



Clark County Courts

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Judge Bennett is a native Nevadan. She graduated from Western High School, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia and received her Juris Doctorate degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

Judge Bennett clerked for the Honorable Thomas Foley and thereafter served as Assistant Federal Public Defender, District of Nevada. She engaged in the practice of private law from 1991-96, specializing in the areas of criminal defense, municipal finance and housing. She was also General Counsel to the Las Vegas Housing Authority and associate bond counsel for the Clark County School District during this time.

In 1996 Judge Bennett accepted the full time position of General Counsel for the Las Vegas Housing Authority, where she worked until her appointment to the Las Vegas Justice Court Bench.

In May 2002, Judge Bennett was appointed to the Las Vegas Justice Court Bench, and became the first African American female ever appointed to the State's justice system at any level.

Since the May, 2002 appointment to the bench, Judge Bennett was elected by the voters in the Las Vegas township in November 2004 and re-elected in November, 2010.

Her professional and civic affiliations include the Las Vegas Chapter National Bar Association, National Bar Association Judicial Council, American Bar Association, American Judges Association, Nevada Judges Association and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People.

Judge Bennett is the daughter of the Reverend Marion D. Bennett and is married to Fredrick C. Haron.