

Biography

Judge Walker was appointed by Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval to serve as the presiding judge in Department 2 of the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada on March 10, 2011. He was thereafter elected to serve the remainder of Judge Hardy's former term in 2012, and was elected for a six year term again in 2014. He is currently responsible for the Juvenile Division, which includes both the Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Dependency business units.

Prior to taking the District Court bench, Judge Walker worked as a Family Court Master, a position he held from January 3, 2009 until his appointment by Governor Sandoval. As a Court Master, Judge Walker re-worked the child support dockets to increase both the volume of cases heard in court, and the total number of cases resolved without a court hearing. He also assisted in the development of the Self Represented Litigant program, a program designed to better manage cases in which at least one of the parties appears without counsel.

Prior to working as a judicial officer, Judge Walker worked in both private practice and as a Deputy District Attorney in Carson City and Washoe County. As a deputy district attorney, he was responsible for the prosecution of all varieties of criminal misconduct, including nine first degree murder trials and more than twenty trials involving allegations of sexual misconduct and/or child abuse. He was a member of the Washoe County District Attorney's Office Major Violators Unit, and served on the Washoe County Child Death Review Team. While in private practice, Judge Walker represented the family of murder victim Charla Mack, earning a multi-million dollar wrongful death award against her killer.

Judge Walker attended the University of Pacific-McGeorge School of Law, graduating in 1991. While attending law school, he worked as a Registered Nurse in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at the University of California, Davis Medical Center. From 1982 until 1990, Judge Walker was a member of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve, working as a medic, flight medic and nurse.

Judge Walker is a board member of the Children's Cabinet, a past Rotarian and a student in graduate judicial education at the University of Nevada/National Judicial College.

Judge Walker and his wife Shelley have six children in their blended family, as well as two dogs and enough fur to fill many vacuums.