



# 2025

## Nevada Limited Jurisdiction Judges

*Winter Seminar*

January 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>

CasaBlanca Resort | Mesquite, NV



### Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>



8:00 - 9:00 am	<b>New Judge Education</b> Faculty Judges
9:00 - 10:00 am	<b>NJLJ Education Committee Meeting</b>
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>New Judge Education</b> AOC Staff
10:00 - 11:00 am	<b>NJLJ Board Meeting</b>
10:00 am - 2:00 pm	<b>Check in / Badge Pick Up</b>
11:30 am - 12:45 pm	<b>NJLJ Legislative Committee Lunch</b>
1:00 - 1:15 pm	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
1:15 - 2:15 pm	<b>Civil Law Update: JCRCP 4, NRS 97B and more</b> Judge Jessica Goodey
	A discussion on the recent updates in the civil world, including what constitutes proper service under the newly amended JCRCP 4 and limits on attorney's fees and interest in consumer debt cases under NRS 97B. There will be time for a question-and-answer session, so please bring any and all questions! <u>Learning Objectives</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify proper service for individuals and business entities</li> <li>• Determine "consumer debt" cases and correctly apply the attorney's fees and interest limitations as set forth in NRS 97B</li> <li>• Identify whether a renewal of judgment has been timely filed</li> <li>• Analyze wage garnishments, claims for exemption, and judgments against a garnishee defendant</li> </ul>
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Break & Exhibit Viewing

## Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> (con't)

2:30 - 3:30 pm	<p><b>Effective and Not-so-Effective Coping Strategies for a Successful World</b> Justice Linda Bell &amp; LaDonna Childress</p> <p>An exploration on the emotional challenges faced in the legal profession, particularly stress, anxiety, and depression. Includes insights into healthy and unhealthy ways to manage stress and resources for support and actionable steps.</p> <p><u>Learning Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the prevalence and impact of stress, anxiety, and depression in the legal profession</li> <li>• Differentiate between adaptive and maladaptive coping strategies and their effects</li> <li>• Develop skills to self-assess stress levels and support peers in high-stress environments</li> </ul>
3:30 - 4:30 pm	<p><b>Dealing with Difficult People</b> Judge Natalie Tyrrell, Chief Judge Kevin Higgins, Judge Ryan Toone &amp; Judge Steve Bishop</p> <p>A review of the basic foundations of challenging behaviors in court cases. This session will explore techniques for dealing effectively with challenging people in court and practice applying these techniques in different court scenarios.</p> <p><u>Learning Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe some basic foundations of challenging behaviors in court cases</li> <li>• Explain several techniques for dealing effectively with challenging people in court</li> <li>• Apply these techniques appropriately in different court scenarios</li> </ul>
5:30 - 7:00 pm	<p><b>NJLJ Welcome Reception</b></p>

## Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>



7:30 - 8:45 am	<p>Buffet Breakfast &amp; Exhibitors</p>
9:00 - 10:00 am	<p><b>Mental Health and the Courts</b> Judge Bitia Yeager and Judge Nadia Wood</p> <p>Considerations on what constitutes a Serious Mental Illness (SMI), how SMI affects individuals, and the services our Mental Health Courts provide to individuals with SMI in the criminal justice system to help them achieve stability and to reduce recidivism and improve public safety.</p> <p><u>Learning Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the genetic, environmental, and trauma-related factors contributing to SMI</li> <li>• Evaluate the benefits of MHC for participants and the broader community</li> <li>• Plan for long-term mental health maintenance and community reintegration after MHC program completion</li> </ul>
10:00 - 10:15 am	<p>Break &amp; Exhibit Viewing</p>
10:15 - 11:15 am	<p><b>Code of Judicial Conduct: Canons 1-3</b> Judge Melisa De La Garza, Judge Jennifer Klapper, &amp; Judge Diana Sullivan</p> <p>A review and discussion on the first three canons of the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct, emphasizing the ethical principles and rules governing judges' professional behavior.</p> <p><u>Learning Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize the importance of avoiding impropriety or the appearance of impropriety in judicial and personal conduct</li> <li>• Explore guidelines for impartial and competent performance of judicial duties, including fairness and bias prevention</li> <li>• Learn the boundaries and responsibilities of judges in managing extrajudicial activities and financial dealings</li> </ul>
11:15 - 1:00 pm	<p>Lunch provided by AOC</p>

## Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> (con't)

