## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2011 SESSION



SHEILA LESLIE

Democrat

Washoe County Senatorial

District No. 1

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

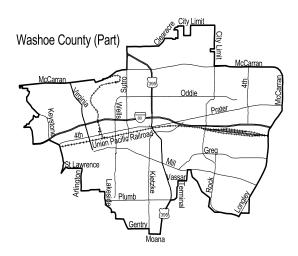
Children: Emma Fulkerson

Hobbies/Special Interests: Traveling, hiking, skiing

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Nevada Assembly, 1999-2009; Nevada Senate, 2011 (first elected November 1998-Nevada Assembly, and November 2010-Nevada Senate)—ten special and seven regular sessions. Senate Assistant Majority Whip, 2011; Assembly Majority Whip, 2007-2009.

**AFFILIATIONS:** Board of Directors, Justice Center, The Council of State Governments; Member, National Commission on Children and Disasters; Advisory Board, Volunteers of America, Northern Nevada.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS: Shining Star, Mohave Mental Health, University Health Systems, 2010; Recognition Award for Nevada Early Hearing Detection and Intervention, Nevada Hands & Voices, 2010; Public Affairs Champion, March of Dimes Nevada Chapter, 2009; Hand in Hand Award, Nevada Parents Empowering Parents, 2009; Hall of Fame, Nevada Women Legislators, Nevada Women's Lobby, 2009; 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;



## LEGISLATIVE BIOGRAPHY — 2011 SESSION

## SHEILA LESLIE

Democrat
Washoe County Senatorial
District No. 1
Specialty Courts Coordinator
(continued)

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' Services 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 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; 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.