



Clark County Courts

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Chief Judge Kathy A. Hardcastle graduated from Texas Tech University Law School in 1978. After serving a judicial clerkship in Reno, she became a Washoe County Deputy District Attorney, also serving as counsel for the State Bar of Nevada.

She moved to Las Vegas in 1983 as a Deputy Attorney General. While in the Attorney General's Office, Judge Hardcastle was in charge of the Insurance Fraud Unit. She also served as legal counsel for the Nevada Equal Rights Commission, the State Board of Architecture and Southern Nevada mental health agencies. She left the Attorney General's Office in 1988 to engage in the private practice of law. From 1991 until taking the bench January 6, 1997, she was a Deputy Public Defender in Las Vegas.

Judge Hardcastle has conducted educational seminars for attorneys and has taught business law courses at both the University of Nevada, Reno and UNLV. She has taught courses at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Academy and POST certified classes to various sheriff departments throughout the State. For many years she served on the Board of Directors and as Chair of the Nominating Committee for the Frontier Girl Scouts Council and is still very active in community affairs.