

Reno Municipal Court Judge Named Champion by Transforming Youth Recovery



Judge Dorothy Nash Holmes was recently named one of three Champions of the Year by Transforming Youth Recovery for her tireless work with young criminal defendants.

Transforming Youth Recovery is a non-profit organization committed to helping young adults overcome their drug addictions. Transforming Youth Recovery founded Nevada Recovery and Prevention (NRAP), the student sober living program at the University of Nevada and 165 other colleges throughout the United States; donated \$13 million to the Washoe County School District to educate elementary and middle school students about the dangers of addiction; and sponsored “Doors to Recovery,” an art display and competition for local artists to paint re-purposed old doors with recovery themes.

Sharing in the honor with Judge Nash Holmes were Second Judicial District Court Judges Lidia Stiglich and Janet Berry. All three judges work with young offenders in their respective specialty courts. The primary goal of these specialized dockets is to divert young offenders from the traditional criminal justice system by involving them in treatment-based programs for their substance abuse thus reducing their continued criminal activities.

Judge Holmes has operated three specialty courts at Reno Municipal Court since 2010, a drug court; co-occurring disorder court which treats those with substance use disorders and mental health problems; and, a homeless court. Judges Stiglich and Berry established Youthful Offender Courts at Second Judicial District Court, which focuses on youth, ages 18-24 and who are addicted to opioids.