

**SHIRLEY CRUMPLER FOR GOVERNOR**

Describing Nevada's district court system as "archaic and unjust" gubernatorial candidate Shirley Crumpler listed an 11-point program for reforming the court system she would advocate if elected.

She said her plan would "provide a system which would streamline both criminal and civil justice in the State of Nevada."

"Too often," she said, "the ordinary citizen is denied his or her rights while an out-of-state criminal is afforded a speedy trial under the present court system."

She listed her 11-point program as:

Establish set hours for court hearings and require judges to be available in chambers seven hours a day, five days a week with regular vacation and sick leave provisions.

-- Divide Washoe County and Clark County into civil and criminal divisions to guarantee that cases are heard faster.

-- Vacancies on either the supreme court or district courts to be filled by the governor with the approval of a judicial commission after open hearings.

-- Provide for a judicial commission with authority to discipline, suspend or retire members of the judiciary for misconduct.

-- Retain the election proceedings for both the supreme court and district court (there is currently an amendment before the legislature to eliminate direct election of the supreme court justices).

-- Appointment of permanent masters to hear uncontested matters, contested non-jury matters, and probate matters.

-- Adoption of an automatic formula to increase the number of judges as the case load requires.

-- Transfer responsibility from the counties to the state for the furnishing and maintenance of additional court rooms as they are required.

-- Explore federal programs to obtain additional financing for the courts and the prosecutors office, to upgrade the quality of prosecution of criminals.

-- Return the sentencing system from a determinate sentence and to the prior procedure which worked for 100 years, and which would require the judge to impose a sentence of a definite minimum to a definite maximum, thus eliminating the problem of a judge who

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is known to be soft and give light sentences as opposed to a hard judge who gives heavy sentences.

-- Eliminate entirely the requirement that all uncontested divorce cases be reported and transcribed, to eliminate additional congestion in the courts, providing some other method of paying adequate compensation to the court reporter.

Shirley said her program "wasn't an overnight solution and certain points will require constitutional amendments and might also require the defeat of amendments pending before the legislature at its next session."

"The program, however," she said, "must be instituted as soon as possible before the state court system comes to a complete halt."

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**AL BECKER FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE**

Las Vegas attorney Al Becker filed his candidacy for Justice of the Peace and accompanied that action with an attack on the bail system for criminal defendants in Clark County.

Becker, a candidate for Justice of the Peace termed the bail system a "revolving door" for habitual criminals.

An attorney in Las Vegas for more than 10 years Becker blamed the upward spiraling local crime rate on what he characterized as "a \$50 and out" bail policy in the present Clark County Justice Court. "It's a vicious circle," he said. "Of the offenders who come before the court on burglary or larceny charges, approximately 60 per cent are on dope and they are able to walk out on \$500 bail which only costs them \$50 for a bond."

"These offenders should get slapped with a \$5,000 to \$20,000 bail limit," Becker asserted.

He claimed the present Justices of the Peace are far too lenient and pledged a get-tough policy on crime if he is elected.

"The only way to reduce crime is to keep the hoodlums off the street and away from



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society," he stated.

"The present bail system is completely inadequate and ridiculous and has resulted in the habitual criminal having a revolving door in and out of jail as soon as he is arrested," he said.

Becker is a member of the Nevada Bar Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association. He has served as Las Vegas chief of the Child Welfare Division and is a former chairman of the Clark County Child Welfare Board.

He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and believes that his years of experience as a trial lawyer in both criminal and civil cases qualifies him for the judgeship.




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