Honorable Janet J. Berry

Second Judicial District Court (Retired)

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Honorable Janet J. Berry's 25-year career as a judge has earned her an outstanding reputation in the community. Judge Berry has presided over approximately 350 trials, thousands of criminal sentencings and hundreds of civil settlement conferences. She has presided over cases ranging from murder, kidnapping, rape, and robbery to multi-billion dollar civil litigation – including patent infringement, construction defect, divorce, contract disputes, and legal and medical malpractice.

Judge Berry has been a judge since 1992. She served as a Municipal Court judge for four years prior to becoming a District Court judge. In 1996, she was appointed by Governor Bob Miller to the Second Judicial District Court. Judge Berry has also been designated to sit as an associate Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court on conflict cases.

Prior to her judicial career, Judge Berry was in private practice with the law firm of Davenport and Perry. She also served as a law clerk for the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Louisiana and as a law clerk to the Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court.

Judge Berry is a 1980 graduate of Tulane University School of Law and is one of a limited number of jurists who has earned a Masters Degree in Judicial Studies from the National Judicial College. She is admitted to practice law in Louisiana, California, and Nevada.

Judge Berry is actively involved in the judicial community. She has served as Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District Court, President of the Nevada District Judges Association, and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the National Judicial College.

EDUCATION	
MASTER OF JUDICIAL STUDIES	1993-1997
National Judicial College	
JURIS DOCTOR	1977-1980
Tulane University School of Law	
B.S. IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	1072 1077
California State University	1973-1977
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EMPLOYMENT	
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE	1996-2017
Second Judicial District Court, Department One	
Reno, Nevada	
MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE	1992-1996
Reno Municipal Court, Department Three	
Reno, Nevada	
PARTNER, Davenport and Perry	1983-1992
Reno, Nevada	1703-1772
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LAW CLERK to Justice E.M. Gunderson(Deceased)	1981-1982
Nevada Supreme Court	
Carson City, Nevada	
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LAW CLERK to Judge Veronica Wicker (Deceased)	1980-1981
United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana	
New Orleans, Louisiana	
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PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District Court from 2000 to 2002.
- Presiding Judge at the National Trial Academy sponsored by the American Bar Association.
- Instrumental in the creation of therapeutic courts, including Drug, Mental Health, Veterans, and Youth Offender Courts.
- National Judicial College Board of Trustees Past Chair.
- Faculty member for the National Judicial College from 1995 to present.
- Nevada District Judges Association, President from 2000 to 2001.
- Chair of the Governing Board for the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Courts and Media.
- Served as co-host of a weekly television show, The Language of Law, from 1994 to 1997.
 The show featured guests who shared their legal expertise in various areas of the law.