

Judge Elizabeth Gonzalez, Eighth Judicial District, Department 11

Elizabeth Gonzalez is the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division of District Court, handling business, civil and criminal cases. She was appointed to the district court in July 2004. Prior to taking the bench she practiced predominantly in complex civil litigation that included business, mass tort, and construction defect litigation. From 1986 to 1998 she was employed with the law firm of Beckley, Singleton, Jemison & List where she focused on these areas of litigation and served as the firm's president from 1997 to 1998. From 1998 until taking the bench she operated her own firm.

Judge Gonzalez currently is the secretary of the American College of Business Court Judges, a member of the Board of Directors of the Clark County Bar Association, and the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada. She previously served on the Supreme Court Jury Improvement Commission and the State of Nevada Ethics Commission.

Ms. Gonzalez serves on the Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission. She is the former President of the Board of Directors of Clark County Legal Services and a former member of the Eighth Judicial District Bench Bar Committee on Pro Bono. She has long been dedicated to the provision of legal services to all members of the community. Ms. Gonzalez was first recognized for her support of pro bono by the Clark County Pro Bono Project in 1992 and in 2002 was selected Attorney of the year by the State Bar of Nevada Access to Justice Committee. She served on the Clark County Legal Services Board which now coordinates the provision of pro bono services for all of Clark County for over ten years.

Ms. Gonzalez attained a B.A. in History, with honors, from the University of Florida in May of 1982 and received her law degree from the University of Florida College of law in 1985. She was admitted to the State Bar of Nevada in 1985.

Since her admission to the Bar, Ms. Gonzalez has served on many bar committees, including service as the Regional Chair for the State Bar of Nevada Fee Dispute Committee which assisted clients in resolving payment disputes with their attorneys. In addition, Ms. Gonzalez served as a member of the State Bar of Nevada's Functional Equivalency Committee which addresses issues related to the admission of lawyers to the Nevada State Bar who had not attended schools accredited by the American Bar Association. She also serves as a Master Emeritus of the Nevada American Inn of Court which has as its purpose the enhancement of Nevada lawyer's practical skills, professional awareness and ethical responsibility.

Ms. Gonzalez has given numerous seminars on business and construction defect litigation including the subjects of evidence, civil discovery, insurance issues, dispute resolution and construction defect issues. She is the author of AThird Party Practice, which has been published in several editions of the Nevada Civil Practice Manual.