



A BRIEF GUIDE TO NEVADA'S JUSTICE COURTS

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The justice court system is centuries old. According to former Nevada Supreme Court Justice Cliff Young, the Act of 1361, written in England, officially created the office of justice of the peace. In Young's "From Kings' Courts to the Justice Courts: A Notable Judicial Odyssey," he describes the king's appointment of these judges to keep the peace, arrest and detain offenders, and decide if they had committed a felony or a trespass.

Five hundred years later in 1861, the act of Congress that created the Territory of Nevada also created the office of justice of peace. The Territorial Legislature provided that the justices of the peace be appointed by the county commissioners, and that the Common Law would be the rule of decision in the courts, as long as that law was not repugnant to the U.S. Constitution and the Nevada Territory. The legislature also voted to limit the justice court jurisdiction to small dollar amounts and to exclude real property disputes.

Today, these limited jurisdiction courts are courts of record, either through recording the proceedings or hiring a court reporter. The justices of peace determine probable cause and the sufficiency of the evidence to bind a defendant over to district court, set bail and appoint counsel for indigent defendants, and they are the first protector of people from unfair governmental treatment. In addition, justices of the peace preside over misdemeanor cases, traffic matters, evictions and disputes up to \$10,000. NRS 4.010 through 4.420.

Currently, the Clark and Washoe County justices of peace must be licensed Nevada lawyers, admitted to practice, and qualified electors. In the rural counties, however, the only qualifications for candidates are that they must be high school graduates, or have an equivalent education, and be qualified electors. Additionally, a candidate for justice of the peace must never have been removed from judicial office. The county voters elect their justices of the peace, in non-partisan elections, to a six-year term, or the county commission may appoint a qualified person to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term.

When preparing to represent a client in a justice court, an attorney should determine if the justice court has adopted local rules, and if so, review them before appearing in court. Lawyers should also check for a court website with relevant information. In the larger jurisdictions, the court may have its own website; other courts may be listed only on their county's website, as a department of government; and in the smallest of jurisdictions, the court may not have a website

at all. The information on these websites is often incomplete. Before venturing out to a rural justice court, call the court to confirm the dates and times the court is open.

In researching this article, I discovered that information on all the townships has not yet been compiled in one place.

The information readily available on each court is published below. For easy reference, I grouped the justice courts under their respective district courts. The Second and Eighth Judicial District each have their own listings, while the rural courts are grouped together under their judicial districts.

NEVADA JUSTICE COURTS

Second Judicial District Justice Courts:

Second Judicial District Court:

Incline Village Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: E. Alan Tiras

Address: 865 Tahoe Boulevard, Suite 301,
Incline Village, NV 89451

Telephone: (775) 832-4100; facsimile: (775) 832-4162

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
closed Fridays

Second Judicial District Court –

Reno Township Justice Court

Justices of Peace:

Patricia Lynch – Department 1

Pete Sferrazza – Department 2

Vacant – Department 3

Scott Pearson, Chief Judge – Department 4

David Clifton – Department 5

Pierre Hascheff – Department 6

Addresses: 1 S. Sierra Street and P.O. Box 11130,
Reno NV 89520-0027

Telephone: (775) 328-6500; facsimile: (775) 325-6591

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Second Judicial District Court- Sparks Township

Justices of Peace:

Kevin Higgins

Chris Wilson

Address: 1675 E. Prater Way, Suite 107, Sparks, NV 89434

Telephone: (775) 353-7600; facsimile: (775) 352-3004

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
closed from noon to 1:15 p.m.;

Fridays from 7:45 a.m. to noon

Eighth Judicial District Justice Courts:

Eighth Judicial District Court –

Boulder Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Victor Miller

Address: 505 Avenue “G” Boulder City, NV 89005

Telephone: (702) 455-8000; facsimile: (702) 455-8003

Eighth Judicial District Court -

Bunkerville Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Darryll Dodenbier

