

CLARK COUNTY 8TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DEPARTMENT 29

<u>POTENTIAL HITS FROM THE LEFT</u>	<u>POTENTIAL HITS FROM THE RIGHT</u>
• Financed efforts to end-same sex marriage in California • Represented public officials in ethics disputes • Helped Republicans in redistricting efforts • Helped a Republican candidate contest election results after certification • Retention rating of 73% • Civil error rate of 14.29% • Affiliation with libertarian Institute for Humanities	• Lost 2020 election

KEY FINDINGS:

- **Reynolds donated to end same-sex marriage in California in 2008.** He donated \$100 to [Protectmarriage.com](https://www.protectmarriage.com)
- **Reynolds has a civil error rate of 14.29% and a retention rating of 73%.**
- **Reynolds has aided in several Republican-led litigation efforts, including one suit to overturn a county's election results.** Reynolds has also worked on redistricting cases and represented public officials before the Nevada Ethics Commission.

JURISDICTION CONTEXT

Clark County has over 2.4 million residents, making it the largest county in the state of Nevada. [\[Census\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Clark County is largely made up of White (35.6%) and Hispanic (33.4%) residents. [\[Census\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Clark County swung for Harris (50.4%) and Sen. Rosen (50.7%) in 2024, while Nevada overall flipped for Trump (50.6%). [\[Politico\]](#), 10/17/25]

Clark County voted to create a constitutional right to abortion (66.5%) and to require photo ID to vote in elections (72.8%) in 2024. [\[Politico\]](#), 10/17/25]

Jacob Reynolds is facing attorney Alex Quagge in the 2026 election for Department 29. [Las Vegas Review Journal, 1/18/26]

BACKGROUND

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Reynolds was a missionary in Argentina. “After High School I served a mission for my church in Salta, Argentina on the Bolivian border. There I learned Spanish and have continued to use it as I have taught ESL classes to immigrants, in service projects in Guatemala and El Salvador (Habitat for Humanity), and now as an attorney to teach classes about the Constitution to elementary school classes

in Central and Eastern Las Vegas, as well as to help with various clients.” [\[Nevada Current, 10/5/20\]](#)
[\[Vegas Legal Magazine, accessed 8/21/26\]](#)

Reynolds grew up in Utah, Scotland, Israel, and Argentina. [\[Clark County, accessed 8/21/26\]](#)

2003-2006: Reynolds attended Brigham Young University (BYU) Law School. [\[Jacob Reynolds LinkedIn, accessed 8/17/26\]](#)

Reynolds was affiliated with the Institute for Humane Studies. “Judge Reynolds is number 10 of 11 children. He grew up in Utah, Scotland, Israel and Argentina. He speaks Spanish fluently. He attended Brigham Young University where he double-majored in philosophy and economics. He also attended the Institute for Humane Studies seminar, hosted at Princeton University.” [\[Clark County Courts, accessed 8/21/26\]](#)

The Institute for Humane Studies is a libertarian-affiliated organization criticized for connections to Charles Koch. “The Institute for Humane Studies was founded in 1961 and moved to George Mason University in 1985. At this time, a man named Leonard Liggio was the Institute’s President. Liggio, was a thought-leader in the Koch network and first advocated for the libertarian movement to base their youth outreach on Hitler’s Nazi Germany youth model. Liggio argued that a libertarian youth movement required a concentrated organizational effort that would give a group identity to its members, and suggested it be concentrated in the universities (Mayer, 2016) ...The Institute for Humane Studies has received over \$35 million from Koch family foundations (Guide Star 990 data). Charles Koch himself has served in various leadership positions of the Institute since the 1960’s (Charles Koch 1974 IHS speech), and continues to sit on the Institute’s Board of Directors.” [\[UnKoch My Campus, accessed 8/21/26\]](#)

1997-2003: Reynolds attended BYU and received his B.A. in economics and philosophy. [\[Jacob Reynolds LinkedIn, accessed 8/17/26\]](#)

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Tammy Richards Reynolds, Reynolds’s wife, is an OB/GYN in Las Vegas, Nevada. “She received her medical degree from George Washington University School of Medicine and has been in practice between 11-20 years.” [\[US News, accessed 8/21/26\]](#)

Sydney Reynolds, Reynolds’s mother, supports “women who obtain their education and then use that knowledge in the home as full-time mothers.” ““I feel the most important contribution we can make is in the home,” she says. “A focus on the home will bless us in the long run and help our children to be a blessing to the world.” [\[Church of Jesus Christ, accessed 8/21/26\]](#)

Noel Reynolds, Reynolds’s father, is a high-ranking official in the Church of Latter Day Saints. “From 2005 to 2008, Reynolds was president of the church's Florida Fort Lauderdale Mission. During part of this time, the mission included the Bahamas and Turks and Caicos. From 2011 to 2014, he was president of the Mount Timpanogos Utah Temple.”

