



Clark County Courts

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Judge Abbi Silver is a lifelong resident of southern Nevada. She grew up in Boulder City and graduated from Clark High School in Las Vegas. In 1986, Judge Silver received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. In 1989, she received her Juris Doctor degree from Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles, California.

From 1989 to 1990, Judge Silver passed the bar exams in both California and Nevada while working as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Earle White, Jr., Eighth Judicial District Court judge. In 1990, she joined the Clark County District Attorney's office as a deputy district attorney.

From 1994 until 2003, Judge Silver was assigned to the Special Victim's Unit of the District Attorney's Office. She specialized in murder cases involving children and domestic violence, sexual assault cases of children and adults, child and elderly abuse cases, aggravated stalking cases and domestic violence cases.

In 1998, then-District Attorney Stewart Bell promoted her to chief deputy district attorney in the newly created Domestic Violence and Aggravated Stalking Division of the Special Victim's Unit. For five years, Judge Silver supervised this unit consisting of attorneys, investigators, process servers, secretaries and clerks in cases involving murder, domestic violence, stalking and child and elderly abuse.

In 2002, she was nominated by Nevada Senator John Ensign and appointed by United States Attorney General John

Ashcroft to serve as Nevada's representative on the National Advisory Board-Violence Against Women and Children.

Judge Silver has served as the special prosecutor of Humboldt County on a double homicide case and for Lyon County on a child sexual assault case. She also prosecuted and obtained convictions against the stalkers of Senator John Ensign, Senator Harry Reid, entertainer Jerry Lewis, former-Sheriff Jerry Keller and casino owner Stephen Wynn.

In 2003, Judge Silver was elected to the Las Vegas Municipal Court. In 2006, Judge Silver was elected to the Las Vegas Justice Court. In 2009, Judge Silver was elected to the Eighth Judicial District Court.