



Clark County Courts

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Judge Michael P. Villani has been a 46 year resident of Las Vegas, Nevada. He graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in 1979 with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Sociology. He received his Juris Doctorate in 1982 from California Western School of Law. While in law school he was a member of the Advocacy Honors Board.

Judge Villani is currently the District Court Judge for Department XVII. Since taking the Bench in 2007, he has graduated from the National Judicial College, was selected by the College to be a discussion leader for "Ethics for Judges," was a speaker for the 2007 Introduction to Nevada Practice & Procedure CLE Program and was a speaker at the 2007 Bridge the Gap.

Shortly after passing the Bar, Judge Villani was a Deputy District Attorney and after leaving the District Attorneys office he was in private practice handling criminal defense, personal injury and insurance defense matters. As such, Judge Villani brings to the Bench a wealth of knowledge in all areas of the law.

Prior to taking the Bench, Judge Villani donated extensive time to the Bar and Community. His prior judicial experience includes serving as an Alternate Municipal Court Judge, Justice of the Peace Pro Tem and Small Claims Court Judge. From 1993 through 2007, he was an Arbitrator handling in excess of 350 cases.

In 1997 through the date of his appointment to the Bench, the State Bar of Nevada appointed him to the Fee Dispute Committee and for 2 years he was a member of the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board.

Judge Villani is married and he and his wife, Cathy, have six children.

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