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JUDGE MOWBRAY

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Mowbray previously served as a district judge in Clark County, where he was first appointed to the bench by former Governor Grant Sawyer in 1959 and elected by overwhelming majorities in 1960, 1962 and ran unopposed in 1966.

Just prior to assuming his post as a Supreme Court Justice Mowbray took time out to serve as a faculty advisor to the National College of State Trial Judges at the University of Pennsylvania.

Retired U. S. Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark praised his work at the University of Pennsylvania as "an important contribution to the improvement of the administration of justice in the U. S."

Durint his years on the bench Mowbray has been credited with inaugurating many judicial reforms.

He spearheaded the passage of such much-needed legislation as the "battered child" law for the protection of maltreated children.

He was one of the key persons responsible for the creation of the public defender's office in Clark County and succeeded in obtaining a Ford Foundation grant of \$196,000 for the program.

The Ford Foundation cited Clark County public defender plan as the most outstanding in the nation.

One of Mowbray's most significant contributions as a jurist was the development of a system to speed the processing of both civil and criminal trials as well as other court actions. During the first year of the system Clark County's trial calendar doubled its activity and cleared away a backlog of criminal cases, thus ending a six-months' moratorium that had been placed on civil cases.

Mowbray's system of expediting trials subsequently received national recognition in July of last year when he was commended by New York University's American Institute of Judicial Administration.

As a Nevada Supreme Court justice, Mowbray has emphasized that the courts "must strike a fair balance between the needs of society and the rights of the in-"dividual."

Recognized for his Americanism talks before civic and school groups, Mowbray has twice been honored by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge -- first in 1962 when he received its national award and again in 1965 when he won the Foundation's coveted George Washington Medal of Honor for a series of patriotic lectures.

Long active in community life, Mowbray served as vice president of the Boulder Dam Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and in 1966 received Scouting's highest national award for his efforts in behalf of youth.

He also has been honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for his work in promoting understanding among persons of all faiths. In 1964 the Knights of Columbus, of which he is a past grand knight, honored him as state-wide man of the year.

Among the organizations Mowbray has served as president are the Catholic Community Welfare, the Las Vegas Chapter of the City of Hope, the Serra Club, the

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Nevada State Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

He also has been a director of the YMCA, a member of the Elks, the Eagles, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A World War II veteran, his five years in the Army include service as a military governor of South Korea.

Prior to Pearl Harbor Mowbray taught school in order to work his way through the University of Illinois. He continued his education after the war at Notre Dame, from which he was graduated cum laude.

He was in private law practice in Las Vegas from 1949 until 1953 when he became deputy district attorney in Clark County.

Mowbray was subsequently appointed United States Referee for the District of Nevada in 1955 and later became the first full-time referee to serve the entire state.

Mowbray and his wife, Kathlyn, have four children --John, Romy, Jerry and Terry.



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