



## Clark County Courts

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Judge Douglas W. Herndon was born and raised in Texas, having received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University in 1986. He then received his law degree in 1990 from the Washington and Lee University School of Law in Lexington, Virginia. Immediately thereafter, Judge Herndon made Las Vegas his home.

Judge Herndon is currently the District Court Judge for Department 3 of the Eighth Judicial District Court, having been appointed to this position by Governor Guinn in January, 2005.

Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Herndon was the Chief Deputy District Attorney in charge of the Special Victim's Unit. There, he specialized in the prosecution of cases involving child abuse homicide and the sexual abuse of women and children.

Judge Herndon involves himself in a number of organizations whose goals are to protect and serve the women and children of Clark County. He is currently on the Board of Directors for Nevada Child Seekers and teaches Rape Crisis Center volunteers on a variety of aspects related to the court system.

While with the District Attorneys Office, Judge Herndon worked closely with doctors, social workers and law enforcement personnel as a member of the Clark County Child Death Review Team, Sexual Abuse Investigation Team, Child Protection Team, Domestic Fatality Review

Team and the State Domestic Violence Task Force. He has been an Advisory Board Member for the National Shaken Baby Alliance, which engages in national education efforts regarding abusive head trauma in infants.

Judge Herndon has authored several pieces of legislation, including a revamping of the statutes involving Child Physical Abuse and Neglect, and Sexual Abuse of both women and children. Additionally, he has provided courtroom training to Registered Nurses through the Rose Heart Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Seminar and been a frequent guest speaker at UNLV and the Community College of Southern Nevada on topics related to the legal aspects of the physical and sexual abuse of women and children.

Judge Herndon is married and he and his wife, Carrie, have two young daughters, Kaitlyn and Emily Grace.