



Clark County Courts

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District Court

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Chief Judge, Las Vegas
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Judge Kenneth C. Cory graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1961 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Brigham Young University in 1967. In 1971, he earned his Juris Doctorate from American University, Washington College of Law.

Following college Judge Cory worked for Senator Alan Bible. After serving as an Assistant United States Attorney and a Deputy City Attorney in Las Vegas, Judge Cory was appointed as the first Federal Public Defender in Nevada, where he achieved the highest rate of acquittal of any federal public defender office in the country.

In 2004, Governor Kenny Guinn appointed Judge Cory to the bench to fill the judgeship vacated by Gene Porter. Previously, Judge Cory sought appointment to the bench in 1995 and in 1996 challenged Judge Michael Douglas for the judgeship in Department 11.

Judge Cory is the son of Calvin and Beth Cory of Las Vegas. Calvin Cory served as the first president of the Clark County Bar Association and as a Las Vegas attorney.

Judge Cory is married and has six children.

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