

LAS VEGAS JUSTICE COURT



2025 ANNUAL REPORT



And We the People of the
United States, in order to
insure domestic Tranquility, do ordain and establish this Constitution
and our Posterity, ~~Forever~~

Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

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Acknowledgement

Las Vegas Justice Court last published its Annual Report in 2011. After fourteen years, we are proud to present the fiscal year 2025 Annual Report, which we hope you will find helpful. Our goal is to let our justice partners, stakeholders, and the communities we serve be aware of our work and the core values that guide our service.

Together with the Chief Judge, Melisa De La Garza, I would like to express my profound gratitude to the Annual Report Committee for preparing and writing this Annual Report, and for their relentless efforts to transform this into an informative publication.

I would also like to acknowledge the Court Division Administrators/Managers and their staff, who diligently gathered relevant information on our services and provided summaries of their achievements. This endeavor is the result of a collaborative effort of many individuals, whose aim is to inform the public of the Court's accomplishments, strategic goals, priority areas, and the people whose work is profoundly appreciated.

Charles A. Mapp, Sr.
Court Administrator/Clerk of Court

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Message from the Chief Judge

As Chief Judge of the Las Vegas Justice Court, I am proud to present this annual report, which highlights our achievements, progress, and unwavering dedication to our community.

Our Court operates under a clear and purposeful mission: “To deliver equal access to justice while achieving the highest possible level of public trust and confidence.”

This mission guides every decision we make and every initiative we undertake. Over the past year, our judges and staff have remained committed to ensuring that justice is accessible, equitable, and responsive to the needs of our growing population.

We continue to invest in technological innovation, streamline court operations, and expand services that enhance the experience of all who interact with the justice system. From virtual hearings to treatment courts, we are working to become a more efficient, transparent, and people-centered Court.

Our success is the result of dedicated collaboration — from the tireless efforts of our judiciary and court personnel to the support of our community partners and the trust of the public we serve.

As we look to the future, the Las Vegas Justice Court will remain a place where justice is not only delivered but upheld with compassion, integrity, and excellence.



Melisa De La Garza
Chief Judge

Welcome from the Court Administrator

As a court of limited jurisdiction in Nevada, the Las Vegas Justice Court has the responsibility to hear and decide specific case types. Through our court system, we work tirelessly to ensure that our efforts reflect fairness and justice in each case.

Having recently assumed the responsibilities of Court Administrator, our leadership team and I have been working closely with our judges, court staff, and justice partners in building a court system that is focused on delivering timely disposition of cases and aiding those who are challenged in navigating the judicial process.

As our first comprehensive report since 2011, this Annual Report, which covers the period July 2024 to June 2025, underscores our accomplishments and what we hope to achieve with creativity, innovation, and a collaborative spirit. It provides information on what we do, what we deliver, the people behind our statistics, and the communities that benefit from our work. While we have made considerable progress, there is still much to be accomplished.

As we look ahead, focused and resolute, we are committed to:

- Ensuring our judges and staff have the resources and leadership needed to navigate the complexities of the modern legal landscape.
- Modernizing legacy systems and embracing data-driven and technological solutions to improve service delivery, efficiency, and user experience.
- Strengthening partnerships with stakeholders, justice partners, and the community to promote open dialogue and mutual respect.

These goals reaffirm our unwavering dedication to the Rule of Law and obligation to deliver equal justice for all.



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I. Introduction

A. Overview

The Las Vegas Justice Court (LVJC) is a court of limited jurisdiction established under the Nevada Revised Statutes. Our judges have the authority to hear and adjudicate certain types of legal issues specified by Nevada law, such as misdemeanor crimes, civil disputes, and traffic matters. They also preside over felony and gross misdemeanor initial appearance hearings and conduct preliminary hearings to determine if there is sufficient evidence to proceed to a trial at the Eighth Judicial District Court.

Our court operates under the leadership and guidance of the Chief Judge and Court Administrator. Through the collaborative work of the Judicial Departments and Court Administration, we strive to ensure that the people we serve have timely and affordable access to justice by providing the appropriate level of assistance and delivering a fair process for resolving legal disputes.

LVJC is mission-driven. We constantly look for ways to improve how we do business. We see challenges as opportunities to evaluate ourselves and understand the people who come to our courthouse. We value the work of every member of our staff and take every opportunity to acknowledge their excellent work.

MISSION

To deliver equal access to justice while achieving the highest possible level of public trust and confidence.

VISION

To provide a forum for the fair, just, and timely resolution of disputes while preserving the rule of law and protecting the individual rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Nevada.

B. Who We Serve

We serve the people in the Las Vegas Township, Clark County, Nevada. The LVJC is where many community members first engage with the justice system – whether to resolve a civil dispute, address a traffic ticket, or appear for a criminal matter.

