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Judge John Tatro receives Lifetime Achievement Award from the Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction Association

The Nevada Judges Association consisting of over 80 Justices of the Peace and Municipal Court Judges from the Justice and Municipal Courts throughout the State of Nevada honored Carson City Justice of the Peace/Municipal Court Judge John Tatro with the Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. Judge Richard Glasson, President of the Association, stated "This honor is to recognize Judge John Tatro for his contribution over his lifetime to the judiciary. This honor is rarely awarded. Many of our members do a lot and we are expected to, that's why it is called 'Public Service' however, there are those rare instances where one judge has contributed so much heart and wisdom that we want to honor their example as role models to all judges." The presentation was at the 2016 Nevada Judicial Leadership Summit. Present were the Nevada Supreme Court Justices, District Court Judges, Justices of the Peace, and Municipal Court Judges from numerous Nevada Courts. Judge John Tatro has been Justice of the Peace/Municipal Court Judge in Carson City, Department II, since 1995.

He began his judicial career as the Hearings Officer for the Nevada State Gaming Control Board serving in that capacity from 1987 – 1995. He was voted 2003 Judge of the Year by the Nevada Judges Association. He has attended many classes at the Nevada Judicial College, and the National Center for State Courts, and has attained the level of Distinguished Jurist in Judicial Education. He was the 2008 and 2011, President of the Nevada Judges Association of Limited Jurisdiction. He has been appointed by the Nevada Supreme Court as a member of the State Judicial Council, Judicial Code Commission, Specialty Court Funding Committee and the Court Technology Committee. He is currently on the commission chaired by Chief Justice James W. Hardesty to study evidence-based pretrial release.

Judge Tatro began the Mental Health Court in March of 2005, which is still in operation today, assisting individuals with mental illness. He was pivotal in expanding the Department of Alternative Sentencing to ensure compliance with court-ordered sentences. He has been President of the Rotary Club of Carson City, served on the Board of Trustees of the Rotary Foundation. In 2006, he was President of the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Western Nevada and served on the Board for 18 years. He continues to be a member of the steering committee for Partnership Carson City, an anti-drug coalition and was Vice President of Circles of Support, an organization to end homelessness. Additionally, he has been very active with the youth in the community, having coached basketball, baseball, soccer, and taught skiing for the Carson City Recreation Program for 10 years.

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