
Application for Appointment to Board, Commission, Committee, Task Force or Position

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.

Public Records Act

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.

Form 700 Conflict of Interest Code

[California Fair Political Practices Website](#)

Please note that appointees may be required by state law and county conflict of interest code to file financial disclosure statements.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Napa County Deferred Compensation Board of Control: Submitted

Category of Membership for Which You Are Applying

At large

Profile

Abraham

First Name

Gardner

Middle Initial

Last Name


Email Address


Home Address

Suite or Apt

Napa

City

CA

State

94558

Postal Code

Which supervisorial district do you reside in? *

☒ District 1

To find your supervisorial district go to <https://www.countyofnapa.org/2051/Find-my-supervisor-and-district> and enter your address.


Primary Phone

Napa County

Employer

Deputy Public Defender

Job Title

Attorney

Occupation

Education/Experience

See resume for Education background. Experience: participation in this board as non-member in the past (attended 5 meetings); familiarity with funds from personal participation as well as recommendations provided to County employees who contribute to Deferred Comp.

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

Megan Gardner

Resume

Upload a Resume

Letter of Recommendation or Supplemental Attachments

Professional or occupational license, date of issue, and expiration including status

Member of the California State Bar (2008 issued - Bar Number 256111)

References: Provide names and phone numbers of 3 individuals who are familiar with your background.

Ronald Abernethy [REDACTED] Andy Rubinger [REDACTED] Joseph Solga [REDACTED]

Community Participation

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

I want to ensure excellent 457 fund options are available for the people I work with. Specifically, I hope to add an option for employees to contribute a percentage of their wages toward the 457 (rather than a fixed dollar amount) and to improve the Target Date retirement fund options (to lower fee funds from Vanguard or Fidelity).

Nature of activity and community location

Other County Board/Commission/Committee on Which You Serve/Have Served

Public Actions that may impact Credit Rating (List all court or other public administration actions impacting your credit rating within the past ten (10) years)

Electronic Signature Agreement

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please Agree with the Following Statement

By checking the "I agree" box below, you agree and acknowledge that 1) your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document, 2) by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and 3) you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.

☒ I Agree

Electronic Signature (First M. Last)

Abraham P. Gardner

Date

11/30/2021

ABRAHAM GARDNER

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; *Student Advisory Board Representative*, Center for Social Justice; *Co-Coordinator and Bay Area Board Representative*, Boalt National Lawyers Guild; *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
Activities: *Founding member*, UC Berkeley ACLU; 2001 Sagner Fellowship; Alumni Leadership Scholar; Green Peace Future Leader Award/Training; Helen Ann Buckley Scholar.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

NAPA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE Napa, CA
Deputy Public Defender October 2008 - Present
Indigent criminal defense in misdemeanor and felony trial attorney assignment including all aspects of litigation from court appearances, motions, trials, suppression, discovery, and other hearings. Specialty assignments in Juvenile Delinquency, Mental Health, and Proposition 36 drug treatment program. Napa County Employees Union Vice President, SEIU 1021. Interoffice advisor for equipment and technology related cases and in office support.

CONTRA COSTA ALTERNATE DEFENDER OFFICE Martinez, CA
Boalt 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. Write memoranda and motions. Visit and advocate for juvenile clients in placements. Research policy shifts at the Division of Juvenile.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA San Francisco, CA
Judicial Extern for Chief Magistrate Judge James Larson January 2007 – May 2007
Prepare memorandum, orders, and related court documents. Analyze issues and draft rulings on habeas petitions, criminal appeals, labor and employment, class action product defect, police misconduct, and intellectual property matters.

EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER – CLINIC Oakland, CA
Law Clerk August 2005 – December 2005
Develop social histories, legal arguments, and appear in court with low-income clients for criminal record expungement. Conduct dismissal trainings for inmates at Santa Rita jail. Prepare policy impact reports and advocacy materials for clinic staff to present at legislative hearings.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- Conversant in Spanish (oral and written)
- Computer system design, repair, and maintenance
- Labor and Union advocacy
- Public service educational loan forgiveness
- Cycling and bike repair
- College advisor in East Oakland