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Judge Westbrook serves on the Nevada Court of Appeals. Prior to taking the bench in January 2023, Judge Westbrook practiced law in Nevada for nearly two decades. She developed a love of appellate practice when she clerked for Chief Judge Eric T. Washington on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 2003. After her clerkship, Judge Westbrook moved to Las Vegas, where she practiced labor and employment law from 2004-13. She then transitioned from civil litigation to representing indigent defendants in criminal cases as a chief deputy public defender in the appellate division of the Clark County Public Defender's Office from 2013-22. In 2021 and 2022, Judge Westbrook was named one of Vegas Inc.'s Top Lawyers for appellate work.

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- **Criminal Law:** December 13, 2024
- **Public Law:** January 17, 2025
- **Work-Life Balance:** February 14, 2025

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- Please keep endnotes to a minimum – 10 or less.
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