Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. He and his colleagues plan for the 2015 legislative session to get things right, have their research completed, and ideas vetted so they can move the State of Nevada forward. Senator Jones commended the data research that Dr. John Packham has completed and his Health Care Careers in the Nevada manual. Senator Jones said that he has had other opportunities to learn from individuals about the health care workforce needs in this state, including regulatory barriers to entry, best practices, and the difficulty of attracting health care professionals to the state.

Senator Jones posed the question, “What can we as a legislature do to better the health care workforce in this state?” He pointed out that he needs concrete ideas to draft bills that will help address workforce issues. Answers that have been given to him include the expansion of residency programs, the need to increase doctors in the rural areas, further expansion and clarification of telemedicine statutes, providing incentives to hospitals to expand their medical residency offerings, simplifying licensure processes by accepting endorsements from other states, medical school graduates, and funding a Community Health Worker program. Senator Jones urged that all solutions be the right solutions for Nevada’s communities.

In attending many conferences, Senator Jones said that he has found that many groups work independently and not together toward a common goal. He said that there is much value in bringing groups together to collaborate and today’s Summit is a step forward in that process. He is very excited for the opportunities that the State has going forward and for industry stakeholders to have an open forum to make sure we have the right solutions with the right priorities.