We serve those who face legal issues, such as:

- Individuals with misdemeanor charges and traffic violations
- Tenants and landlords involved in eviction cases
- Community members seeking Protection Orders for safety
- Individuals seeking small claims for up to \$10,000
- Individuals and businesses resolving civil disputes less than \$15,000

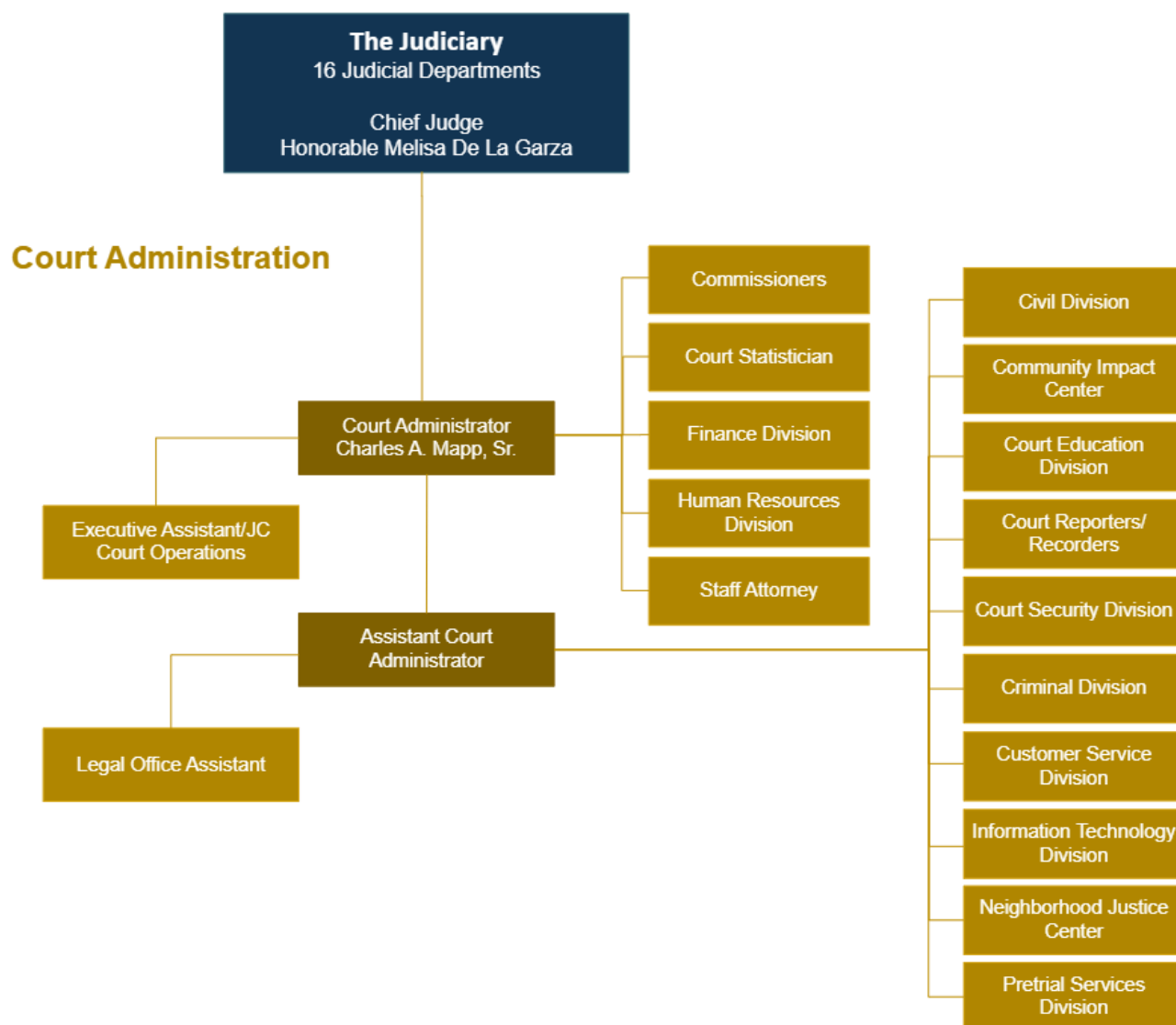
We serve those navigating the criminal justice process by presiding over felony and gross misdemeanor initial appearances and conducting preliminary hearings to determine if cases are found to have sufficient evidence for trial within the Eighth Judicial District Court.

We serve those who require guidance, support, or intervention to be able to participate in the judicial system with confidence, knowing that they are receiving a fair, timely, and efficient process.