Addresses: 190 W. Virgin Street and P.O. Box 7185,
Bunkerville, NV 89007

Telephone: (702) 346-5711; facsimile: (702) 346-7212

Eighth Judicial District Court –

Goodsprings Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Dawn Haviland

Addresses: 23120 S. Las Vegas Boulevard and P.O. Box
19155, Jean, NV 89019

Telephone: (702) 874-1405; facsimile: (702) 874-1612

Eighth Judicial District Court –

Henderson Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Rodney Burr, Chief Judge – Department 1

Address: 243 S. Water Street, Henderson, NV 89015

Telephone: (702) 455-7962; facsimile: (702) 455-7935

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Eighth Judicial District Court –

Henderson Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Stephen George – Department 2

Address: 243 S. Water Street, Henderson, NV 89015

Telephone: (702) 455-7985; facsimile: (702) 455-7935

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Eighth Judicial District Court –

Henderson Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: David Gibson, Sr. – Department 3

Address: 243 S. Water Street, Henderson, NV 89015

Telephone: (702) 455-8714; facsimile: (702) 455-7935

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Eighth Judicial District Court –

Las Vegas Township Justice Court

Justices of Peace:

Deborah Lippis – Department 1; *Telephone:* (702) 671-4624;

facsimile: (702) 671-3342

Joseph Sciscento – Department 2; *Telephone:* (702) 671-3353;

facsimile: (702) 671-3352

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Joesph Sciscento, Department 2; Telephone: (702) 671-3353; facsimile (702) 671-3352
Janiece Marshall – Department 3; Telephone: (702) 671-3361; facsimile: (702) 671-3362
Melissa Saragosa - Department 4; Telephone: (702) 671-3367; facsimile: (702) 671-3368
Cynthia Dustin-Cruz – Department 5; Telephone: (702) 671-3381; facsimile: (702) 671-3372
Bitu Khamsi – Department ; Telephone: (702) 671-3392; facsimile: (702) 671-3393
Karen Bennett-Haron – Department 7; Telephone: (702) 671-3402; facsimile: (702) 382-3059
Ann Zimmerman – Department 8; Telephone: (702) 671-3408; facsimile: (702) 385-8912
Joe Bonaventure – Department 9; Telephone: (702) 671-3330; facsimile: (702) 384-4789
Melanie Andress-Tobiasson – Department 10; Telephone: (702) 671-0602; facsimile: (702) 671-0606
Eric Goodman – Department 11; Telephone: (702)671-0836; facsimile: (702)671-0840
Diana Sullivan – Department 12; Telephone: (702) 671-0842; facsimile: (702) 671-0846
Suzan Baucum – Department 13; Telephone: (702) 671-3624; facsimile: (702) 366-1637
Conrad Hafen – Department 14;
Address: Regional Justice Center, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101
Telephone: (702) 671-3625; facsimile: (702) 366-1642
Hours: Building opens at 7:15 a.m.

Eighth Judicial District Court – Laughlin Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Tim Atkins
Address: 101 Civic Way, Suite 2, Laughlin, NV 89029
Telephone: (702) 298-4622; facsimile: (702) 298-7508
Hours: Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Eighth Judicial District Court - Mesquite Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Ryan Toone
Address: 500 Hillside Drive, Mesquite, NV 89027
Telephone: (702) 346-5298; facsimile: (702) 346-7319
Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Eighth Judicial District Court – Moapa Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Ruth Kolhoss
Addresses: 1340 E. Highway 168 and P.O. Box 280, Moapa, NV 89025
Telephone: (702) 864-2333; facsimile: (702) 864-2585
Hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Eighth Judicial District Court - Moapa Valley Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: D. Lanny Waite
Addresses: 1340 E. Highway 168 and P.O. Box 337, Overton, NV 89040
Telephone: (702) 397-2840; facsimile: (702) 397-2842
Hours: Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Eighth Judicial District Court – North Las Vegas Justice Court

