

Kalani Hoo named Chief Judge of North Las Vegas Justice Court

North Las Vegas Justice of the Peace Kalani Hoo has been named the chief judge of North Las Vegas Justice Court. His two-year term begins January 3, 2023 and will be his second term as chief.

Judge Hoo has been the North Las Vegas Justice Court Department 1 Justice of the Peace since December 2012. Prior to his election, Judge Hoo was a partner at the law firm of Eichhorn & Hoo, LLC, practicing criminal and civil law in both state and federal court. He has been licensed to practice law since 1998.

Judge Hoo has volunteered as a Truancy Diversion Judge in North Las Vegas schools since 2012. The Truancy Diversion Program is designed to improve student attendance and performance by involving parents, students, and teachers.

Judge Hoo currently presides over two specialty courts. As a co-founder of the North Las Vegas Community Court, Judge Hoo partners with a team of criminal justice and social service professionals. Community Court focuses on rehabilitating 18-25 year olds who are charged with non-violent offenses.

The first Veterans' Court in North Las Vegas began in January 2014. Judge Hoo assumed responsibility for the program in 2021. Veteran's Court is a type of specialty court that is charged with trying cases of minor offenses which involve military veterans, particularly those diagnosed with service-related illnesses.

Justice Court handles misdemeanors, traffic matters, and felony arraignments, civil disputes under \$15,000, small claims and landlord tenant disputes. In 2022, North Las Vegas Justice handled over 14,000 cases.