

CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
JUDGE DARVIN J. ZIMMERMAN



Re: My upcoming retirement

Clark County Chair Eileen Quiring O'Brien,

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the public and coming to the courthouse campus for nearly 43 years, even the 50- and 60-hour work weeks. I feel sadness in that this will soon come to an end.

I want to share an unsolicited comment from a local and distinguished judge who I have worked with in the past and has appeared before me often:

"When we were prosecutors together, you were the hardest working attorney in the office, and one of the most successful.

In the various times I have appeared in front of you, you have always been fair, just, well informed, highly ethical, and conscientious. I believe that despite the unfortunate publication of comments which were intended to be confidential, you are excellent judge and your contributions to the courts and the community are innumerable."

Numerous other community leaders have told me similar things and suggest I should keep on doing my job as a judge. Easy for them to say not knowing all the ramifications. I do not intend to jeopardize anyone's safety including my own.

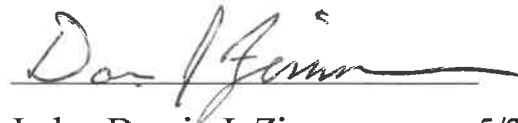
To those that have taken the time to wish me harm or even death, may God Bless you. If you really knew me, you would know that I speak out for issues you might support. I hope that many may join me in supporting marginalized communities. Something I have done my whole life.

I will continue to speak out on behalf of Veterans and honor them. I will continue to ask why many of our jails are the largest mental health facilities in the state and why do we rank nearly last in the funding of mental health for the entire nation. We can do better, and I will be asking why we are not doing better.

Things that our now of a national debate such as mental health responders aiding the police are programs that we initiated months ago and are now realizing the effectiveness and how they can save lives. I will continue my efforts to expand that throughout the county. So, in short there is lots of work to do to make Clark County a better and safer place. Including the launching of the first mental health arrest diversion program in the state here in Clark County.

As for my current situation, I am not vacationing, but working on numerous community projects and scheduling some major medical procedures. After consultation with the medical professionals, I will be giving an official date of retirement.

I wanted to give the county the courtesy of knowing there will be two (2) District Court Judge positions to replace.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darvin J. Zimmerman", written over a horizontal line.

Judge Darvin J. Zimmerman 5/26/2021

cc: Kathleen Otto & Attorney Josephine Townsend