

James Brennan
August 22, 1930—
Elected 1968

James Brennan served one term on the Clark County Commission in 1968 and has served as a judge in southern Nevada for over thirty years.

Brennan graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1948 and the University of Nevada in 1955. Following his degree, Brennan went to the Hastings College of Law. In 1958, he was admitted to the Nevada Bar. The following year, he served as the deputy district attorney in Clark County.

In 1960, voters elected Brennan as a hospital trustee. In 1964, he was elected to serve as Justice of the Peace for Las Vegas. The Clark County Board of Health named him their legal counsel in 1967. In that role, he drafted the county's first set of air pollution regulations.

Brennan ran for County Commission in 1968 and was elected by over seventy percent of the vote. In 1972, Richard Ronzone defeated the incumbent Brennan in a close election.

In 1974, 1978, and 1984, voters elected Brennan as a district court judge. He resigned his position on the district court in 1989 following allegations of fraud. Nancy Becker was appointed to fill the rest of his term. In 1990, Brennan rejoined the bench on temporary duty. He continues to serve as a senior judge in Clark County, handling overflow cases from other judges.

