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Born: Las Vegas, Nevada

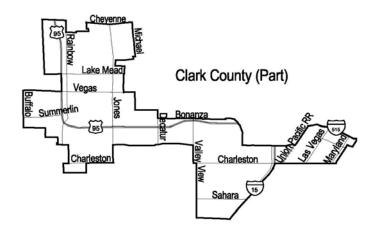
Educated: Las Vegas High School; University of Missouri, Columbia, B.J., M.A., Journalism; University of Illinois, Springfield, M.A., Contemporary Literature; University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

Hobbies/Special Interests: Community service, writing, reading, physical fitness training and competition, hiking

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Nevada Senate, 1997-2009 (*first elected November 1996*)—nine special and seven regular sessions. Majority Whip, 2009; Minority Whip, 2001-2007. Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Education, 2009; Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary, 2009; Member, Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, 2009.

AFFILIATIONS: Board, Public Education Foundation; Board, Better Business Bureau; Media Relations Instructor, Leadership Las Vegas Program, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; Planning Team, Civic Mission for Schools; Founding Member, Action for Healthy Kids/Nevada State Team; Nevada Technological Crime Advisory Board, Office of the Attorney General; Nevada Commission on Aging.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS: President/CEO, Wiener Communications Group; President/CEO, PowerMark Publishing. Author of five books that earned 11 major state and national awards: *Power Communications: Positioning Yourself for High Visibility; Gang Free: Friendship Choices for Today's Youth; The Nesting Syndrome: Grown Children Living at Home; Power Positioning: Advancing Yourself as THE Expert;* and *Winning the War Against Youth Gangs*. Author, PowerMaster HandBooks (nine national and international awards for first five handbooks in series), 2000, 2005-2007.



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Outstanding Achievement Award (three nations competing), National Federation of Press Women, 1991; Media Advocate/Nevada, Small Business Administration, 1992; Distinguished Leadership Award, National Association for Community Leadership, 1993; Outstanding Woman Advocate for Education, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2000; more than 192 state, national, and international communications awards since 1990; Nevada Senior Olympics Gold Medalist in both Fitness and Weightlifting, 1998-2003, 2005-2007; named Distinguished Senior Athlete, Nevada Senior Olympics, 2000; Nevada Senior Olympics Gold Medalist in Swimming, 2002-2003, 2005-2007; Silver Medalist in Walking, 2005. Honored as one of 27 national "Healthy School Heroes" at Healthy Schools Summit in Washington, D.C., 2002 (only Legislator in U.S. so recognized); Healthcare Policy Hero, Southern Nevada Area Health Education Center, 2003; Society of Public Health Educators Legislator of the Year, 2004; Leadership Las Vegas Hall of Fame, 2006 (third inductee in program's 20-year history).