

# 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	<b>New research, Best Practices, and Promising Initiatives in Misdemeanor Sentencing</b>	<b>Professor Eve Hanan</b>
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"> <li>1. Current research and promising initiatives regarding the imposition of monetary sanctions and their alternative: community service.</li> <li>2. Some common legal and practical issues related to conditions that impose geographical and other restrictions.</li> <li>3. Best practices and promising initiatives to improve success in complying with sentencing conditions and reducing recidivism.</li> <li>4. The state of the research and “research gaps” regarding the effectiveness of treatment-based sentencing conditions.</li> </ol>	
2:15 PM-2:30 PM	Break	

2:30 PM-4:00 PM	<b>Anatomy of a Civil Case</b>	<b>Judge Jessica Goodey</b>
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"> <li>1: Identify and apply relevant JCRCP for each phase of a civil case.</li> <li>2. Evaluate common civil motions using practical scenarios</li> <li>3. Implement effective case-management practices to promote judicial efficiency.</li> </ol>	
4:00 PM-4:15 PM	Break	
4:15 PM-5:15 PM	<b>Judges Role in the Community</b>	<b>Judge Danielle Johnson &amp; Judge Brandy Holbrook</b>
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"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	
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	<b>Masking</b>	<b>Judge Stephen Bishop &amp; Judge Chris Jeter</b>
Session Description	<p>This session will examine the intersection between the Federal prohibition on masking and Nevada law.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand and recognize what is masking and when it occurs</li> <li>2. Understand the limits of federal authority to prohibit masking</li> <li>3. Be better able to resolve conflicts between Nevada law and the federal masking prohibition</li> </ol>	

10:00 AM-10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 AM-11:45 AM	<b>Valdez Jimenez, the Nevada Pretrial Risk Assessment and Making Bail Decision</b>	<b>Judge Melisa De La Garza and Judge Ryan Sullivan</b>
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"> <li>1. Understand the legal rules for pretrial release decisions, including what Valdez-Jimenez v. Eighth Judicial District Court requires.</li> <li>2. Use pretrial risk assessment tools effectively, including knowing what they can and can't tell you.</li> <li>3. Make fair, informed bail decisions by combining the law, risk information, and available community resources.</li> </ol>	
11:45 AM-1:00 PM	Lunch on Your Own	
1:00 PM-2:00 PM	<b>Navigating Judicial Retirement: Understanding JRS, PERS, and Post-Retirement Planning</b>	<b>Felicia King &amp; Teresa Chalmers</b>
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"> <li>1. Understand the basics of JRS, PERS, and the Retirement Board.</li> <li>2. Identify retirement eligibility requirements and available benefit options.</li> <li>3. Recognize key rules related to reemployment after retirement.</li> </ol>	
2:00 PM-2:15 PM	Break	
2:15 PM-3:15 PM	<b>Living Well While Serving Others: Mindful Wellness Strategies for the Judiciary</b>	<b>Jen Donovan, E-RYT, RCYT, RPYT, YACEP, LCE</b>
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"> <li>1. Recognize the impact of stress and secondary trauma on judicial officers and court professionals.</li> <li>2. Identify practical strategies for improving work-life balance and supporting personal wellness.</li> <li>3. Practice wellness techniques, including breathwork, positive intention setting, and gentle movement, to promote resilience and stress reduction.</li> </ol>	
3:15 PM-3:30 PM	Break	

3:30 PM-5:00 PM	<b>Don't Bail Out on the Media. How to Work with the Fourth Estate and Elected Officials</b>	<b>Tom Clark</b>
Session Description	<p>In today's 24/7 media environment we simply can't ignore the media. Knowing when, where, and how to talk with the "Them" is more important now than ever. This session will discuss best practices in a whole new world.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New media defined</li> <li>• When should you go "On the Record" and how to avoid it</li> <li>• Knowing what to say and the best vehicle to drive the message.</li> </ul>	
5:30 PM-7:30 PM	NJLJ Banquet	

## Friday, June 12th

7:30 AM-8:30 AM	Breakfast	
8:30 AM-10:00 AM	<b>Criminal Case Law Review</b>	<b>Senior Judge Kevin Higgins</b>
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"> <li>• Identify recent criminal decisions that will have the most impact on the courts</li> <li>• Summarize the importance and consequences of recent criminal decision</li> </ul>	
10:00 AM-10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 AM-11:15 AM	<b>Protective Orders</b>	<b>Judge Jennifer Klapper, Judge Melissa Mangiaracina</b>
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"> <li>1. Identify the different types of Temporary Protection Orders and understand where and how petitions are filed.</li> <li>2. Examine the legal and procedural considerations involved in issuing, modifying, extending, and expiring TPOs.</li> <li>3. Develop strategies for creating protection orders that maximize victim safety while protecting the constitutional and procedural rights of all parties involved.</li> </ol>	
11:15 AM-11:30 AM	Break	

11:30 AM-12:30 PM	<b>Are You Competent to Judge Competency?</b>	<b>Judge Jessica Longley</b>
Session Description	Learning objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learning what is required when competency becomes an issue</li><li>• Knowing what you can and cannot do</li><li>• Learn what steps are required at each stage of the competency process</li></ul>	
12:30 PM-12:45 PM	Seminar Closing	