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Chief Justice James Hardesty,

I have three suggestions for areas of education that would be helpful for Nevada judges in hearing water law cases.

Prior appropriation is the basis for water law in the west. A good understanding of prior appropriation is essential to provide consistent water rulings. I think most if not all judges in Nevada probably already have extensive knowledge about prior appropriation, but it's think it's important to include it in the discussion.

Understanding hydrology is important. The connection between surface and ground water and the limitations of the current knowledge in hydrology are areas I think would be helpful to understand.

Water modeling is also common. I think it is important to understand how water models are created, their limitations, and how they can be manipulated.

Those are my suggestions. The judges who have been involved with water hearings and written rulings probably have a better idea about what educational opportunities would be helpful.

Thank You,  
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