

# THE HONORABLE A. WILLIAM MAUPIN

CHIEF JUSTICE SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA, RETIRED

## PROFILE

Chief Justice William Maupin, retired, has spent his entire 40-year career in the legal field. He was licensed as an attorney-at-law in 1971 following his graduation from the University of Arizona, College of Law.

Over the following 22 years, Justice Maupin engaged in a wide variety of criminal and civil litigation. This involved some five years of criminal practice and 20 years of civil casualty litigation, including the MGM fire mass disaster case in the early 1980's. His later career as a practicing lawyer primarily involved major casualty, insurance coverage and professional negligence matters. In 1993, former Nevada Governor Bob Miller appointed Justice Maupin as a district court judge in Clark County, Nevada. Ultimately, in 1996, Justice Maupin was elected to the Nevada Supreme Court where he served for 12 years. He retired as Chief Justice in January of 2009.

During his career, Justice Maupin spearheaded the Nevada Court Annexed Arbitration system, one of the most comprehensive alternate dispute resolution programs in the United States. He also worked with Nevada judges and lawyers in re-vamping the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure and helped to form commissions and committees to improve the quality of Nevada's judicial system, including the Nevada Supreme Court Judicial Code Commission.

Justice Maupin is currently a shareholder at Lionel Sawyer & Collins, 300 S. Fourth Street, Suite 1700, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89101. His firm e-mail is [wmaupin@lionelsawyer.com](mailto:wmaupin@lionelsawyer.com). His primary practice areas involve civil litigation, arbitrations and mediations.

## LEGAL

### **OF COUNSEL, LIONEL SAWYER & COLLINS**

April 2010 to April 2012

### **SHAREHOLDER, LIONEL SAWYER & COLLINS**

April 2012 to present

### **JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA**

January 1997 to January 2009

### **CHIEF JUSTICE**

2001-2002, 2007, retired as Chief Justice, January 2009

### **DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, DEPARTMENT 7, EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

August 1993 to January 1997

### **ATTORNEY/PARTNER - THORNDAL, BACKUS, MAUPIN AND ARMSTRONG**

Las Vegas, April 1976 to August 1993

## **EDUCATION**

### **UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA COLLEGE OF LAW**

Juris Doctorate degree, 1971; class ranking, 9

### **UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA RENO**

Bachelor of Arts, 1968

## **SUPREME COURT INITIATIVES**

### **SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE TO RE-DRAFT NEVADA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE**

### **CHAIR, SUPREME COURT COMMISSION TO REVISE NEVADA CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

### **SUPREME COURT COMMISSION CONCERNING PRESERVATION AND ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS**

### **SUPREME COURT INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION**

### **FORMED NEVADA CHIEF JUSTICE'S TASK FORCE ON MENTAL HEALTH COURTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR STATE GOVERNMENTS**

## **DISTRICT COURT INITIATIVES**

**FROM 1994 THROUGH 1996, JUSTICE MAUPIN, THEN A CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, DISTRICT JUDGE, INITIATED A MEDIATION PROGRAM IN WHICH HE MEDIATED NUMEROUS CIVIL LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS FOR OTHER DISTRICT COURT JUDGES. THIS PROJECT RESULTED IN OVER 15 MILLION DOLLARS IN TOTAL RESOLUTIONS OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD**

## **ORGANIZATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

### **NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES**

Member, 2001-2002 and 2007

### **NEVADA DISTRICT JUDGES ASSOCIATION**

Member, 1993-1997

**STATE BAR OF NEVADA BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Member 1991-95. Elected by Clark County Bar Members

**NEVADA PRESS ASSOCIATION “FIRST AMENDMENT CHAMPION” AWARD,  
2008**

**LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL/CLARK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
SURVEY**

Highest Rating for Retention as District Court Judge, 1994 and 1996--highest rating for retention as Supreme Court Justice, 1998 and 2004

**CLARK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION - ROGER D. FOLEY PROFESSIONALISM  
AWARD, 1997**

**MARTINDALE-HUBBELL LEGAL RATING BEFORE TAKING JUDICIAL  
OFFICE—A.V.**

**DEFENSE RESEARCH INSTITUTE,**

Exceptional Service Citation as President of the Defense Trial Lawyers of Nevada,  
1991

**CLARK COUNTY BAR LIBERTY BELL AWARD--2008**

**NEVADA ATTORNEYS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE—DEFENDER OF THE SIXTH  
AMENDMENT AWARD--2009**

**CIVIC, PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT**

**FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN OF LAS COHABAS, HAITI, FOUNDATION**

2002 to present—travel to the country of Haiti with Drs. Kenneth C. Westfield and Tyree Carr to provide eye care on behalf of the foundation to impoverished residents of Las Cohabas, Haiti. This includes in-service training for residents at Howard University Medical School in Washington, D.C., to report findings of the mission and to provide information on medical-legal issues.

**MEMBER, CLARK COUNTY AND NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES BOARDS OF  
DIRECTORS—1987-1991**

**MEMBER, NEVADA MEDICAL-LEGAL SCREENING PANEL (NEVADA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—DIVISION OF INSURANCE)—1990-93**