



Clark County Courts

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District Court

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Chief Judge, Las Vegas
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Eighth Judicial District Court

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Judge Valorie J. Vega has more than a dozen years of experience as a jurist prior to which time she practiced in both the criminal and civil law arenas.

Judge Vega was appointed to District Court's Department Two on February 21, 1999 by Governor Kenny Guinn. She was appointed to Municipal Court in 1989 and was retained and re-elected by the voters until her resignation in 1999 to accept the District Court appointment. She is a former Clark County Deputy District Attorney from 1984 through 1989, prosecuting felony cases, and was instrumental in implementing the office's first Sexual Assault and Child Abuse team.

She was an associate attorney with the law firm of Sully and Lenhard from 1983 to 1984 and clerked for District Court Judge Carl Christensen from 1982 to 1983 and also clerked for the law firm of Brandenburg, Torribio and Brazelton in Los Angeles in 1982. Before attending law school, Judge Vega, fluent in Spanish, supervised interpreters for the Eighth Judicial District Court in Las Vegas from 1978 to 1979, where she set up testing and certification for court interpreters and did Spanish-English interpretation and translation. Judge Vega is involved in her profession and community.

She is a Board Member of the Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Southern Nevada as well as the Latin Chamber of

Commerce. She is also a volunteer speaker for D.A.R.E. and the Clark County School District's PAYBACK Program.

Judge Vega is a member of the American Judges Association, the Nevada District Court Judges Association, the National Association of Women Judges, the Southern Nevada Association of Women.

Attorneys, the Clark County Bar Association, the Latino Bar Association, Hispanics in Politics, and the National Association of Latino Elected Officials. Judge Vega is a member of the Nevada Supreme Court's Committees on Public Trust and Confidence, Certification of Court Interpreters, and Judicial Ethics.

She was honored with the 1992 "Women of Achievement Award" from the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and recognized by the Latin Chamber of Commerce as the "Hispanic of the Year" in 1995 and recipient of the 2001 Community Pride Portraits of Success Award from KLAS-TV and its Community Partners.

Judge Vega is married, has one child and has been a resident of Southern Nevada since 1978. Judge Vega has a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Northridge; a graduate studies certificate in Interpretation/Translation from the University of California, Santa Barbara; and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Southern California's Law Center.