



Clark County Courts

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Chief Judge, Las Vegas
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Judge Nancy Oesterle was appointed to the Las Vegas Justice Court Bench in December of 1990 and became the first female ever appointed in its 89 year history. She has been re-elected to that position twice and has been Chief Judge of Las Vegas Justice Court twice. Judge Oesterle served eight (8) years on the Nevada Judges Association board and was president in 1995.

For the past 14 years she has been the Chairman of the Education Committee for the Nevada Judges Association and she is an active member of the Legislative Committee, speaking frequently in Carson City on bills that affect the Nevada Judges Association. She is a member of the Nevada Supreme Court Judicial Assessment Commission and chair of the Criminal Justice Task Force Sub-committee.

She is co-chair of the Nevada Supreme Court Community Relations Committee and a member of the Nevada Supreme Court Mandatory Sentencing Commission. In 1998, the Nevada Supreme Court appointed Judge Oesterle to the state Judicial Leadership Committee. The Nevada Judges Association honored Judge Oesterle with the Distinguished Judge of the Year Award in 1994.

Judge Oesterle moved to Las Vegas 33 years ago from South Miami, Florida. She attended the University of Nevada Las Vegas in 1978 and earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice graduating with High Distinction. She then attended California Western School of Law in San Diego and

received her Juris Doctor Degree in 1981. Upon graduating from law school, Judge Oesterle was employed by the Clark County District Attorney's Office as a trial attorney in the criminal division for almost 10 years. During that time period she served six years on the Clark County Bar Association Board and in 1990 was President of Clark County Bar Association. In 1993 the Clark County Bar Association presented her with the Distinguished Presidential Service Award for her service to the Bar and that same year she was honored by the Chamber of Commerce with the Women of Achievement award for the legal category. In December, 2000, Judge Oesterle was named by the Clark County Law Foundation as the first ever Ambassador of the Year Award for her continued community service.

Judge Oesterle believes strongly in the importance of educating the public in all aspects regarding the law. She is the creator, producer and co-host of a weekly TV show, *Law For The Layman*, which has been airing in Clark County for the past 15 years. She also volunteers her time to a program she initiated entitled *Keys to the Courthouse* in which she visits elementary schools on a weekly basis and brings the elementary class to her courtroom to educate them regarding the criminal justice process. She has been the organizer of the Doctor v. Lawyer volleyball tournaments and softball games for charity for the past fourteen (14) years. But her real claim to fame was being a UNLV cheerleader throughout her years at UNLV.