



## **Clark County Courts**

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District Court

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Judge Tao was appointed to the bench by Governor Brian Sandoval in January, 2011, making him the Governor's first judicial appointment and the first Asian-American ever to serve on a District Court in the history of Nevada.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Tao served at various times as a Clark County Deputy District Attorney, Chief Deputy Public Defender, as a civil attorney in private practice, and was at one time a senior advisor to U.S. Senator Harry Reid. He has been active in a variety of community organizations including Leadership Las Vegas, Focus Las Vegas, the Asian Chamber of Commerce, AAG, and the UNLV Vice-President's Commission on Diversity.

Judge Tao is a graduate of Cornell University (1989) and the George Washington University (1992, with honors), where he served on the Law Review and the Moot Court Board.