## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2007 SESSION



SHEILA LESLIE

Democrat

Washoe County Assembly

District No. 27

Specialty Courts Coordinator



Born: 1955 – Carmel, California.

Educated: Sonoma State University, B.A., 1977, with distinction and honors; University of

Nevada, Reno (UNR), M.A., 1979, Spanish Language and Literature.

Children: Emma Fulkerson.

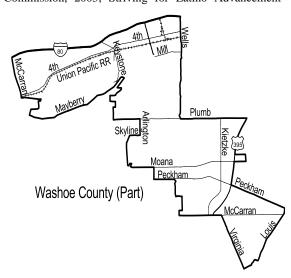
Hobbies/Special Interests: Traveling, hiking, skiing.

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Nevada Assembly, 1999-2007 (*first elected November 1998*)—six special and five regular sessions; Majority Whip, 2007.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Board of Trustees, KNPB Channel 5 Public Television; Board of Directors, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation; Member, Advisory Board of Community Foundation of Western Nevada; Advisory Board, Nevada Museum of Art; Member, Nevada KIDS COUNT Advisory Council; Host and Co-Producer of "Children First!" public affairs show on KOLO television (ABC); Member, Advisory Council, High Sierra Industries; Member, Executive Committee, Access to Healthcare Network.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS: Community Visionary Award, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Northern Nevada Chapter and Crisis Intervention Team, 2006; Santini Cup for Advocacy Through Oral Communication, 2006; 2006 Golden Pinecone Award for Environmental Excellence by a Public Servant; Dean's Distinguished Service Award, University of Nevada School of Medicine, 2006; Veterans Hero, Nevada Veterans Service Commission, 2003; Striving for Latino Advancement

Award, Latinos for Political Empowerment, 2003; Honoring Our Heroes Award, Northern Nevada Policy Maker, Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center. 2003: Senior Star. Sanford Center for Aging, UNR, 2002; 2002 Legislator of the Year. Nevada State Association; Psychological Legislative Advocate Award, Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center, 2002; Profile in Courage Award, Nevada Attorneys for Criminal Justice, 2001: Leadership Institute. National Conference of State Legislatures, Class of 2001;



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Flemming Fellow, Center for Policy Alternatives, Class of 2000; Humanitarian of the Year, Greater Nevada School Counselor Association, 2000; Legislator of the Year, Nevada Association of Social Workers, 2000; Nevada Women's Role Model Award, Office of the Nevada Attorney General, 2000; Politician of the Year, Truckee Meadows Human Services Association, 1999; Rising Star Award, Outstanding First-Term Legislator, Nevada Women's Lobby, 1999; Child Advocate Award, Stand for Children, 1998; Women Helping Women, Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows, 1997; Peace Corps Volunteer, Dominican Republic; American Field Service Scholar, Madrid, Spain.