Guided by Clark County's core values, we strive to promote the well-being of all residents.



II. Organizational Chart



III. The Judiciary

A. Overview

The Judiciary is comprised of 16 Justices of the Peace, each assigned to a department dedicated to hearing specific case types, such as civil, criminal, and traffic matters. They also conduct preliminary hearings to determine whether felony or gross misdemeanor cases should be bound over to the Eighth Judicial District Court for a possible trial. Through standing committees, our judges work together with division administrators, managers, and subject matter experts to address emerging operational and legislative issues. They are engaged in the development of our strategic goals and objectives.

B. Justices of the Peace

Honorable Elana Lee Graham	Department 1	Civil Court
Honorable Kristal Bradford	Department 2	Criminal Court
Honorable Harmony Letizia	Department 3	Criminal/Veterans Treatment Court
Honorable Suzan Baucum	Department 4	Initial Appearance Court
Honorable Cynthia Dustin-Cruz	Department 5	Civil/Drug & DUI Treatment Court
Honorable Jessica Goodey	Department 6	Civil Court
Honorable Amy Wilson	Department 7	Domestic Violence Court
Honorable Nancy Bernstein	Department 8	Domestic Violence Court
Honorable Joseph Bonaventure	Department 9	Driving Under the Influence Court
Honorable Noreen DeMonte	Department 10	Criminal Court
Honorable Eric Goodman	Department 11	Criminal/Fugitives/Mental Health Court
Honorable Diana Sullivan	Department 12	Vice Chief Judge/Criminal Court/Bond Calendar
Honorable Rebecca Saxe	Department 13	Criminal Court/Animal Control Calendar
Honorable Amy Chelini	Department 14	Criminal Court
Honorable Melisa De La Garza	Department 15	Chief Judge/Community Court
Honorable Nadia Wood	Department 16	Criminal/Mental Health Court

C. Judicial Transitions

Three newly elected judges joined the LVJC. As the newest members of the judiciary, we welcome their fresh perspectives on our management and operations.



Judge Suzan Baucum returned to the bench in 2024 as the presiding judge in the Initial Appearance Court, Department 4, after having served as a judge in the Las Vegas Justice Court from 2010-2022. Judge Baucum was Chief Judge of the Las Vegas Justice Court from 2019-2020. For two years, she worked in the Family Division of the Clark County District Attorney's office. Prior to her election in 2010, she served for 18 years as the Executive Director of the Nevada Law Foundation. Judge Baucum received her B.A. in Political Science from Macalester College in St. Paul Minnesota, and earned her J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law.



Judge Nancy Bernstein was elected to Department 8 and currently presides over one of two Domestic Violence Courts. She began her legal career as a law clerk in the Eighth Judicial District Court. With over 15 years of legal experience, Judge Bernstein has practiced extensively as both a criminal defense attorney and civil litigator. She holds an undergraduate degree in English and Communications, as well as a Juris Doctor from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.



Judge Kristal Bradford was elected to Department 2 and currently presides over a Criminal Court. She started her legal career in private practice in California through her own law firm, specializing in civil law. Prior to coming onto the bench, she worked at the Clark County Public Defender's Office in Nevada. Judge Bradford received her B.A. in Sociology from University of California, Los Angeles and her J.D. from Western State University College of Law.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our outgoing judges – Judge Joseph S. Sciscento, Judge Melissa A. Saragosa-Stratton, and Judge Ann E. Zimmerman – for their dedicated service and valuable contributions to our court during this fiscal year. Their commitment to justice and the community has left a lasting impact, and we thank them for their years of hard work.

IV. Court Administration

A. Overview

Court Administration is responsible for the administrative functioning of the court. It is comprised of central services and operational divisions. Each division is managed by a Court Division Administrator, supported by supervisors and line staff.

Under the leadership and direction of the Court Administrator, we ensure efficient and timely management of cases from filing to disposition, and monitoring of court order compliance. We provide community programs to assist individuals with the resolution of their disputes, without resorting to litigation, or those who are at risk of recidivating through rehabilitative programs.

We adjudicate thousands of cases each year in civil, criminal, and specialty courts. We manage the physical, financial, and technological requirements to meet service demands and ensure a fully functioning court. We work towards building a workplace culture that supports creativity, innovation, and collaboration to effectively advance our mission in a rapidly changing court environment.

We take pride in our people and recognize and celebrate their accomplishments. We believe in creating an environment of respect, allowing each one to thrive and develop personally and professionally.