Justices of Peace:
Kalani Hoo – Department 1; Telephone: (702) 455-7802
Natalie Tyrrell, Chief Judge – Department 2; Telephone: (702) 455-7033; facsimile: (702) 646-3892
Chris Lee – Department 3; Telephone: (702) 455-7802
Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Eighth Judicial District Court – Searchlight Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Richard Hill
Addresses: 1090 Cottonwood Cove Road and P.O. Box 815, Searchlight, NV 89046
Telephone: (702) 297-1052; facsimile: (702) 297-1022
Hours: Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rural (other 15 counties) Justice Courts

First Judicial District Court, Carson City Justice Court

Justices of Peace:
Thomas Armstrong
John Tatro
Address: 885 East Musser Street, Suite 2007, Carson City NV 89701
Telephone: (775) 887-2121; facsimile: (775) 887-2297
Hours: Monday through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
Fridays, closed from noon to 1 p.m.

First Judicial District Court, Virginia Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Eileen Herrington
Addresses: 26 S. B Street and P.O. Box 674, Virginia City, NV 89440
Telephone: (775) 847-0962; facsimile: (775) 847-0915
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Third Judicial District Court – Canal Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Robert Bennett
Address: 565 East Main Street, Fernley, NV 89408
Telephone: (775) 575-3355, facsimile: (775) 575-3359
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Third Judicial District Court –
Dayton Township Justice Court**
Justice of Peace: Camille Vecchiarelli
Address: 235 Main Street, Dayton, NV 89403
Telephone: (775) 246-6233; facsimile: (775) 246-6203
Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Fridays 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Third Judicial District Court –
Walker River Township Justice Court**
Justice of Peace: Michael Fletcher
Address: 911 Harvey Way, #2, Yerington, NV 89447
Telephone: (775) 463-6639; facsimile: (775) 463-6638

**Fourth Judicial District Court –
Carlin Township Justice Court**
Justice of Peace: Teri Feasel
Address: 101 South 8th Street and P.O. Box 789,
Carlin, NV 89822
Telephone: (775) 754-6321; facsimile (775) 754-6893
Hours: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Fourth Judicial District Court –
Eastline Township Justice Court**
Justice of Peace: Brian Boatman
Addresses: 1111 N. Gene L. Jones Way and P.O. Box 2300,
West Wendover, NV 89883
Telephone: (775) 664-2305; facsimile: (775) 664-2979
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mountain
Standard Time

**Fourth Judicial District Court –
Elko Township Justice Court**
Justice of Peace: Mason Simons
Addresses: 571 Idaho Street and P.O. Box 176,
Elko, NV 89803
Telephone: (775) 738-8403; facsimile (775) 738-8416
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Fourth Judicial District Court –
Jackpot Township Justice Court**
Justice of Peace: Brad Hester
Addresses: 1146 Roulette Drive and P.O. Box 229,
Jackpot, NV 89825
Telephone: (775) 755-2456; facsimile: (775) 755-2455
Hours: Monday through Friday,
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Time

**Fourth Judicial District Court –
Wells Township Justice Court**
Justice of Peace: Patricia Calton
Address: 1510 Lake Avenue and P.O. Box 297,
Wells, NV 89835
Telephone: (775) 752-3726; facsimile: (775) 752-3363
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
closed noon to 1 p.m.

**Fifth Judicial District Court –
Beatty Township Justice Court**
Justice of Peace: Gus Sullivan
Address: 426 “C” Avenue South and P.O. Box 805,
Beatty, NV 89003
Telephone: (775) 553-2951; facsimile: (775) 553-2136
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
closed from noon to 1 p.m.

