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County Executive Office
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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE OR TASK FORCE

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COUNTY OF NAPA CAFA
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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT (Complete pages 1 through 3)

NOTE: Applications are public records that are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. Information provided by the applicant is not regarded as confidential except for the addresses and phone numbers of references and the applicant's personal information including home and work addresses, phone numbers and email address.

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPOINTEES MAY BE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW AND COUNTY CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE TO FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS.

For information about Form 700 Conflict of Interest Code click on this link [Committee List of Form 700 Filers](#)

*Application for Appointment to: (Name of Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force)

Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Programs

*Category of membership for which you are applying:

(This information can be found on the news release announcing the opening.
You may apply for more than one category if more than one position is open.)

Interested Citizen

*Supervisorial District in which you reside:

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*Full Name:

Abraham Paul Gardner

*Date:

12/26/2014

*Current Occupation: (within the last twelve (12) months)

Deputy Public Defender

*Current License: (Professional or Occupational, date of issue and/or expiration including status)

License to practice law - California Bar Card 256111

*Education/Experience: (A resume may be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application.)

UC Berkeley - (2004)
East Bay Community Law Center (2006)
UC Berkeley Boalt Hall Law School (2007) - Community Legal Outreach VP
Contra Costa Public Defender - Bridge Fellow (2008)
Napa Public Defender - Deputy (present) - Proposition 36 Team

*Community Participation: (Nature of activity and community location)

Vice President SEIU 1021 - Napa County employees
School volunteer

*Other County Board/Commission/Committee on which you serve/have served:

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Names, addresses and phone number of three (3) individuals familiar with your background:

*Name:

Ron Abernethy

*Address:

[Redacted]

*City:

Napa

*State:

CA

*Zip Code:

94558

*Telephone:

[Redacted]

*Name:

Dan Gange

*Address:

[Redacted]

*City:

Napa

*State:

CA

*Zip Code:

94559

*Telephone:

[Redacted]

*Name:

Judge Elia Ortiz

*Address:

[Redacted]

*City:

Napa

*State:

CA

*Zip Code:

94558

*Telephone:

[Redacted]

Name and occupation of spouse within the last 12 months, if married (For Conflict of Interest purposes):

Megan Gardner - Napa Valley Unified School District Teacher

*Please explain your reasons for wishing to serve and, in your opinion, how you feel you could contribute:

Everyday I work with those who suffer the consequences of substance abuse, it is crushing for everyone involved. I advocate for individuals but hope that my sharing experiences will encourage humane medical treatment model for substance abuse.

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APPLICANTS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE AN OATH OF OFFICE.

All applications will be kept on file for one year from the date of application.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

The following information is provided in confidence, but may be used by the Board of Supervisors when making the appointment, or be used by the Committee/Commission/Board/Task Force following appointment for purposes of communicating with the appointee.

*Full Name:

Abraham Paul Gardner

*email Address:

[Redacted]

*Home Address:

[Redacted]

*Work Address:

[Redacted]

*City:

Napa

*State:

CA

*Zip Code:

94558

*City:

Napa

*State:

CA

*Zip Code:

94559

*Telephone:

[Redacted]

*Telephone:

[Redacted]

ABRAHAM GARDNER

• Napa, CA 94558 •

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW – BOALT HALL Berkeley, CA

Juris Doctor, May 2007; Admitted to California State Bar

Activities: *Director*, Community Legal Outreach;

Director of Faculty and Alumni Outreach, Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law;

Student Advisory Board Representative, Center for Social Justice;

Co-Coordinator and Bay Area Board Representative, Boalt National Lawyers Guild;

2004 Florida Team Leader for John Kerry, ACORN Project Vote;

Founder and Faculty liaison, Loan Repayment Assistance Program Student Coalition

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Berkeley, CA

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science with minors in Education & Philosophy, May 2004

Honors: Class of 1949 Scholar; 2001 Sagner Fellow; Alumni Leadership Scholar;

Green Peace Future Leader Award and Training; Helen Ann Buckley Scholar.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

NAPA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

Napa, CA

Bridge Fellowship / Death Penalty Law Clerk

October 2008 - Present

Indigent criminal defense in misdemeanor and felony trial attorney assignment including all aspects of litigation from court appearances, motions, trials, suppression and other hearings. Specialty assignments to Mental Health commitments (conservatorships, MDO's) and Proposition 36 drug treatment program.

CONTRA COSTA ALTERNATE DEFENDER OFFICE

Martinez, CA

Bridge Fellowship / Death Penalty Law Clerk

September 2007 – September 2008

Research mental health issues, professional responsibilities; prepare budget requests and maintain organization of accounting, investigation, case materials. Visited and advocated for juvenile clients in placements, researched policy shifts at the Division of Juvenile Justice; wrote memoranda and motions.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

San Francisco, CA

Judicial Extern for Chief Magistrate Judge James Larson

January 2007 – May 2007

Prepared memorandum, orders, and related court documents. Researched regarding habeas petitions, criminal law, unions, taxes, employment, class action product defect, police misconduct, and others. Substantial work with federal discovery and evidence rules.

EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER – CLINIC

Oakland, CA

Law Clerk

August 2005 – December 2005

Worked with low-income clients to dismiss past convictions. Presented before Judge Stanley at hearings in Wiley Manual Courthouse. Prepared a policy impact report and advocacy materials for unit director Margaret Richardson. Conducted dismissal training for inmates at Santa Rita.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- Conversant in Spanish
- Labor and Union advocacy
- Sustainable agriculture
- Computer system design, repair, and maintenance
- Public service educational loan forgiveness
- Teacher and college advisor in East Oakland.