

North Las Vegas Justice Court – Department 3

CHIEF JUDGE Belinda T. Harris

Belinda T. Harris is the Chief Judge of North Las Vegas Justice Court and is the first black judge elected to serve the North Las Vegas community. As a lifelong resident of North Las Vegas, Chief Judge Harris is deeply committed to the community that raised her, and she is focused on making the court a place of fairness, dignity, and genuine justice for all.

Chief Judge Harris attended Howard University for her undergraduate degree, followed by her attendance at American University Washington College of Law, where she received her juris doctorate. She has over two decades of legal experience, including nine years as a Chief Deputy Public Defender in Clark County. She is a skilled litigator who has defended the constitution and protected the rights of individuals. As a sitting judge, she continues to dedicate her life mission to preserving justice for everyday people.

Chief Judge Harris affectionally calls North Las Vegas Justice Court “The People’s Court” because it is a place of equity that listens to the community and responds with meaningful solutions. Beyond the bench, she actively works with numerous community partners to support and uplift her community through targeted initiatives.

In 2023, Chief Judge Harris and the North Las Vegas Justice Court family received the Champion of Justice Award from Nevada Legal Services for its exemplary service to the community. Some of her more notable contributions to North Las Vegas Justice Court include:

- Establishing a partnership with Nevada Legal Services to provide weekly legal assistance to residents dealing with landlord / tenant issues.
- Hosting several record sealing events, with community partners including, Legal Aid Services of Nevada, the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County Commissioners, and the Clark County District Attorney’s Office to assist citizens clear past convictions and gain the ability to a new start.
- Participating in the Reading and Robes program sponsored by the National Judicial College, by visiting local schools and reading to children and inspiring them to dream big.
- Collaborating with Hopelink to assist families maintain housing stability while ensuring those who are providing housing are compensated.

Chief Judge Harris is known for being **Bold, Tough, and Honest (BTH)**. She is proud of being homegrown and is devoted to maintaining integrity and fairness, but above all, she is committed to earning the North Las Vegas and broader community’s trust every day. For her, this isn’t just about holding a title, it’s about showing up, listening, and making justice work for everyone.