B. Highlights of FY 2025

- We implemented One Judge/One Defendant, which assigns a single judge to oversee all matters related to a defendant, thus streamlining case management processes and improving long-term outcomes for justice-involved individuals.
- We successfully launched a new process for accepting victim and witness restitution payments, further advancing the Court's commitment to supporting victims' rights. This initiative enables direct collection and disbursement of court-ordered restitution, ensuring that funds are handled promptly and securely.
- We introduced major enhancements to the Court's content management platform, including automation of traffic and civil infraction workflows, streamlining of eCitation imports, and the introduction of online case resolution capabilities.
- We implemented Defendant Access; a new online payment platform designed to enhance public convenience and expand access to the Court's financial services. This system allows

individuals to securely make court-related payments including fines, fees, and restitution without the need to appear in person at the courthouse.

- We deployed the Cisco Finesse Automatic Call Distribution (ACD) system, which automatically routes incoming calls to the next available court staff with the appropriate skill sets, ensuring more efficient call handling and quicker connections.

C. Statistics at a Glance

The LVJC has three major categories of cases: criminal, civil, and traffic. In FY 2025 (July 2024 to June 2025), about 292,000 cases were filed and reopened. Criminal cases accounted for 21 percent, civil cases at 34 percent, and traffic cases at 45 percent. Of the total cases, 85 percent had a disposition.

Civil cases reported 98,639 new and reopened cases, with a disposition rate of 97 percent.

98,639

Total Civil
Cases

95,760

Total
Disposition

97%

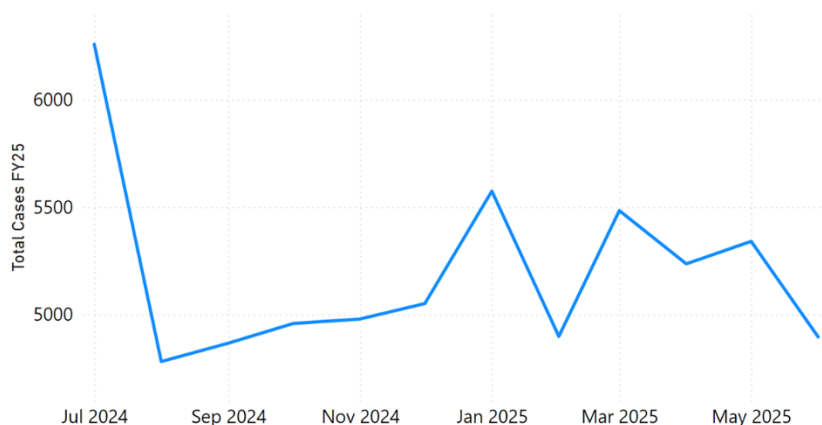
Disposition
Rate

Total New & Reopened Civil Cases



There were 62,324 new filings and reopened criminal cases reported during the fiscal year. Of these, 69 percent were Misdemeanor cases.

Total New & Reopened Criminal Cases



62,324

Total Criminal
Cases

54,128

Total
Disposition

87%

Disposition
Rate

There were about 131,000 new and reopened traffic cases, with a disposition rate of 75 percent.

130,922

Total Traffic
Cases

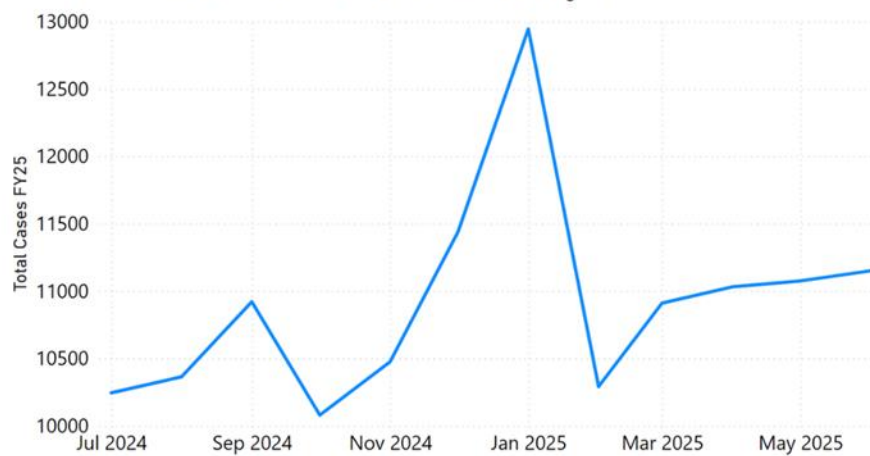
97,796

Total
Disposition

75%

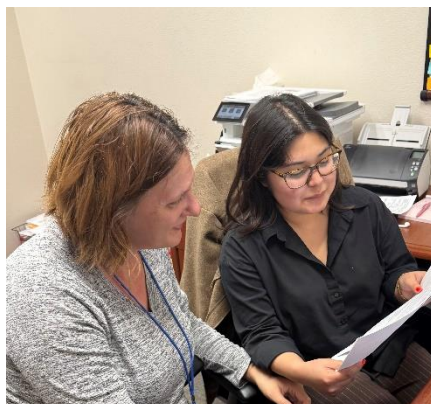
Disposition
Rate

Total Traffic Misdemeanor, Traffic Civil Infraction, & Parking Cases



V. Civil Division

The Civil Division provides comprehensive services for a broad spectrum of civil matters, including civil complaints, small claims, evictions, and temporary protective orders. As the central hub for civil case processing, the division ensures that all legal documents are accurately managed and that cases progress efficiently from initiation through resolution.



