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Justice Silver Resigns from Nevada Supreme Court

Nevada Supreme Court Justice Abbi Silver submitted her resignation to Gov. Steve Sisolak on August 26, citing “unforeseen circumstances” and a desire to spend more time with her family, according to a report in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*.

“Justice Silver has been my friend and colleague for over 30 years,” Nevada Supreme Court Chief Justice Ron Parraguirre said. “As a colleague, I express my appreciation for her significant contributions and unwavering dedication to the court. I will miss her thoughtful insight and spirited debate on cases. As her friend, I am proud of her numerous personal and professional accomplishments, and I look forward to an abundance of stories as this next chapter of her life unfolds.”

Silver was elected to the Nevada Supreme Court while running unopposed in 2018. Her retirement was effective September 29, 2022, according to the resignation letter Silver sent to Sisolak.

“During my 13 years as a prosecutor, I tried well over 100 jury trials — only losing one,” Silver wrote in her letter. “I prided myself on being the voice of victims of crimes and, to this day, I believe it was one of the most rewarding experiences. However, the greatest honor of my life has been to wear the black robes while presiding as a judge for almost 20 years. Regretfully, due to unforeseen circumstances, and to spend more time with my family, I will be retiring from the bench on Sept. 29, 2022.”

Silver was elected to every court in the state — Las Vegas Municipal Court in 2003, Las Vegas Justice Court in 2006, and Clark County District Court in 2008 and 2014. She was appointed to the initial panel of the Nevada Court of Appeals in 2014, and won election to that post in 2016. In 2017, she was named the first female judge of the appellate court, according to the *Review-Journal*.

As an attorney, Silver prosecuted and secured convictions against John Wayne Bobbitt and Floyd Mayweather Jr., for domestic violence and stalking. She also prosecuted and obtained convictions against the stalkers of Nevada Senator Harry Reid, Nevada Senator John Ensign, the late entertainer Jerry Lewis, former-Las Vegas Sheriff Jerry Keller, and casino moguls Elaine and Steve Wynn.

During her career, Justice Silver has received the following prestigious awards as a judge:



- 2021 Judicial Award of Excellence from the Clark County Bar Association;
- 2020 Women of Distinction Award-Glass Ceiling from the National Association of Women Business Owners Southern Nevada Chapter;
- 2020 Women of Impact Award from Nevada Women’s Lobby;
- 2020 Southwestern University School of Law Alumni Award;
- 2019 Honoree of the Southern Nevada Association of Women Attorneys Foundation;
- 2018 Society of Advocates Trailblazer Award from UNLV Boyd School of Law for Excellence in Leadership and Mentorship; and
- 2016 Legacy of Justice Award from UNLV Boyd School of Law Student Bar Association.

Silver grew up in Boulder City, graduated from UNLV in 1986 and from the Southwestern School of Law in Los Angeles in 1989. After law school, she worked as a deputy district attorney in Clark County, and was chief deputy over the special victims unit, where she prosecuted cases involving domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Sisolak will appoint a replacement for Silver from a list of three candidates vetted by the Commission on Judicial Selection, according to the *Review-Journal*.