

## North Las Vegas Justice Court- Department 2

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### JUDGE Jonathan Cooper

Judge Jonathan Cooper was elected as Justice of the Peace in 2024. Prior to his election, he served as a Domestic Violence TPO Hearing Master with the Eighth Judicial District Court. In this role, Judge Cooper worked closely with individuals impacted by domestic violence, ensuring that protective orders were granted to those in need.

Before his time on the bench, Judge Cooper worked for the Clark County District Attorney's Office where he served on different specialty teams, including the elder abuse prosecution unit, eventually rising to the position of Chief Deputy District Attorney. With over seven years of service at the DA's office, Judge Cooper gained significant experience in criminal law. He then transitioned to serve as a Public Defender, also here in Clark County, for approximately four years, defending the rights of individuals within the criminal justice system.

Judge Cooper is a proud graduate of Eldorado High School in northeast Las Vegas. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he was selected for the Army's early commissioning program at Wentworth Military Academy. He was commissioned as an Army Officer in 2005, branching Aviation. Judge Cooper later pursued his law degree at the University of Missouri, returning to his hometown of Las Vegas upon graduation to start his legal career.

In addition to his judicial responsibilities, Judge Cooper has been dedicated to community service, volunteering as a Truancy Diversion Judge since 2021. The Truancy Diversion Program worked to improve student attendance and academic performance by fostering collaboration among students, parents, and teachers. He is also actively involved in several veteran organizations, homeless outreach programs, and youth mentoring initiatives, demonstrating his commitment to serving both the legal and broader community.

In 2024, Judge Cooper assumed responsibility for the only Veterans' Court in North Las Vegas, which began in 2014. Veterans' Court is a type of specialty court that is charged with trying cases of minor offenses which involve military veterans, particularly those diagnosed with service-related illnesses. The goal of the program is to restore veterans to the law-abiding citizens they were before their experience in the military and combat. The specialty court does not receive any specific funding – judges must carve time out of their schedule to handle the cases. Others involved in facilitating the program do so on a volunteer basis. The Veterans' Court hearings are held at 9:00 a.m. every other Wednesday in Department 2.

He truly cares for this community and is proud to serve beautiful North Las Vegas.