Civil Division Staff

Each year, the division handles over 500,000 incoming documents — reflecting both the high volume and fast-paced nature of its operations. The division has achieved a 95% case-to-disposition rate, underscoring its strong commitment to efficient case management and the timely resolution of civil matters. This accomplishment reflects the division's focused efforts to streamline operations, reduce case backlog, and improve overall case flow.

To ensure timely case processing, the division has instituted routine reviews to closely monitor case progression and detect potential delays early.

504,584
Documents
Processed

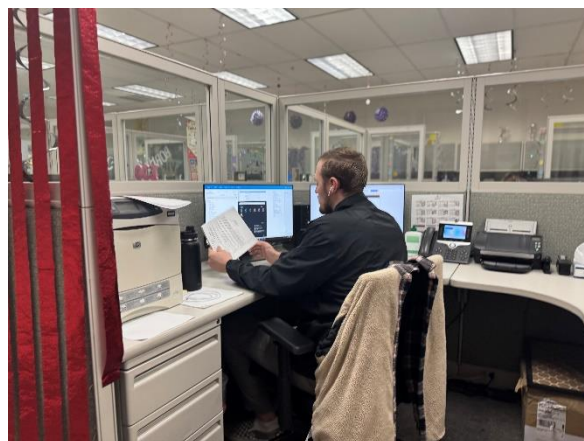
42,277
Eviction Actions

39,148
Civil Actions

2,630
Protection Order
Applications



Eviction Court with Commissioner David Brown



Civil Division Staff

VI. Customer Service Division

The Customer Service Division is the front line of public access to justice. Every day, the division assists more than a thousand individuals – answering questions, processing documents, and helping litigants navigate the court

136,960

In-person
customers served

30 min & 38 s

Average wait time

8 min & 25 s

Average
transaction time

4,903

ADA Customers
assisted

6,047

Spanish-speaking
customers served

system. Staff are cross-trained to ensure versatility and responsiveness to the diverse needs of the public. Services include accepting payments for fines, fees, and bonds; assisting self-represented litigants with filing forms; responding to inquiries about case status and hearings; processing public records requests; and supporting online resolution options for traffic matters.



Customer Service Lobby

The division continues to enhance accessibility for in-person court users through a customer queuing system that includes an ADA option and two dedicated ADA service windows to reduce “wait times” for individuals with disabilities. To support



Customer Service Lobby

language access, the division utilizes bilingual staff, Pocketalk translation devices, and the Interpreter’s Office to assist customers with limited English proficiency. The public queue kiosks are available in both English and Spanish, ensuring that language is never a barrier to receiving service.

Whether someone is paying a fine, filing a time-sensitive pleading, or seeking guidance through a complex legal process, the Customer Service Division ensures that justice remains within reach for everyone.

VII. Criminal Division

The Criminal Division handles a variety of case types, including felonies, gross misdemeanors, misdemeanors, and infractions. It processes preliminary felony hearings and initial appearances of those held in custody. The division is also responsible for managing warrants, protection orders, and “no-contact” orders.

During the fiscal year, the division undertook an extensive case management system reconciliation initiative aimed at improving the accuracy, efficiency, and transparency of its records. This resulted in staff identifying and properly closing inactive cases, significantly



Criminal Court

28,083 Criminal complaints processed	28,668 Warrants issued
27,561 Citations processed	2,664 Summonses processed
233,880 Hearings updated	18,201 Traffic compliance proof reviewed

reducing data inconsistencies and enhancing the overall integrity of the system. The division also conducted a comprehensive audit of old active bonds to determine whether bond conditions had been satisfied or if bonds should have been exonerated or forfeited. These efforts reduced inquiries from the public, improved the accuracy of financial reporting, and helped reinforce public trust in the reliability and accountability of the Court’s recordkeeping practices.

As the division continues to manage its high caseloads, it is developing ways to enhance its case management strategies, resource allocation, and performance monitoring. The increasing demand for virtual appearances also puts process and technological improvements at the forefront to better accommodate remote and out-of-state court users.

