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The passing of Chief Judge Patrick Flanagan

Second Judicial District Court Chief Judge Patrick Flanagan passed away in Reno on October 6, 2017

Reno, Nev. Oct. 9, 2017. Second Judicial District Court Chief Judge Patrick Flanagan passed away in Reno on October 6, 2017.

In 2006, Judge Patrick Flanagan was elected to serve as the Second Judicial District Court Judge in Department 7. He was reelected in 2014. During his term, the Second Judicial District Court judges unanimously elected Judge Flanagan to serve as Chief Judge on January 11, 2016.

Chief Judge Flanagan was a compassionate and dedicated leader in the Court, the attorney bar, and in the community. He served as the president of the State Bar of Nevada, the Washoe County Bar Association, and the Nevada Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. In addition to his administrative duties as Chief Judge, Judge Flanagan sought to improve pro bono efforts, supported specialty court programs, and focused on providing access to justice for those in need of legal assistance. He also had a passion for inspiring and educating our youth. He regularly spoke to students, opened his courtroom to observation and engaged students in public outreach initiatives, including the Court's first annual student Flag Day poem contest.

Chief Judge Flanagan also had a passion for the legal system and its role in our community. Under his leadership, the Court welcomed the community to participate in a variety of court events and trainings.

"In addition to his judicial wisdom, Chief Judge Flanagan will be remembered for his extraordinary kindness, wit, grace, respect, generosity, and compassion. The loss of his strength and courage as a leader and friend will be felt for a very long time" stated Judge Connie Steinheimer, the longest serving judge at the Court.

Prior to joining the District Court in 2006, Chief Judge Flanagan was a partner at Hale Lane Peek Dennison and Howard, served as an assistant federal public defender for the District of Nevada, and worked in the appellate division of the Washoe County Public Defender's Office as a chief appellate deputy. He received and maintained the highest ratings in the bi-annual judicial surveys during his tenure on the bench.

Chief Judge Flanagan graduated from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with a bachelor's in education, and from California Western School of Law in San Diego, California, where he earned his juris doctorate.

The Supreme Court of Nevada Chief Justice Michael A. Cherry stated: "My most sincere condolences to the family of my friend and colleague Chief Judge Patrick Flanagan. I am extremely sorry that we have lost one of the finest jurists in the history of our state. I will miss his friendship and leadership provided

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Statement from Washoe County Commission Chair, Bob Lucey
The passing of Honorable Chief Judge Patrick Flanagan

Reno, Nev. Oct. 7, 2017. "I am truly saddened to hear of the passing of the Honorable Chief Judge Patrick Flanagan of the Second Judicial District Court. Not only is it a tragic event to suddenly lose any of our Washoe County family, but his passing strikes a very personal chord with me: I had the great privilege of being sworn into office as a Washoe County Commissioner in January 2015 by our Honorable Chief Judge Flanagan, and he was also a close friend and mentor in my early days as a Commissioner.

Judge Flanagan was a strong leader and supporter of our community, who worked to provide legal aid and pro bono legal services to citizens in need. He has been a trusted leader here in Washoe County since he was first elected to serve the Second Judicial District Court in 2006, and his upstanding character, wit and kind demeanor are a few of the many reasons our community grieves his loss. Judge Flanagan will be dearly missed. May our thoughts and prayers be with his family and loved ones during this time."

Bob Lucey
Washoe County Commission Chair

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