



Clark County Courts

T. Arthur Ritchie
Chief Judge, Eighth Judicial
District Court

Ann Zimmerman
Chief Judge, Las Vegas
Township Justice Court

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Department Thirteen
Eighth Judicial District Court

Term of Office 1998 - present

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Judge Denton was appointed on August 19, 1998 to fill a vacancy left on the District Court bench by his resigning predecessor and was sworn in on September 4, 1998. He was then retained in the general election of November 3, 1998 to complete the remaining four years of his predecessor's term. He filed for re-election in 2002 and was unopposed for a six-year term commencing in January, 2003.

Judge Denton was born in Elko, Nevada and raised in Boulder City, Nevada where he graduated from high school. He then attended the University of Nevada, Reno (with a year in Paris, France through an affiliate of UNR), followed by attendance at the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. where he obtained his J.D. in May of 1976.

After being commissioned a second lieutenant and fulfilling his U.S. Army R.O.T.C. active duty obligation as a first lieutenant, he practiced law for 21 years before assuming the District Court bench, achieving the highly-esteemed "AV" rating with Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directory and a firm listing in that publication's Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers in the categories of Civil Trial Practice, General Practice, and Probate, Trusts and Estate Planning.

COURTS:

- Nevada Supreme Court, 1976
- U.S. District Court, Nevada, 1976

- U.S. Court of Appeals 9th Circuit, 1977
- District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 1980

POSITIONS:

- United States Army Reserve, 1973-1989 (Captain, JAG)
- Alternate Juvenile Court Referee, 1980-1998
- Associate Municipal Judge, Boulder City, 1991-1998
- Arbitrator, Court Annexed Arbitration Program Eighth Judicial District Court, 1992-1998
- Nevada Supreme Court Settlement Judge, 1997-1998
- "Master," Nevada American Inn of Court; President, 1999-2000
- Commissioner, Nevada Judicial Discipline Commission, 2000- present