Noel Reynolds is also a professor emeritus of political science at BYU and has written extensively about the Mormon church. “Noel B. Reynolds is a professor emeritus of political science of Brigham Young University. He grew up in Cody, Wyoming, and served as a missionary for the LDS Church in Uruguay and Argentina from 1961 to 1964. Reynolds received his MA and PhD from Harvard

University. He has been a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, Edinburgh University, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Reynolds was one of the editors of the Encyclopedia of Mormonism, published in 1992 by Macmillan. Reynolds has published books and articles in several fields, including legal and political philosophy, American founding, authorship studies, ancient studies and Dead Sea Scrolls, and Mormon studies.” [\[Religious Studies Center BYU\]](#), accessed 8/21/26] [\[Noel Reynolds Wikipedia\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

PROFESSIONAL & LEGAL BACKGROUND

In private practice, Reynolds represented elected officials in cases before the Nevada Ethics Commission. “Reynolds attended law school at Brigham Young University and clerked in federal court for two years. He says his practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, asset protection litigation, and representing public officials before the Nevada Ethics Commission. He’s been in private practice for a dozen years.” [\[Nevada Current\]](#), 10/5/20]

2009: Reynolds started working for Hutchinson & Steffen. “Hutchison & Steffen hired Jacob Reynolds as an associate practicing in commercial, business, employment, and insurance defense litigation.” [Las Vegas Business Press, 9/21/09]

2011: Reynolds defended Shari Buck, mayor of Los Angeles, in an ethics investigation. “Jacob Reynolds, Buck’s attorney, said there is no evidence Buck violated ethics laws, and none of her actions would constitute willful violations. “She’s not liable of what they are accusing her of,” said Reynolds. “There’s not much there.” The commission plans to consider the motion next month.” [Las Vegas Sun, 12/14/11]

2018-2019: Reynolds won two consecutive Chambers USA Band 1 awards, their highest status. “Jacob Reynolds — business litigation, professional liability” [Las Vegas Sun Blogs, 8/13/18] [Las Vegas Sun Blogs, 8/12/19]

2020: Reynolds stated that he received an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell. “Reynolds, licensed in 2006, touted an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell, a peer-review rating system for lawyers, saying he was the “highest-rated attorney in this race” and the only one with “substantial bipartisan support.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 4/16/20]

2023: Reynolds was appointed by Governor Joe Lombardo to serve as a judge for Department 29. She joins longtime attorney Jacob Reynolds, former Chief Legal Officer for Scholer & Sons, LLC., who was appointed to the court’s 29th Department. “Danielle is an experienced prosecutor and Jacob is an expert civil litigator, and I’m grateful for their willingness to serve our state,” Lombardo said in a release. “I’m confident that they will both use their experience and wisdom to serve their fellow Nevadans with the utmost fairness, honor and integrity.”” [\[Las Vegas Sun Blogs\]](#), 2/28/23]

2023: Reynolds ordered rapper Blueface to pay \$13 million in damages to a local strip club. “Johnathan Porter, 26, also known as Blueface, was sentenced to probation in a criminal case after pleading guilty in July to a felony count of discharging a gun into an occupied vehicle. The company, SG Enterprises, filed the lawsuit in December and alleged that Blueface’s actions caused the strip club to lose its license and eventually close. District Court Judge Jacob Reynolds wrote in the order that he sided with the company that owns the now closed Euphoric Gentlemen’s Club, near Interstate 15 and Sunset Road, according to court records. District Court Judge Jacob Reynolds wrote in the order that he sided with the company that owns the now closed Euphoric Gentlemen’s Club, near Interstate 15 and Sunset Road, according to court records.” [Las Vegas Review Journal 10/24/23]