VIII. Pretrial Services Division



Pretrial Services Division Staff

Operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the Pretrial Services Division conducts risk assessments that provide judicial officers with critical information to make informed release decisions. The division also oversees release and supervision programs designed to reduce unnecessary detention while promoting compliance with court orders and protecting community safety.

Pretrial Services extends its services to outlying courts by preparing risk assessment reports, managing bail-related processes, and coordinating safe and appropriate release mechanisms.

Pretrial Services also administers a Warrant Resolution Program,

allowing individuals with outstanding arrest warrants to schedule interviews and assessments. This program facilitates judicial review of warrants while minimizing unnecessary arrests, providing a safer, more efficient pathway to resolution for both the Court and the community.



Pretrial Services Division Staff

34,135

NPRA completed

20,214

Interviews conducted

17,595

Release orders
completed

9,375

Administrative release
orders issued

7,146

Bonds posted

IX. Court Education Division

The Court Education Division oversees a range of rehabilitative and educational programs that promote public safety and support defendant accountability. It manages the Specialty Courts, which include Drug Treatment, DUI Treatment, Veterans Treatment, Mental Health, and Community Courts. It also operates the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)-Certified Evaluation Center, where licensed counselors conduct court-ordered substance use evaluations to support judicial decisions, and coordinates enrollment in DUI education and the Coroner's Program.

Specialty Courts are problem-solving programs aimed at reducing recidivism. They address underlying issues, like substance use and mental health, of justice-involved individuals through the coordinated efforts of justice system professionals, treatment providers, and social services. By fostering behavioral change and personal responsibility, Specialty Courts help participants lead more stable, law-abiding lives — ultimately enhancing public safety and strengthening communities. We are proud to feature some of our success stories.

A Second Chance: How Veteran's Court Transformed my Life

Jessica A., Veteran's Treatment Court Graduate

Veteran's Court has profoundly improved my life. Nearly two years ago, I chose to change my path and commit to the program. Judge Letizia and her staff showed me mercy and support, helping me realize my worth. Following the Court's guidance, I have built a fulfilling life and pursued a career in mental health and addiction. I am a certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist and have earned a Registered Behavioral license in the Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA). I am proud of my progress, excited for new opportunities and eager to inspire other Veterans to make positive changes.



Helping Veterans with Legal Issues

A Defendant's Journey to Success

My name is Jacob Hutchinson, and I am a proud graduate of the Las Vegas Justice Court's Drug Court Program, under the guidance of Judge Cruz, which I completed in April 2023. Since graduating, my life has taken a complete 180-degree turn that I never imagined possible during my time in the program.

Motivated by the support and structure I received, I returned to school to pursue a degree in Psychology, to eventually become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). I also became certified as a Peer Support Specialist, which opened the door for me to work in the very same program that helped change my life.

Currently, I serve as a residential case manager at Crossroads of Southern Nevada. In addition to that role, I act as the court liaison for the residential side of the program. These responsibilities not only keep me grounded but also allow me to give back and support others on their recovery journeys. It's significant to be able to see the other side of the process and help others navigate it with hope and purpose.

It is truly an honor and a privilege to be invited to speak at the graduation. Thank you for the opportunity to share my story and celebrate the success of others who are walking the path I once walked.

110

Admissions to
Specialty Courts
Treatment Program

91

Graduates of
Specialty Courts
Program



Mental Health Court with Judge Nadia Wood

X. Central Services

Central Services comprises four divisions and four critical support services. They ensure that the Court's function is supported by the infrastructure, people, and systems needed to serve a diverse and growing community. They form the backbone of the Court—working in direct service to the public and behind the scenes.

A. Court Reporter/Recorder Services

Certified Court Reporters and Court Recorders preserve the official record of proceedings through verbatim transcription, ensuring accuracy and accountability in the administration of justice. Their role is critical in appeals, legal research, and upholding the constitutional rights of litigants.



Chief Judge De La Garza (holding Tyler Award) with the Court Administrator and IT Division Manager

B. Finance Division

The Finance Division safeguards the financial integrity of the LVJC by overseeing all fiscal operations and ensuring responsible stewardship of public resources. Working in close collaboration with Clark County Finance, the division manages revenues, expenditure, trust accounts, and program funds in a manner that supports the Court's mission. In addition to daily fiscal management, the division provides critical analysis and reporting that allow Court leadership to make informed decisions, sustain vital programs, and meet the needs of the community we serve.

