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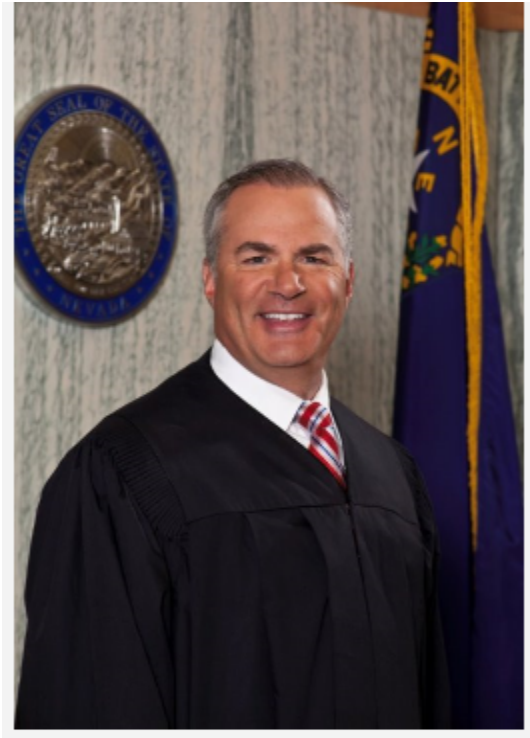
Judge Scott Freeman Unanimously Elected Chief Judge for the Second Judicial District Court.

Chief Judge Freeman is committed to promoting public trust in an independent, transparent, and efficient judiciary.

Reno, Nevada. Nov. 20, 2017. The Second Judicial District Court is proud to announce that District Court Judge Scott Freeman was unanimously elected Chief Judge by his peers on November 17, 2017.

Judge Freeman is an experienced and dynamic member of the District Court bench. Nevada Governor, Brian Sandoval, appointed Scott Freeman to serve as the presiding Judge in Department 9 on March 26, 2012. He then ran unopposed in 2014. Following the vote on Friday, Chief Judge Freeman shared “I am humbled by the confidence and support offered by my colleagues. As the Chief Judge, I will continue the District Court’s commitment to excellence in serving those who appear before us.”

Chief Judge Freeman graduated from Ithaca College in New York with a degree in Politics and a minor in Economics. He received his Juris Doctorate from Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles, California. Chief Judge Freeman has been a resident of Northern Nevada since 1979.



Prior to his judicial appointment in 2012, Chief Judge Freeman led a distinguished legal career with an emphasis on advocacy for individuals accused of crime. His zealous representation and astute awareness of key legal issues are evidenced by the numerous awards and recognitions he received during his 28 years in private practice. Additionally, Chief Judge Freeman formerly co-hosted the weekly television show “Lawyers, Guns & Money” on KRN TV, an NBC Network affiliate, with an interview format focusing on notable personalities in the legal, cultural and charitable communities.

Chief Judge Freeman is most proud of his work in the community. He has served as a member of several local boards aimed at enriching the lives of Northern Nevadans. Included among them are the Children's Cabinet, Rotary Club of Reno Sunrise, International Special Olympics, and Reno Rodeo Association.

In addition to his administrative duties, Chief Judge Freeman will focus his efforts on promoting public trust in an independent, transparent, and efficient judiciary. "I believe it is imperative the public has confidence in the judges, Court employees and stakeholders. I am committed to providing an excellent service in a safe and secure environment. In doing so, I hope to honor the memory of my friend, Judge Patrick Flanagan."

The Second Judicial District Court was established in 1910. District courts are courts of general jurisdiction where civil, criminal, family and juvenile cases are decided. The Chief Judge presides over a court with 14 other district court judges, in addition to commissioners, court masters and the Washoe County Law Library, as well as a staff of 170 full-time employees. The Chief Judge term is for two years.

To learn more about Chief Judge Scott Freeman, please visit the District Court's website at www.washoecourts.us.