2026: A paid profile claims Reynolds helped discover and punish fraudsters. “His due diligence work in Uruguay and Brazil uncovered millions in fraud against Nevadans, leading to criminal indictments. [[Clark County Bar](#), accessed 8/21/26]

INTEGRITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

2020: A complaint was filed against Reynolds with the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline for alleged campaign violations. “A campaign flyer under the banner of the Nevada Republican Club listed seven candidates endorsed by the group, including Gilliam. It was paid for by the campaigns of each of the candidates, which also included incumbents Joe Hardy Jr., Ron Israel and William Voy, along with attorneys Adam Ganz, Jacob Reynolds and Margaret Pickard.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 5/19/20]

2020: Reynolds had a second complaint filed days after the first complaint. “Parts of the accusations focused on a campaign flyer under the banner of the Nevada Republican Club, which listed candidates endorsed by the group and stated that the candidates had paid for the advertisement. Days later, attorney Bill Terry, who is not a judicial candidate, filed a separate complaint against Jacob Reynolds, who is listed on the flyer along with incumbents Joe Hardy Jr., Ron Israel and William Voy, and attorneys Adam Ganz, Dan Gilliam and Margaret Pickard.” [Las Vegas Review Journal 5/29/20]

POLITICAL AFFILIATION & ACTIVITY:

Ideology & Politics

2020: Reynolds said despite his involvement in conservative lawsuits, he questioned his own biases as a part of the judicial process. “Reynolds was asked about his potential bias since he has been involved in conservative issues in his career and is running for a nonpartisan seat. His work includes a lawsuit that sought to recall three sitting members of the Nevada state Senate, two Democrats and one independent. The recall failed after organizers didn’t collect enough signatures. Reynolds defended himself by pointing to his endorsements from Democrats and Republicans on his website. He also said as part of his deciding process includes questioning his own bias and seeking the most solid arguments. ‘As you’ve mentioned that I’ve practiced on some conservative matters. I’ve also done some liberal matters as well,’ Reynolds said. ‘I’m the only person in this race with substantial bipartisan support... I understand that there’s going to be some partisans out there who look at it unfavorably and have, but the people who work with me in those cases know I’m a great attorney and have decided to support me in this race because they know my work.’” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 9/27/20]

2020: Reynolds said he thinks people of color, especially lower-income people, are disproportionately affected by systematic issues in the justice system. “As an attorney, he said, he tries to help those people with pro-bono work and would like to address those issues if elected judge. “These people, they just really need somebody, they’re scared of going to court,” he said. “They just need someone to stand by them, help them articulate an argument. It’s really not as hard as people think. I wish more attorneys would do it.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 9/27/20]

2020: Reynolds posted supporting social distancing. “Due to these uncertain times during the COVID-19 confinement, I will not schedule any fundraisers for the month of March thru mid-April. I support social distancing and feel it is incumbent on each of us to think of one another’s health and safety.” [[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Affiliation with political figures/organizations:

