

Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction Summer 2026 Seminar



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Wednesday, June 10th

8:00 AM-11:00 AM	Conference Check-In	
9:00 AM-10:00 AM	NJLJ Education Committee Meeting	
10:00 AM-11:00 AM	NJLJ Board Meeting	
1:00 PM-1:15 PM	Seminar Opening	
1:15 PM-2:15 PM	New research, Best Practices, and Promising Initiatives in Misdemeanor Sentencing	Professor Eve Hanan
Session Description	<p>Description: This seminar explores the current landscape of conditions that can be imposed at sentencing, with a focus on the alignment between judicial options and evidence-based outcomes. After a brief review of sentencing conditions that can be imposed in Nevada’s justice and municipal courts, we will explore data, research, and promising initiatives from other jurisdictions. Seminar participants will have the opportunity to discuss their decision-making strategies, given jurisdictional differences in access to resources and imperfect data.</p> <p>Learning Objectives: Seminar attendees will gain familiarity with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current research and promising initiatives regarding the imposition of monetary sanctions and their alternative: community service. 2. Some common legal and practical issues related to conditions that impose geographical and other restrictions. 3. Best practices and promising initiatives to improve success in complying with sentencing conditions and reducing recidivism. 4. The state of the research and “research gaps” regarding the effectiveness of treatment-based sentencing conditions. 	
2:15 PM-2:30 PM	Break	

2:30 PM-4:00 PM	Anatomy of a Civil Case	Judge Jessica Goodey
Session Description	<p>This session will break down the civil litigation process from start to finish.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and apply relevant JCRCP for each phase of a civil case. 2. Evaluate common civil motions using practical scenarios 3. Implement effective case-management practices to promote judicial efficiency. 	
4:00 PM-4:15 PM	Break	
4:15 PM-5:15 PM	Judges Role in the Community	Judge Danielle Johnson & Judge Holbrook
Session Description	<p>Learn how to embrace community engagement, help to increase judiciary confidence, and remain within and even fulfill your Judicial Canons and Ethics.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify strategies for meaningful community engagement — Participants will be able to recognize and apply effective approaches for judges to actively engage with their communities while maintaining professional integrity. 2. Demonstrate techniques to build public confidence in the Judiciary — Participants will be able to implement specific methods that foster trust and transparency between the judicial system and the communities it serves. 3. Evaluate community activities through the lens of Judicial Canons and Ethics — Participants will be able to assess whether community engagement opportunities align with, and even strengthen, their obligations under applicable judicial ethical standards. 	
5:15 PM-6:15 PM	NJLJ Business Meeting	

Thursday, June 11th

8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Breakfast	
9:00 AM-10:00 AM	CDL Masking, Judicial Ethics, and Federal Compliance	Judge Stephen Bishop & Judge Chris Jeter
Session Description	<p>This session will address the legal and ethical implications surrounding Commercial Driver's License (CDL) masking in Nevada courts. Attendees will review federal regulations, Nevada law, and the responsibilities of limited jurisdiction judges when handling traffic offenses involving CDL holders. The course will also examine common misconceptions, prohibited practices, reporting requirements, and best practices to ensure judicial compliance while maintaining public confidence and roadway safety.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the federal and Nevada laws prohibiting CDL masking and diversion practices. 2. Identify judicial and courtroom practices that may unintentionally violate CDL reporting requirements. 3. Apply ethical and procedural safeguards to ensure compliance, transparency, and consistency in CDL-related cases. 	

10:00 AM-10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 AM-11:45 AM	Valdez Jimenez, the Nevada Pretrial Risk Assessment and Making Bail Decision	Judge Melisa De La Garza and Judge Ryan Sullivan
Session Description	<p>A refresher on using the law, the tools, the science and resources.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the legal rules for pretrial release decisions, including what Valdez-Jimenez v. Eighth Judicial District Court requires. 2. Use pretrial risk assessment tools effectively, including knowing what they can and can't tell you. 3. Make fair, informed bail decisions by combining the law, risk information, and available community resources. 	
11:45 AM-1:00 PM	Lunch on Your Own	
1:00 PM-2:00 PM	Navigating Judicial Retirement: Understanding JRS, PERS, and Post-Retirement Planning	Felicia King & Teresa Chalmers
Session Description	<p>This session provides an overview of JRS, PERS, and the Retirement Board, including retirement eligibility, benefit calculations, payment options, beneficiary selection, and reemployment after retirement. Designed for both new and experienced judges, the session offers practical guidance for planning and understanding judicial retirement benefits.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the basics of JRS, PERS, and the Retirement Board. 2. Identify retirement eligibility requirements and available benefit options. 3. Recognize key rules related to reemployment after retirement. 	
2:00 PM-2:15 PM	Break	
2:15 PM-3:15 PM	Living Well While Serving Others: Mindful Wellness Strategies for the Judiciary	Jen Donovan, E-RYT, RCYT, RPYT, YACEP, LCE
Session Description	<p>Session Description:</p> <p>This interactive session helps judges distinguish ordinary stress from secondary trauma and supports deeper personal healing. Through brief experiential practices such as breathwork, posture alignment, and gentle movement, you'll learn some healthy practical tools to reduce stress and replace unhealthy coping patterns with sustainable and positive self-care.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognize the impact of stress and secondary trauma on judicial officers and court professionals. 2. Identify practical strategies for improving work-life balance and supporting personal wellness. 3. Practice wellness techniques, including breathwork, positive intention setting, and gentle movement, to promote resilience and stress reduction. 	
3:15 PM-3:30 PM	Break	

3:30 PM-5:00 PM	Dealing with the Media	Tom Clark
Session Description	Session description coming soon.	
5:30 PM-7:30 PM	NJLJ Banquet	

Friday, June 12th

7:30 AM-8:30 AM	Breakfast	
8:30 AM-10:00 AM	Criminal Case Law Review	Senior Judge Kevin Higgins
Session Description	<p>A review and commentary on several criminal opinions from the Nevada Supreme Court and Court of Appeals for 2025-2026.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify recent criminal decisions that will have the most impact on the courts • Summarize the importance and consequences of recent criminal decision 	
10:00 AM-10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 AM-11:15 AM	Protective Orders	Judge Jennifer Klapper, Judge Melissa Mangiaracina
Session Description	<p>This session will provide an overview of Temporary Protection Orders (TPOs), including filing procedures, hearings, modifications, and expirations. Participants will explore how to issue effective and enforceable protection orders that promote victim safety while protecting the rights of adverse parties.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the different types of Temporary Protection Orders and understand where and how petitions are filed. 2. Examine the legal and procedural considerations involved in issuing, modifying, extending, and expiring TPOs. 3. Develop strategies for creating protection orders that maximize victim safety while protecting the constitutional and procedural rights of all parties involved. 	
11:15 AM-11:30 AM	Break	
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Competency	Judge Jessica Longley
Session Description	Session Description Coming Soon	
12:30 PM-12:45 PM	Seminar Closing	