

Shearing Files For District Court

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Justice of the Peace, Miriam Shearing, the first woman ever elected to a judicial post in Las Vegas, became a candidate for District Court Judge when she filed for the seat formerly held by the late Judge Keith Hayes.

Judge Shearing, 45, has twice been elected to the post she currently holds and has been an attorney for more than 15 years.

Prior to serving in Justice Court, she had an active civil practice in addition to being an alternate juvenile court referee.

Judge Shearing was admitted to the Nevada Bar in 1969 and is admitted to practice in all California courts, U.S. District Court off the Southern District of California, U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada and U.S. Court of

Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Long active in community events, Judge Shearing is a Director of the Las Vegas Family Abuse Center, a member of the advisory board of Temporary Assistance to Women, a member of the American Association of University Women, Clark County Medical Association Auxiliary and Southern Nevada Allied

Arts Council.

Judge Shearing received her B.A. from Cornell University in 1956 and her law degree from Boston College Law School in 1964.

The wife of Las Vegas eye surgeon Steven P. Shearing, and mother of three, she was named "Professional Mother Of The Year" earlier this month.

Ira Hecht Running for J.P.

Ira H. Hecht, 36, of Las Vegas has announced his candidacy for Justice of the Peace, Dept. 4, the seat being vacated by Judge Miriam Shearing.

Hecht, a practicing attorney for 11 years, has been a Las Vegas resident since 1968. Prior to resuming full-time legal practice, he was employed as a psychologist

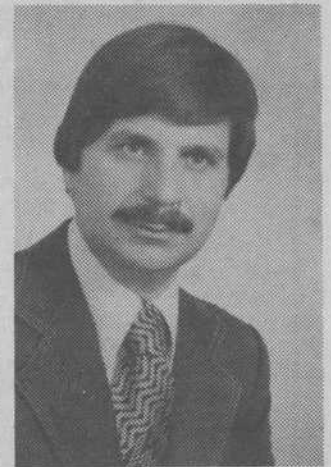
at the Las Vegas Mental Health Center. He has also served as a deputy district attorney for Clark County.

Hecht states that his training in both law and psychology has given him "both the experience and the necessary expertise to accept the challenge and responsibility of the judicial office" that he seeks. The candidate contends that it is essential for a judge to have both the ability to understand complex legal

issues and the motivations of human behavior to properly function on the bench.

During the campaign Hecht promised to develop a proposal for staggered starting time for the various departments of the court so as to permit attorneys to better represent their clients when those attorneys have cases in different departments at the same time.

The candidate is married to Debbie Hecht.



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