2026: Governor Lombardo endorsed Reynolds. “So grateful for the endorsement of Governor Joe Lombardo!” [\[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2026: Reynolds posted with Eighth District Court ADR/Discovery Commissioner Adam Ganz. “Running into my friend Commissioner Adam Ganz on the campaign trail. Met with Laborers 872 representation about an endorsement today! Thank you Laborers!” [\[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook\]](#), accessed 8/21/26] [\[Adam Ganz Campaign\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2020: Reynolds posted thanking his opponent Newberry for running a respectful campaign. “It is not premature however to thank Tara Clark Newberry for running a good campaign. Tara is my "opponent" in this race. I am grateful it was run with mutual respect for each other, and frankly for the dignity of the court and the profession.” [\[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2020: Reynolds posted with Ambassador Robert C. O'Brien. “Yesterday the UNLV law school in conjunction with the J. Reuben Clark Law Society hosted an event with Ambassador Robert C. O'Brien (pictured), who is the current National Security Advisor. This is the man who worked with Israel, UAE, and Bahrain on peace deals that have allowed international flights. He talked about flying over Saudi Arabian airspace on a flight from Israel. I used to live in Israel and these recent developments in the Middle East have brought me great joy to hear! Ambassador O'Brien also spoke about the concerns of China spying on our citizens through big data collection and mining. Mr. O'Brien has served as the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs. Had some amazing and very moving stories to tell. All in all I was very grateful that the United States continues to fight to protect our freedoms and the liberties of people around the world.” [\[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2020: Reynolds posted supporting Mark Amodei. “After this meeting I went to a lunch where Congressman Mark Amodei was the speaker. In the attached photo he is with a recently retired officer in the Navy. It was a great day to be with people who have sacrificed so much and continue to serve this country. Such a blessing to know so many great people and to hear stories that make me proud to be an American!” [\[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2020: Reynolds posted supporting Judge Llyod D. George. “One of the great, and possibly the greatest, legal icons in Southern Nevada is Judge Lloyd D. George. The federal courthouse is named after him for good reason. My first job in the legal field was interning in Judge George's office. He thereafter recommended me for a clerkship with the Chief Judge. In short, Judge George and his influence has been a great boon to my legal career. Judge George seemingly knew everyone in the Las Vegas area, not just attorneys. He had personal stories about every street, every hotel, and seemingly every person of note in the city. It was a joy to listen to him tell his stories, even if I had heard it before. And I made sure to have many opportunities to hear those stories as he welcomed me to his office for lunch until our last such reunion almost 2 years ago where I talked to him about my desire to run for judge this election.” [\[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2020: Reynolds posted that he would be giving a lecture to a local conservative group for Constitution Day. “Tonight I'll be presenting a different lesson to a Sun City Conservative Group on the interplay between the State and Federal Constitutions, as intended by the Founders.” [\[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Partisan posts



Reynolds posted a “make Americans kind again” sign on Facebook at an America 250 celebration. “An all American event celebrating 250 years since the Declaration of Independence complete with hot dogs, root, beer, apple pie, and ice cream. Messages from immigrants and community leaders about America and its wonderful miraculous founding. What a great event!” [[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Legal & Ethics

No findings of note.

Campaign

2020: Reynolds entered the race for a District Judge position. “Jacob Reynolds, who applied for the position being vacated by District Judge Valerie Adair, said she applied on the first day because she needed to get back to work. Specifically, Reynolds had to fly to Boston for a deposition.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 1/7/20]

2020: Reynolds faced off against Tara Clark Newberry for the Department 21 race. “Candidates Jacob Reynolds and Tara Clark Newberry earned the top two spots in a primary race for a seat in Department 21, which is being vacated by retiring Judge Valerie Adair. Attorneys Caesar Almase and Bruce Gale also contested the spot.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 6/11/20]

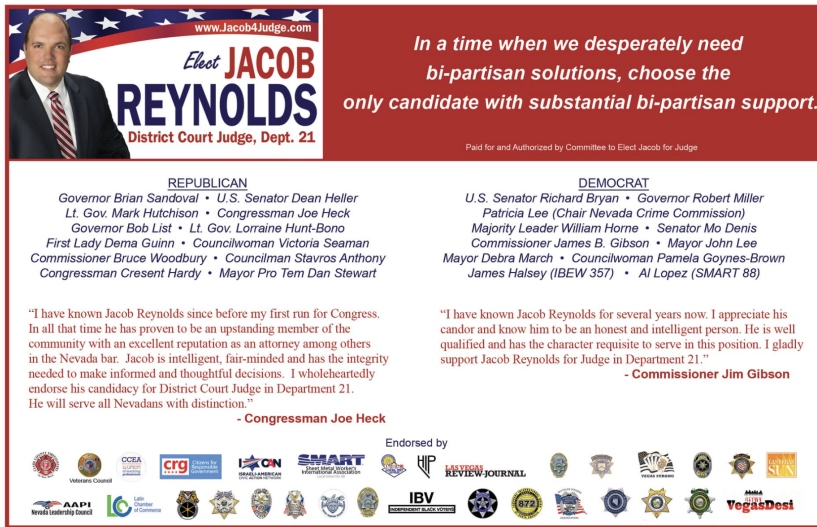
2020: Reynolds received the most votes in the primary election. “In the primary election in June, Reynolds came on top with 37.5 percent of the vote.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 9/27/20]

