



Clark County Courts

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Born James M. "Bix" Bixler in 1947 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska he grew up on a ranch south of Harrison, Neb. with his sister Meredith, where he learned to rope, ride and do all that cowboy stuff.

Upon graduating high school in Omaha, he attended Eastern New Mexico University on a football scholarship. He was on the Deans Honor List and a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

His love for his country inspired him to take time off from college and join the US Marines and served in combat in Vietnam during his tour of duty in 1968-1969. As a returning Vietnam Veteran he decided he needed to finish college and then pursue his dream of becoming an attorney.

He graduated in 1971 from Eastern New Mexico University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and went on to Baylor School of Law where he graduated in the top ten percent of his class with a Juris Doctorate in November 1973.

Fresh out of law school Bix moved straight to Las Vegas where he went to work for the North Las Vegas City Attorney's Office as a law clerk and later as a Deputy City Attorney. He also served as the first North Las Vegas Municipal Court Administrator. He left the City Attorney's office and became a founding partner in the firm of Franklin, Bixler and Damus. During the next six years Bix was actively engaged in the private practice of law and became the father of his first daughter.

In 1980 Bix ran for and was elected to Las Vegas Justice Court, Department 4 and served in that position for twenty-

five years until his election in 2006 to the Eighth Judicial District Court. Over the course of the last twenty-five years he has served as the Chief Judge three times of the Las Vegas Township Justice Court. Judge Bix has also accumulated more than 450 hours of formal judicial training.

In the Review Journal's biannual Judicial Survey Judge Bix has consistently been rated at the very top of the judges in Clark County. Judge Bixler is married to his beautiful wife Dani and now has two daughters, a dog named Buster, and is a new grandfather.