



Clark County Courts

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District Court Judge Gloria Sanchez, 53, was elected to the Family Division bench for a six-year term beginning January 1, 1993, and has run unopposed for two additional six year terms. Prior to that, she served as a Domestic Relations Referee for four and one-half years, a UIFSA and Paternity Hearing Master for five years, and was in private practice. She received her Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Santa Clara School of Law, and her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology, With Honors, from the University of California at San Diego.

Judge Sanchez was elected the first female Presiding Judge of Family Court, and served in that capacity from 1997 through 1999. Accomplishments during her three terms in office include the creation and implementation of the "Night Court" program, which gives litigants the opportunity to have an evening court hearing on their uncontested cases. This program to date has served several thousand litigants. In addition, at her own expense and initiative, Judge Sanchez visited and studied the operations of the Maricopa County Arizona "Self-Help Center" and developed a proposal for implementation of a similar service here at Family Court. After obtaining the approval of her colleagues and then Chief Judge Myron Leavitt, and with the assistance of Court Administration and numerous other individuals, the Self-Help Center formally opened in May 1999. To date, the Self-Help Center has served more than 650,000 walk-in and telephonic customers, and more than 9-1/2 million website forms have been downloaded.

Judge Sanchez is also very active in the community, having served for eleven years on the Board of Directors of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Southern Nevada. She was unanimously elected their first female President in 1987, and was later honored with the Irvin J. Westheimer Award for Outstanding Leadership. She received the "Peacemaker of the Year" award from Mediators of Southern Nevada in 1998, as one who "promotes peace and harmony both in court and in the community," and the "Attorney of the Year" award from Equal Rights for Divorced Fathers in 1988.

She was a finalist in the 1989 Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Women of Achievement Award, Legal Category. Judge Sanchez has served on numerous committees including the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence Supreme Court Task Force and the Executive Council of the State Bar Family Law Section. She is a member of the State Bars of Nevada and Pennsylvania and numerous other legal and judicial organizations. She has sponsored many Central Little League and Northwest Girls Softball teams, as well as the Nevada Law Enforcement games.