1:00 - 2:00 pm	<p><b>Digital Evidence, Cyber Threat Awareness, and Creative Strategies for Managing Risk</b> (Virtual) Mark Lanterman</p> <p>Ransomware. Spear phishing. The “insider” threat. Organizations and firms face a myriad of cyber threats that come with ample amounts of risk. From reputational damage to financial losses, the possible costs of a cyberattack or data breach can be challenging to quantify—and mitigate. Mark Lanterman, Chief Technology Officer of Computer Forensic Services, will discuss latest trends in our cyber landscape including topics such as the Dark Web, doxxing, ransomware, and the role of the human element in making or breaking a strong security culture.</p> <p><u>Learning Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize practical suggestions for improving cybersecurity postures with proactive and reactive strategies</li> <li>• Identify ethical considerations for managing data and assets</li> <li>• Learn the value of leveraging digital evidence and ESI in the courtroom as well as the impact of AI</li> </ul>
2:00 - 3:00 pm	<p><b>Common Problems District Courts See on Appeal</b> Chief Judge Jerry Wiese</p> <p>An interactive discussion about problems that the District Court experiences with appeals from lower courts, how such problems can be avoided, and what can the District Court do to help the lower courts.</p> <p><u>Learning Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize the common procedural errors made by litigants in filing appeals</li> <li>• Recommend organizational practices for preparing and transmitting appellate records</li> <li>• Discuss the importance of training lower court judges and staff to address procedural and evidentiary challenges</li> </ul>
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Break & Exhibit Viewing
3:15 - 4:15 pm	<p><b>Judicial Leadership in Action: Navigating Conflict, Administration, Ethics, and Communication</b> Judge Kendra Bertschy, Judge Randall Soderquist &amp; Emily Kuhlman</p> <p>A panel presentation that explores the multifaceted leadership responsibilities of judges while providing insights into how judges can effectively manage relationships with stakeholders, lead court staff, and uphold community trust while maintaining judicial impartiality and ethical standards</p> <p><u>Learning Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze the evolving role of judges in the context of current judicial responsibilities and leadership expectations</li> <li>• Examine techniques to mediate stakeholder conflicts while maintaining professionalism and neutrality</li> <li>• Determine best practices for using social media to engage the public without compromising impartiality or professionalism</li> </ul>

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## Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

7:30 - 8:30 am	Buffet Breakfast & Exhibitors
8:45 - 9:45 am	<p><b>High Interest Loans &amp; Credit Card Debt</b> Chief Judge Kevin Higgins</p> <p>A review and analysis of high interest loan and credit card collection cases while following the requirements of Chapters 604A and 97A of the Nevada Revised Statutes.</p> <p><u>Learning Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize prohibited lending and collection practices, along with the consequences of violations</li> <li>• Apply statutory enforcement tools and ethical considerations in loan-related civil actions</li> </ul>
9:45 - 10:00 am	Break & Exhibit Viewing

## Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> (con't)

	<p><b><i>Who's in the Jury Pool (and Why Judges May Want to Know How They Got There): Impact of Jury System Management on Jury Pool Diversity</i></b> Paula Hannaford-Agor</p>
10:00 - 11:30 am	<p>An overview of how jury pools in Nevada trial courts are created and managed, and how the summoning and qualification process affects the demographic composition of jury pools. Also, a discussion on how the Sixth Amendment case law related to the requirement that jury pools reflect a fair cross section of the community.</p> <p><u>Learning Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the steps employed by Nevada jury commissioners to summon and qualify prospective jurors</li> <li>• Explain the impact of jury diversity on deliberations and on the legitimacy of jury verdicts</li> <li>• Articulate the legal standards for determining whether a party has sufficiently established a violation of their right to a jury selected from pool that reflects a fair cross section of the community</li> </ul>
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch provided by AOC
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	<b>NJLJ Business Meeting and Elections</b>
5:30 - 6:30 pm	<b>Networking Reception</b>
5:30 - 6:30 pm	<b>Judicial Awards &amp; Photographs</b>
6:30 - 8:00 pm	<b>Group Photo &amp; Annual Awards Banquet</b>

## Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

7:15 - 8:15 am	Buffet Breakfast & Exhibitors
8:30 - 9:30 am	<p><b><i>Contempt</i></b> Judge Cedric Kerns</p> <p>A review of contempt basics and how to properly avoid or impose contempt</p> <p><u>Learning Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Differentiate between civil and criminal contempt and direct and indirect contempt</li> <li>• Determine how and when it is necessary to fill out an appropriate order</li> </ul>
9:30 - 9:45 am	Break
9:45 - 11:15 am	<p><b><i>Processing Trauma for Judges</i></b> Mark Linsenbardt</p> <p>An exploration of primary and secondary trauma with special emphasis on factors present in the Judicial workplace not found in other environments.</p> <p><u>Learning Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List specific dangers of potential stress and trauma you may encounter in your roles, including the impact on your mental health and well-being</li> <li>• Acquire practical tools and strategies to help identify and mitigate stress and trauma, including techniques for self-care, stress management, and building resilience</li> </ul>
11:15 - 11:30 am	<b>Close of 2025 Winter Seminar</b>

**Don't forget to submit online your COA and Seminar Evaluation!**