

## Karen Cormier

Mrs. Cormier, is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson School of Law and is currently in finalizing her Nursing School studies. She is a real estate agent (Realtor) in Nevada and California. In addition, she is an insurance broker in several states. Further, she is owner of a 12 acre ranch in Louisiana, where she hosts several guests for a private fishing , hunting, and Louisiana excursions.

### EDUCATION

Nevada College  
Henderson, NV

Enrolled

Registered Nurse -RN Program  
Cum Laude ( NV State College)

- Knowledge of medicine/ medical terminology
- Anatomy of the human body
- Plan Fundraising Events for Medical Missions to Africa

San Diego State University  
San Diego, CA

Thesis: South Africa Truth and Reconciliation Hearings

Thomas Jefferson School of Law  
San Diego, CA

Jurist Doctorate Degree

Graduated: Honors Pro Bono

- Chartered dual degree program with San Diego State
- Judicial Clerkship: San Diego Superior Court- Criminal Division
  - Drug Court
- Charles Bulmer Civil Libertarians Award Recipient
  - Conferred to one outstanding student per year
  - Outstanding service to civil rights and leadership
- Chartered First San Diego Minority Legal Career Fair
  - Organized 50 national and international employers to interview with law students
  - Televised on Fox Channel 5 News
- Chartered/ President of Black Law Students Organization
  - Organized Speakers for Black History Series
- Elected Student Class Representative
- Student Aide- taught students legal research and writing

Grambling State University  
Grambling, LA

Bachelors of Arts: Public Administration Degree

Magna Cum Laude/ Top 1% of Class

Earl Lester Cole Honors College

- Attended Grambling State University on an Opera (Singing) Scholarship
  - Traveling Campus Choir (35 students chosen)
- Internship:
  - Louisiana State Treasurer Department: Louisiana State Capital
- Pageants: Calendar Girl/ Queen Title: Ms. November
  - Included Home Coming Queen
- President Honors Society

### Languages

Spanish      French Creole

### Volunteer/ Fundraising Activities

#### **National Bar Association (NBA)**

- Washington D.C. Convention- 2000
  - Mock -Trail Jury Participant/ Multi-million Dollar Disney Case
    - Attorney Willie Gary/ Late Johnnie Cochran
    - Televised
- Volunteered Labor and Employment Series – Las Vegas, Nevada
- **2010-2012**
  - Planned, organized, and contracted with Las Vegas restaurants and night clubs for the NBA planning committee
    - Negotiated Discounts with Indian restaurant in Rio Hotel and Casino for mixer and dinner buffet for 65 people at about \$300
    - Negotiated Discount with Rio Hotel and Casino: Voodoo Lounge and Nightclub for an evening of dancing and lavations
  - **2012 NBA Las Vegas Convention**
    - NBI Golf Tournament- Local Chair: Secured donations, participation of children for the golf clinic, discounts on photographer
    - Secured discounts from AA printing company for Region 9 and other NBA members
    - Assisted NAABS with the Fashion Show
    - Assist with Tennis Tournament Information
    - Secured \$6,000 in food and alcohol donations for Fashion Show event in Region 9 Suite
    - Secured \$1,000 donation from St. John's for NBA raffle winner
    - Secured food vendors with cost savings to Region 9 NBA
    - Secured Bartenders to work for tips only in Region 9 suite

- Co-sponsored: Region 9 Italian dinner and Gospel Entertainment
- Assisted Young Lawyers with party contract off site
- Contacted media to film Region 9 events
- Assisted NBA Candidates with local entertainment information
- Assisted in Kids Clinic providing employees and event information
- Provided assistance in Region 9 suite the entire convention
- Hosted the St. John's Fashion Show, and 50% off discounts for Pal Zalleri (truck show) men's fashion in Forum shops for NBA members.

