

Mark James
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Mark James was born in Eugene, Oregon. He attended Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon and earned a bachelor's degree in political science in 1981. He attended the University of Arizona law school, earning his law degree in 1985. He interned for Senator Paul Laxalt in Washington, D.C.

James moved to southern Nevada and joined the law firm of Jolley, Urga, Wirth, and Woodbury. He focused on water and natural resource matters.

Voters elected James to the Nevada State Senate in 1992. He served for ten years in the Senate. In May 2002, James announced his candidacy for the Clark County Commission. During his tenure on the County Commission, James earned a reputation for working cooperatively. He helped found the Growth Task Force. In 2004, James resigned his seat citing his mother's death, his father's illness, and the demands of his law firm.

James remains in Las Vegas and runs his own law firm. He is active with Public Education Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club.

