

Political Hopefuls

CHIEF JUSTICE GUNDERSON FILES FOR REELECTION



E.M. "AL" GUNDERSON

Administrative efficiency is keeping the Nevada Supreme Court ahead of its ever-increasing case load, according to Chief Justice E.M. "Al" Gunderson.

"Last year" said Gunderson "the Court disposed of more than 800 cases. This was an increase of more than twenty percent over 1980."

Justice Gunderson noted that a number of measures were initiated by his Court last year in an effort to streamline the processing of cases.

"Not only did we reduce the court's total inventory by 111 cases," said Gunderson, but we also saved Nevada taxpayers nearly \$200,000 in per-case processing costs."

Gunderson credits the Court's professional legal staff along with his fellow Justices for the continuing ability to cope with an increased caseload.

"I have been heartened by the outstanding support and cooperation which I have received from both the Court and its staff," he said.

Although hampered by the loss of Justice Cameron Batjer, who retired during the first quarter of 1982, Justice Gunderson noted that the addition of Justice Thomas L. Steffen in the second quarter allowed the Court to keep pace with newly filed cases.

"By the close of the second quarter of this year," the Chief Justice observed, "we were once again deciding cases at a rate of thirty-seven percent greater than new filings."

Of particular pride to Chief Justice Gunderson is the substantial reduction in time from the filing of a lawyer's brief to the time he appears before the Court for oral argument.

"It used to be that

attorneys would have to wait almost a year following the filing of his final brief to make his oral argument," noted Gunderson. "Now, the waiting time has been cut in half."

Justice Gunderson's administrative and judicial efforts were recently recognized by his colleagues in the Nevada Judges Association, who selected him as their outstanding jurist for 1982.

A longtime Nevada attorney, Justice Gunderson received his juris doctor degree from Creighton University School of Law, and his master of laws degree from the University of Virginia.

The recipient of nu-

merous professional and civic honors, Justice Gunderson is the chairman of the Judicial Council of Nevada and is the Nevada representative to the National Center for State Courts. In addition to receiving awards from the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association and from the State Bar of Nevada for judicial excellence, he has also received honorary doctor of law degrees from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, and from California Western School of Law. He is on the Board of Visitors at Southwestern University School of Law.

HADDOCK SEEKS ASSESSOR'S POST



DAVE HADDOCK

Conceding he has about as much chance as David Goliath in the Clark County assessor's race, political novice Dave Haddock nevertheless intends to follow through with a campaign to unseat incumbent Jean Dutton.

Haddock, 203 Zion Drive, said he jumped into contention primarily because no one -- not even Dutton -- had filed for the position seven days before the filing dead-

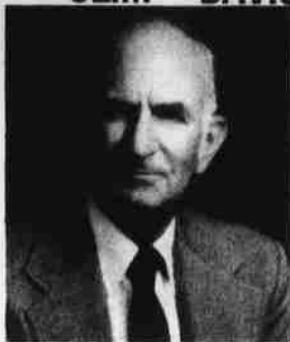
line.

"Maybe I was impulsive, but I got so angry to think that those people could sit back and not file," said Haddock, 58. "I don't see how they can do that when the economy is the way it is and people are begging for jobs."

The "rank-and-file" Democrat said he has no experience in tax law other than helping his son conduct a few house appraisals, but intends to "go to the library and do some research now that I can't withdraw."

Haddock, a route salesman for Dolly Madison Cakes, said he will establish a citizens' committee to give input to the assessor's office and conduct tax-assessment seminars if elected this fall.

"SLIM" DAVISON FILES FOR NLV CONSTABLE



"SLIM" DAVISON

Former North Las Vegas Chief Clarke A. "Slim" Davison has filed his candidacy for the office of Constable, North Las Vegas.

Davison, a 26-year law enforcement veteran, is advocating change in the present structure of the Constable's Office, beginning with full-time service, more careful screening of applicants for deputy constable positions and more in-depth training.

"The Constable's Office works in close cooperation with the Justice Court, North Las Vegas is the third largest city in the state. The integrity and needs of the Justice Court have grown with the city and it is incumbent that the Constable's Office keep pace with these changes."

He said his many years as a public employee and resident of North Las Vegas have given him a keen understanding of the city's needs and he would like to put that knowledge to work in the Constable's Office.

His candidacy has been endorsed by the North Las Vegas

Police Officers Association.

The former Chief of Police has spent 24 of his 26 years in law enforcement in supervisory positions including 10 years as assistant chief under Nick Janise and six years as chief prior to his retirement in 1976.

During his tenure with the Police Department, he saw the force grow from four officers to more than 150 with one of the most sophisticated communications systems in the state and a computerized record system.

Davison was instrumental in the

decision to switch from the use of large police cars to the more economical compacts.

While in law enforcement Davison was a member of the Nevada Police Officers Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

He attended many FBI seminars and was commended on the quality of his investigative work for and with the state and federal court systems. He served with distinction in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He is a member of The Footprinters.

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