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Valerie Adair grew up in Las Vegas graduating as Valedictorian of Clark High School in 1981. She then obtained her bachelor of arts degree from Harvard University and her juris doctorate, magna cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center where she served as editor of the law review.

She first practiced civil litigation in Los Angeles, California but found that she wanted to return to Las Vegas, where she began working in the criminal division in the District Attorney's office in 1990. After several years in the criminal division, Valerie was made Chief Deputy District Attorney of the Fraud Unit, where she specialized in prosecuting complex white collar fraud and the financial exploitation of the elderly.

She has served on various task forces and committees relating to the legal representation of the elderly, the abuse and exploitation of the elderly, and high tech crimes. She was elected to the District Court bench in November, 2002.