

NEVADA JUDGES OF LIMITED JURISDICTION 2025 SUMMER SEMINAR

Tuesday, June 24th

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| 11:00 am – 2:00 pm | Check-in / Badge pick-up | |
| 9:00 am - 10:00 am | NJLJ Board Meeting | Topaz Ballroom |
| 10:00 am - 11:00 am | NJLJ Education Committee Meeting | Topaz Ballroom |
| 11:00 am - 11:30 am | Legislative Committee Meeting | Topaz Ballroom |
| 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | New Judges Academy Meeting | Topaz Ballroom |
| 1:00 pm - 1:15 pm | Welcome & Opening Remarks | Valley Ballroom |
| 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm | 2025 Legislative Review | Tom Clark & John McCormick |

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| Session Description | A discussion on the outcomes related to the recently-completed 2025 legislative session. There will be an opportunity to ask panelists questions. | |
| | Learning objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify key legislative outcomesAnalyze policy impactsEngage in critical dialogue | |

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| 2:45 pm -3:00 pm | Break | |
| 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Probable Cause Refresher | Judge Bryan Drake |

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| Session Description | An in-depth review of the legal standards and practical applications of probable cause in criminal procedure. This session will include a reaffirming of the Fourth Amendment standards and the role of judges in determining probable cause, including best practices and considerations for examining probable cause for search warrants and arrests. | |
| | Learning objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Define probable cause and its constitutional basisIdentify sources of probable causeUnderstand the role of judges in probable cause determinations | |

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| 4:00 pm - 4:15 pm | Break | |
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| 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm | Data to Decisions: How Court Statistics Empower Judges in Real Time | Josh Gibbs, Jamie Gradick, Emily Kuhlman, & Sheldon Steel |
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| Session Description | An exploration on the importance of court statistics and how data can enhance access to justice through empirical decision-making. Includes an introduction to the Nevada Courts Data Warehouse (NCDW), a new, forward-looking approach to data reporting. Moving beyond traditional annual USJR aggregate reporting, the NCDW provides more detailed and frequent court data. | |
| | Learning objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Learn how the NCDW helps courts identify trends, track performance, and address barriers to access and efficiency in court processesCompare the successes and challenges of the current USJR statisticsDemonstrate how the NCDW will support the Nevada Judiciary in becoming more proactive, transparent, and data-informed, ultimately building public trust and improving outcomes for communities | |

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| 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm | Welcome Reception & Dinner | |
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Wednesday, June 25th

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| 7:15 am - 8:15 am | Breakfast | Valley Ballroom |
| 8:30 am - 9:30 am | Yield to Procedure: Navigating Nevada’s Civil Traffic Reform | Judge Kendra Bertschy |

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| Session Description | A review of Nevada’s evolving traffic laws, evidentiary rules, updates from the legislative session, and best practices for judicial hearings. | |
| | Learning objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Understand recent legislative changes in Nevada traffic lawsExplore updates to evidentiary rules in traffic casesAnalyze challenges and best practices in judicial hearings | |

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| 9:30 am – 9:45 am | Break | |
| 9:45 am - 11:15 am | Small Claims and Judicial Writing | Judge Jessica Goodey & Judge Ryan Toone |
| Session Description | <p>This session will cover the rules and processes for small claims, as well as the fundamentals of judicial writing, specifically tips and tools for drafting Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.</p> <p>Learning objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Understand the purpose and scope of small claimsRecognize representation rules in small claims casesDistinguish between findings of fact and conclusions of law | |
| 11:15 am – 12:45 pm | Lunch On Your Own | |
| 12:45 pm - 2:15 pm | Fundamentals of Evidence | Judge Stephen Bishop & Judge Richard Glasson |
| Session Description | <p>This session will examine the fundamentals of evidence, including burdens of proof, relevancy, presumptions, judicial notice and more.</p> <p>Learning objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assess the relevancy of evidenceUnderstand the burdens of proofAnalyze the role of presumptions | |
| 2:15 pm – 2:30 pm | Break | |
| 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm | The Honorable Influencer: When Judges Hit “Post” | Chief Justice Douglas Herndon, Chief Judge Kelly Giordani, Nicole Hendricks, Charles Rahn |
| Session Description | <p>This presentation explores social media platforms and how to optimize their use while also examining the ethical considerations judges must be concerned with when using social media, both professionally and during election campaigns. It will include discussions on how to effectively navigate social media dashboards, as well as how online activity can affect the public perception of judicial impartiality and public confidence in the legal system.</p> <p>Learning objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Understand the ethical framework governing judicial use of social mediaEvaluate the impact of online activity on judicial impartialityImplement best practices for ethical online engagement | |
| | Dinner On Your Own & Networking | |
| Thursday, June 26 th | | |
| 7:15 am – 8:15 am | Breakfast | Valley Ballroom |
| 8:30 am – 10:00 am | Criminal Case Law Review | Chief Judge Kevin Higgins |
| Session Description | <p>A review and commentary on several criminal opinions from the Nevada Supreme Court and Court of Appeals for 2024-2025.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify recent criminal decisions that will have the most impact on the courtsSummarize the importance and consequences of recent criminal decisions on their judicial decisions | |
| 10:00 am – 10:15 am | Break | |
| 10:15 am - 11:15 am | The Business of Bail | Alexia Emmermann |
| Session Description | <p>The Division of Insurance will present the technical side of bail, explaining suretyship, the bail transaction, and the regulation of bail. The Division will discuss common violations of bail laws, share its experience with a few cases, and identify areas of collaboration with the courts and law enforcement to better serve Nevadans.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Examine bail recognition and complianceUnderstand the technical mechanics of bail and suretyshipNavigate the bail transaction process | |
| 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | NJLJ Semi-Annual Business Meeting | Valley Ballroom |

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| 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm | Lunch On Your Own / Social Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K2K Trail • Minden Whiskey Distillery • Round Hill Beach |
| 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm | Banquet |

Friday, June 27th

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| 7:15 am – 8:15 am | Breakfast | Valley Ballroom |
| 8:30 am – 10:00 am | Empowered Compassion: Advanced Wellness for the Judiciary | Dr. Kristen Davis-Coelho |
| Session Description | <p><i>Working in the judiciary brings unique challenges and stressors. In this 90-minute presentation, Dr. Davis-Coelho offers a new conceptualization of judicial wellness. Key concepts will be explored, and attendees will be invited to apply these concepts to their own individual wellbeing through self-assessment activities. Practical, evidence-based strategies will be presented that can be used immediately to support participants’ own professional and personal wellness.</i></p> <p><i>Learning Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Apply evidence-based strategies to enhance wellness</i> • <i>Understand the concept of judicial wellness</i> • <i>Develop personalized wellness plan</i> | |
| 10:00 am – 10:15 am | Break | |
| 10:15 am - 11:15 am | Hitches and Glitches in Search Warrants | Judge Erica Flavin & Judge Danielle Johnson |
| Session Description | <p><i>This training provides a practical overview of common issues that arise in the review and issuance of search warrants. Through real-world examples and interactive discussion, “Hitches and Glitches in Search Warrants” will highlight key do’s and don’ts, constitutional requirements, probable cause pitfalls, and procedural red flags. Judges will gain confidence in identifying defects and applying best practices to ensure warrants meet legal standards and protect individual rights.</i></p> <p><i>Learning Objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Understand constitutional foundations</i> • <i>Apply legal standards to real world scenarios</i> • <i>Enhance practical review skills</i> | |
| 11:15 am - 11:45 am | Close of 2025 Summer Seminar | |