C. Human Resources Division

The Human Resources Division is dedicated to recruiting, training, and retaining a workforce that reflects the Court's commitment to professionalism, fairness, and service. In the past year, Human Resources conducted more than 40 interviews and onboarded over 70 new and promotional employees to meet operational demands. Beyond recruitment, Human Resources manages employee relations, labor agreements, compensation, and benefits, while advancing leadership development and succession planning to ensure the Court's long-term stability.



Human Resources Division's On-boarding Presentation

D. Information Technology Division

With technology driving access to justice, our Information Technology Division ensures that courtrooms, case management systems, and digital platforms remain secure, reliable, and



Information Technology Division

user-friendly. The team is responsible for maintaining infrastructure, implementing cybersecurity and data privacy measures, and enabling innovations. IT projects completed in 2025—including server upgrades, multi-factor authentication, and Cisco Finesse call distribution—have improved efficiency, reduced wait times, and enhanced public trust in the Court’s digital services.

E. Justice Court Operations

Working closely with judicial departments and divisions, Justice Court Operations oversee building maintenance, renovations, and resource allocation to ensure safe, functional, and accessible court facilities. These efforts allow the Court to adapt to growth and continue serving as a trusted forum for justice in the Las Vegas Township.



Justice Court Operations Staff

F. Legal Staff

The Legal Staff provide essential research and legal support to the Justices of the Peace, Court Administration, and management teams. Their responsibilities include preparing daily legal memoranda, reviewing proposed default judgments, drafting orders, monitoring and implementing new legislation, and ensuring Pro Tempore Judges receive the necessary training to serve effectively. This team also manages public and media records requests, ensuring that transparency is balanced with legal compliance and privacy protections.

G. Commissioners

Our three Commissioners, David Brown, Amy Ferreira, and Daniel Westmeyer, play a vital role in supporting the judges by helping resolve disputes and making determinations in

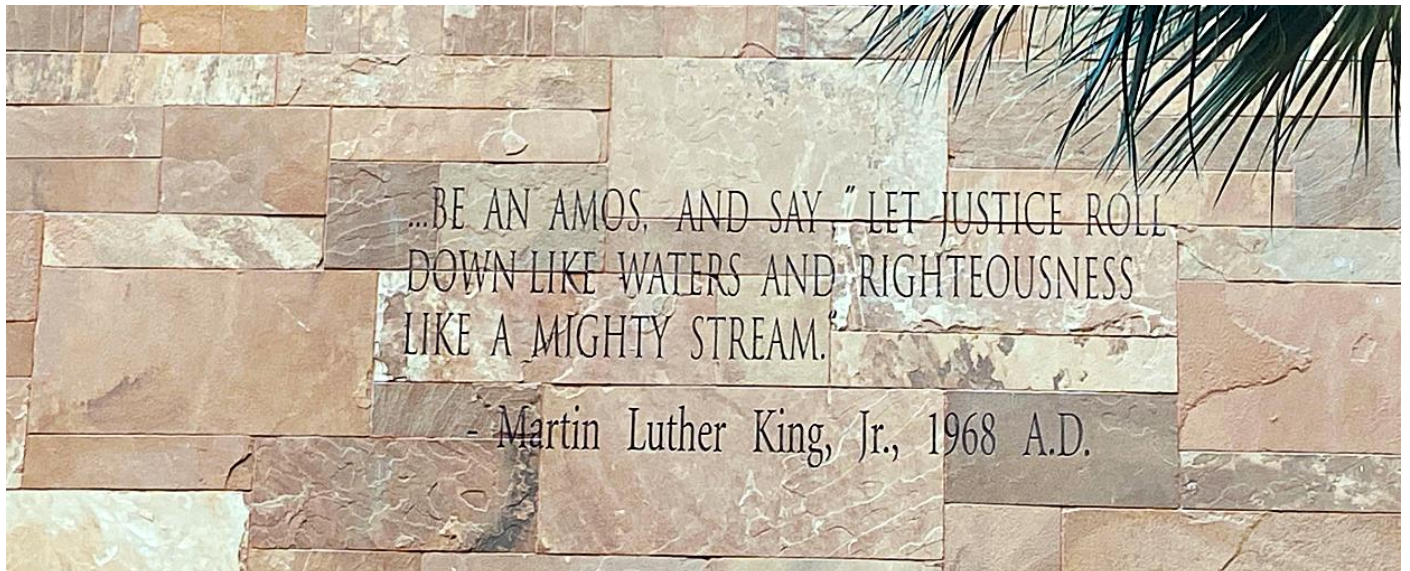
specialized areas of law. They preside over and adjudicate certain types of cases, including eviction, traffic matters, and initial appearances. In addition, Commissioners prepare detailed reports and may provide judges with information or recommendations regarding case dispositions. Beyond their courtroom responsibilities, they assist in reviewing proposed legislation and offer recommendations based on the potential legal and practical implications of such measures on the court.

