



## **Eighth Judicial District Court**

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### **Family Court Releases Videos To Assist Those Who Represent Themselves In Court**

*Judges Offer Pointers To Make Self-Representation Easier And Smoother*

Family Court has posted videos on the court website that will help those who represent themselves at Family Court. Judge Gayle Nathan worked together with the UNLV Law School to produce a "Putting Your Best Foot Forward" video to assist propria persona (pro per litigants) or those who represent themselves in court. More than half of those who appear in Family Court are pro per litigants.

The videos include presentations by Judges Nathan, Charles Hoskin, Cynthia Giuliani, Bill Henderson, Dianne Steel, Bryce Duckworth and Cheryl Moss. The videos can be viewed on the court website at <http://www.clarkcountycourts.us/ejdc/courts-and-judges/family.html>. The videos will also soon run on a monitor at the Family Court. A Spanish language version is in production and should be available in early 2014.

The clips cover a range of useful topics:

Introduction to the Eighth Judicial District Court by Judge Charles J. Hoskin

1. Introduction to the rules by Judge Cynthia Giuliani
2. Children in the courthouse by Judge Cynthia Dianne Steel
3. Mediation by Joyce Gallina, MSW
4. Arguing your case by Judge Bill Henderson
5. Motions and filed papers by Judge Bryce C. Duckworth
6. What happens after your court case by Judge Gayle Nathan
7. Helpful tips by Judge Cheryl B. Moss

"This is a much needed tool for those who represent themselves in court," said Judge Nathan, who wrote and executive produced the videos. "I am very grateful to former UNLV law professor Ray Patterson for his participation on this very important project and to the judges who helped to present the material. I encourage anyone who plans to represent themselves at Family Court to view the videos to help them better prepare for court."

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