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SHEILA LESLIE Democrat Washoe County Assembly District No. 27 Specialty Courts Coordinator



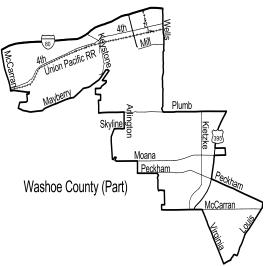
*Born:* 1955 – Carmel, California *Educated:* Sonoma State University, B.A., 1977, with distinction and honors; University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), M.A., 1979, Spanish Language and Literature *Children:* Emma Fulkerson *Hobbies/Special Interests:* Traveling, hiking, skiing

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Nevada Assembly, 1999-2009 (*first elected November 1998*)—nine special and six regular sessions. Majority Whip, 2007, 2009.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Board of Directors, Justice Center, Council of State Governments; Member, National Commission on Children and Disasters; Board of Directors, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation; Advisory Board, Nevada Museum of Art; Member, Nevada KIDS COUNT Advisory Council.

**PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:** Jon Benedetti Award for Outstanding Support, Bristlecone Family Resources, 2008; Consumer Advocate of the Year, Nevada Justice Association, 2008; Public Health Legislator of the Year, School of Public Health, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2007; Immunization Advocate Silver Syringe Award, Northern Nevada Immunization Coalition, 2007; Honoree, Celebrating Women in Leadership, Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada, 2007; Policy Leader, Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte, 2007; 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 Psychological Association; Legislative Advocate Nevada Award, Disability



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Democrat Washoe County Assembly District No. 27 Specialty Courts Coordinator (continued)

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; 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.