H. Court Security Division

The Court Security Division safeguards the people and facilities of the Court. Responsible for courthouse security, detainee transport, and judicial protection, the division collaborates with law enforcement partners to ensure safety for all who enter the courthouse. Recent upgrades to transport vehicles, radio communications, and emergency preparedness training demonstrate the Court's ongoing commitment to maintaining security.



Marshals of the Court Security Division



XI. Community Outreach

The LVJC is committed to strengthening the community. Through its Community Impact Center and Neighborhood Justice Center, the Court provides court services that connect individuals with vital community resources and mediation programs, allowing them to engage responsibly and productively in community life.

A. Community Impact Center

The Community Impact Center (CIC) is dedicated to enhancing the well-being and self-sufficiency of individuals facing low-level criminal charges and helping them build stable, productive futures. As a comprehensive resource referral hub, CIC connects individuals and their families with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, social service providers, community groups, and justice partners. These connections provide access to essential services, such as assistance with documentation, housing, and other critical needs, helping individuals overcome barriers and take positive steps toward long-term stability.

The CIC houses the Community Court. CIC supports adults in their transition to stable community living by offering supervised, apartment-style housing designed to foster recovery and personal growth. Participants also receive support in building essential life skills, including budgeting, community integration, pre-vocational and vocational training, socialization, and participation in recreational activities.



Chief Judge De La Garza with Commissioner Tick Segerblom and Captain Landon Reyes of the LVMPD at the Community Impact Center

B. Neighborhood Justice Center

The Neighborhood Justice Center reflects the growing national awareness that not all disputes require formal litigation. Responsible for providing mediation services, alternative dispute resolution, and mediation training, NJC strengthens LVJC's commitment to broadening access to justice through alternative pathways. Its mission is to educate the public on non-adversarial solutions and empower individuals, organizations, and institutions to resolve disputes constructively.

Through its mediation, facilitation, and training services, NJC has become a trusted resource for residents, businesses, and governmental agencies across Clark County. Its central goal is to resolve disputes before they escalate to litigation, thereby reducing court caseloads and easing the burden on the judicial system.

“Quick and easy.”

“Never did mediation before. I will use mediation and refer to others in the future.”

“Thought this was a great service for the community.”

Feedback from NJC clients



Neighborhood Justice Center Presentation at the LIMA Event

876

Mediations
conducted

498

Agreements
reached

56.80%

Success rate

Our Team, Our Strength



Karen Ward (July)



Carmen Vazquez (August)



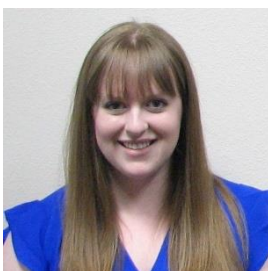
Jason Hart (August)



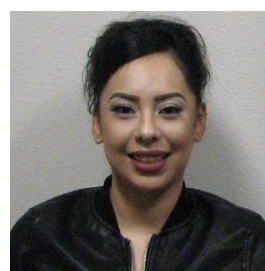
Pompeya Cardenas (September)



Taylor Rhone (October)



Mikayla Murray (November)



Marilyn Castro (December)



Agavni Martirosyan (January)



Harrison Kerschner (February)



Lynn Gianti (March)



Rey Ureno (April)



Jonah Battie (May)



Evelyn Orozco (June)



Marilyn Castro (Employee of the Year)

Employees of the Month

The *Employee of the Month* award recognizes individuals who consistently go above and beyond their regular duties, helping make LVJC an exceptional place to work. Criteria include professionalism, efficiency, teamwork, initiative, and excellence in customer service.



Mock Trial with Chief Judge De La Garza, Judge Chelini, & Judge Graham



Veterans Treatment Court with Judge Harmony Letizia



"Bring your Child to Work" Day



Oath of Office of Judge Kristal Bradford



Finance Division Staff



Oath-taking of Court Reporters



Oath of Office of Judge Nancy Bernstein



Pretrial Services Division Staff



Specialty Courts Presentation at the LIMA Event



LVJC as Recipient of the 2025 Tyler Excellence Award



Pretrial Services Division Staff



Retirement of Brent Earl, Law Clerk & Member of the Legal Team

Chief Justice of the Peace (2011 – Present)

Honorable Melisa De La Garza
October 2024 – Present

Honorable Cynthia Dustin-Cruz
January 2023 – October 2024

Honorable Melissa Saragosa
January 2021 – December 2022

Honorable Suzan Baucum
January 2019 – December 2020

Honorable Joseph Bonaventure
January 2015 – December 2018

Honorable Karen Bennett-Haron
January 2011 – December 2014



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