#### Las Vegas Chapter of the National Bar Association

- Treasurer (2017-present)
- LVNBA Foundation- choose law student scholarship recipients
- Social/ Activities Chair
  - Negotiated venues (free or for a small fee) for fundraising/mixers
- Fundraising Chair
- Banquet/ scholarship planning committee
  - Silent Auction Chair
- Sent out Press Release to notify the public of Community Events
  - Ask A Lawyer Programs-free advocacy for low income participants
  - Collected Donations and Motivational Speaker for Children in low income neighborhood schools
- Promote Community Health Events
  - Chartered Virtual Fitness Olympics
  - Radio/ Television/ Newspaper event awareness

#### Southern Nevada Black Nurses Association

- Men's Health Fair – medical testing and information on Men's Health Issues
- Shots for Toots- provided free medical care and shots for low income children
- General Health Fairs-provide information on healthier lifestyle
- Fitness Olympics-virtual fitness for kids to prevent obesity
- Fundraising- assist in planning activities for fundraising

#### Community Volunteer

- Southern Nevada Multiple Sclerosis Society

- Provide first aide, health, and safety for runners and bikers for fundraising events

#### Clark County Neighborhood Justice Center (6 years)

- Provide an alternative to court, in resolving disputes by mediation
- Court certified mediator

#### Prior Volunteer/Memberships

##### Voter Protection League- Presidential Election 2008 & 2012

- Assisted in organizing student volunteers

##### Volunteers in Medicine – 2012

- Provided free medical assistance to low income families
- Assisted with fundraising events to build free clinics in low income neighborhoods

##### Water for Children of Africa- Donation Sponsor: AIDS for Babies in Africa

##### National Realtors Association-Las Vegas

- Prior Registered Agent
- Promote local events on radio am broadcasting
- Speaker on home purchasing and first time buyers
- Assisted with fundraisers

##### Las Vegas Chapter Urban League Young Professional- Charter Member (3 years)

- African American Leadership Conference
  - Providing Assistances to African American High School juniors and seniors : re: scholarships, health, writing, and study habits for college
- Social Events/ Fundraising Committee

##### Urban Chamber of Commerce – Las Vegas Chapter

- Event Volunteer

##### Hollyrod Design care –Autism (Celebrity) Fundraisers (Presented by Actress Holly Robinson Pete)

National Basketball Association All Stars- Event Volunteer- Las Vegas

Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association- San Diego, California

### Featured/ Publications/ Cameo's

TV Guide: Issue Documentary : Blacks in White America

Cosmopolitan Magazine ( Nationwide): Featured Issue: Careers after College

San Diego Union Tribune: Featured Article: Debutant

San Diego Voice and Viewpoint: Featured African Americans Graduates from Thomas Jefferson School of Law & Minority Legal Job Fair

Channel 51 news- San Diego

Fox Channel 6 news- San Diego: Featured: Chartering Minority Legal Job Fair

San Diego State Aztec Times-Featured: Charting Joint Degree Program

Las Vegas Weekly-Featured Kids Virtual Fitness Olympics

Las Vegas Channel 8-Featured Kids Virtual Fitness Olympics

Las Vegas Sentential Urban Newspaper- Kids Virtual Fitness Olympics

Las Vegas Review Journal Newspaper- Featured Real Estate Agent

Las Vegas TV Channel 14 : National Bar Association Convention

Radio Broadcast Special Guest

- 1230 am-Amie Jo Show
- 1230 am-National Realtors Association- Las Vegas Chapter
- 88.1 fm Urban Radio (various dates)

Warner Brothers Studio Production: Movie Production: **LUCKY YOU**: Cast: Waitress #3

NAACP Movie Awards, Billboard Awards, TV Land Awards, Soul Train Music Awards (Las Vegas), World Music Awards ( Las Vegas), Hoodie Awards, Trumpet Awards (Las Vegas) etc., various years (shown)

Pending Book Self-Publication: Confessions of Creole Cook (Southern Louisiana Cooking)

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