**Fifth Judicial District Court –
Esmeralda Township Justice Court**
Justice of Peace: Juanita Colvin
Addresses: Crook Street and P.O. Box 370,
Goldfield, NV 893013
Telephone: (775) 485-6359; facsimile: (775) 485-3462
Hours: Usually Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

**Fifth Judicial District Court –
Hawthorne Township Justice Court**
Justice of Peace: Jay Gunter
Addresses: 166 E Street and P.O. Box 1660,
Hawthorne, NV 89415
Telephone: (775) 945-3859; facsimile: (775) 945-0700
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Fifth Judicial District Court –
Pahrump Township Justice Court**
Justices of Peace:
Ron Kent – Department A; *Telephone:* (775) 751-7050
Kent Jaspersen – Department B; *Telephone:* (775) 751-4272
Address: 1520 E. Basin Avenue, #104, Pahrump, NV 89060
Facsimile: (775) 751-7059
Hours: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Fifth Judicial District Court –
Tonopah Township Justice Court**
Justice of Peace: Jennifer Klapper
Addresses: 101 Radar Road and P.O. Box 1151,
Tonopah, NV 89049
Telephone: (775) 482-8155; facsimile: (775) 482-7349
Hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
closed from noon to 1 p.m.

**Sixth Judicial District Court –
Argenta Township Justice Court**
Justice of Peace: Max Bunch
Address: 315 S. Humboldt Street, Battle Mountain, NV 89820,
effective October 1, 2015: State Route 50,
Battle Mountain, NV 89820
Telephone: (775) 635-5151; facsimile: (775) 635-0604

**Sixth Judicial District Court –
Austin Township Justice Court**
Justice of Peace: Bill Schaeffer
Addresses: 122 Main Street and P.O. Box 100,
Austin, NV 89310
Telephone: (775) 964-2380; facsimile: (775) 984-2327

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Sixth Judicial District Court – Lake Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Karen Stephens

Addresses: 400 Main Street and P.O. Box 8,
Lovelock, NV 89419

Telephone: (775) 273-2753; facsimile: (775) 273-0416

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sixth Judicial District Court – Union Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Letty Norcutt

Addresses: 50 West Fifth Street and P.O. Box 1218,
Winnemucca, NV 89446

Telephone: (775) 623-6377; facsimile: (775) 623-6439

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Seventh Judicial District Court – Beowawe Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Susan Fye

Address: 5041 Tenabo Avenue, Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Telephone: (775) 468-0244; facsimile: (775) 468-0323

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
closed from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Seventh Judicial District Court – Eureka Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: John Schweble

Addresses: 701 South Main Street and P.O. Box 496,
Eureka, NV 89316

Telephone: (775) 237-5540; facsimile: (775) 237-6016

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
closed from noon to 1 p.m.

Seventh Judicial District Court – Meadow Valley Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Mike Cowley

Addresses: 181 Main Street and P.O. Box 36,
Pioche, NV 89043

Telephone: (775) 962-8059; facsimile: (775) 962-5559

Seventh Judicial District Court –

Pahrangat Valley Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Nola Holton

Addresses: 121 Joshua Tree Street and P.O. Box 449,
Alamo, NV 89001

Telephone: (775) 725-3357; facsimile: (775) 725-3566

Seventh Judicial District Court – Ely Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Stephen Bishop

Address: 801 Clark Street, #6, Ely, NV 89301

Telephone: (775) 293-6540; facsimile: (775) 289-3392

Ninth Judicial District Court – East Fork Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Thomas Perkins

Addresses: 1038 Buckeye Road, and P.O. Box 218,
Minden, NV 89423

Telephone: (775) 782-9955;

facsimile: (775) 782-9947

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ninth Judicial District Court – Tahoe Township Justice Court

Justice of Peace: Richard Glasson

Addresses: 175 US 50 and P.O. Box 7169,
Stateline, NV 89449

Telephone: (775) 586-7200;

facsimile: (775) 586-7203

Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
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**Tenth Judicial District Court –
New River Township
Justice Court**

Justice of Peace: Michael Richards
Address: 71 N. Maine Street,
Fallon, NV 89406

Telephone: (775) 423-2845;
facsimile: (775) 423-0472

Hours: Monday through Friday,
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