2020: Reynolds lost a close election against Newberry. “And attorney and former police officer Tara Clark Newberry’s lead expanded to nearly 12,500 over attorney Jacob Reynolds in a race for an open seat.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 11/9/20]

2024: Reynolds ran unopposed for Department 29. [Las Vegas Sun, 10/24/24] [[Ballotpedia](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2026: Reynolds posted with the AFL-CIO and the Latin Chamber of Commerce. “Last night with AFL-CIO and today with Latin Chamber. Out on the campaign trail.” [\[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Endorsements



2020: Reynolds said he had significant bipartisan support on Facebook. [[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2020: Reynolds was endorsed by Recovery PAC, a group advocating for recovering addicts and those with mental health issues. “So grateful for the endorsement of Recovery PAC! They do work to ‘lift up the hands that hang down, and strengthen the feeble knees.’ I am proud and grateful for their endorsement.” [[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2020: The Latin Chamber of Commerce endorsed Reynolds. “Thank you Latin Chamber of Commerce Nevada for your endorsement. It's an honor to have the support of diverse leaders and small businesses in our community. #ShopSmall #JuntosPodemos #Jacob4Judge #YourVoteYourVoice” [\[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2020: Reynolds was supported by the Uruapan Migrants Club. “Very grateful for the support and endorsement of Club Migrantes de Uruapan!” [\[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2020: Reynolds received the Las Vegas Review Journal’s endorsement for the primary election. “In District Court Department 21, Jacob Reynolds is our pick to replace retiring Judge Valerie Adair. Mr. Reynolds has practiced law for 14 years and describes himself as a ‘originalist, constitutionalist and also a textualist.’” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 5/10/20]

2020: Reynolds was endorsed by the Israeli-American Civic Action Network. “In this time of increasing promise in the Middle East I am grateful for the endorsement of ICAN and their continued work towards peace.” [\[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2020: Reynolds received the Las Vegas Sun’s endorsement for Department 21 in the 2020 general election. “While we give our recommendation to Reynolds because of his greater experience, we think voters will be well served by either candidate.” “Reynolds gets our endorsement because of an advantage in legal experience, but we think the community would be well served by either candidate.” [\[Las Vegas Sun, 10/7/20\]](#) [\[Las Vegas Sun, 9/23/20\]](#) [\[Las Vegas Sun, 10/29/20\]](#)

2024: The Las Vegas Weekly endorsed Reynolds for Department 29. [Las Vegas Weekly, 10/17/24]

2024: The Las Vegas Sun endorsed Reynolds for Department 29. [[Las Vegas Sun](#), 10/20/24]

2026: The Nevada Veterans Association, Veterans in Politics International, and Armed Forces Chamber endorsed Reynolds. “I am so grateful for the endorsement of our Nevada Veterans organizations. Both of my grandfathers served in WW2. Several Uncles, several cousins, my brother, served in different branches and now my son is looking forward to serving when he graduates high school. I am sincerely grateful for these endorsements and hope to continue serving worthy of that trust!” [[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2026: Hispanics in Politics endorsed Reynolds. “Very grateful for the endorsement of Fernando Romero and Hispanics in Politics! Fernando always does his best to inform the public about what’s going on in the community and he truly cares about Las Vegas. Thank you for your support! Adelante!!” [[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2026: Governor Lombardo endorsed Reynolds. “So grateful for the endorsement of Governor Joe Lombardo!” [[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook](#), accessed 8/21/26]

2026: Boulder City Mayor Joe Hardy also endorsed Reynolds. [[Jacob Reynolds Campaign Facebook](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Campaign finance

Reynolds has donated \$150,248.61 to his own campaign to date. [Nevada AURORA Search, accessed 8/21/26]

Reynolds has \$370,401.68 on hand as of July 15, 2026. [[Reynolds CE July 15 Report](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Reynolds has received \$709,920.93 in donations since 2019. [Nevada AURORA Search, accessed 8/21/26]

Contributor	Recipient	Date	Amount	Type
Benjamin Cloward	Jacob Reynolds	3/1/26	\$10,000.00	Monetary
Eglet Adams	Jacob Reynolds	2/18/26	\$10,000.00	Monetary
Hutchison & Steffen, PLLC	Jacob Reynolds	3/2/26	\$10,000.00	Monetary
Jacqueline Bretell	Jacob Reynolds	2/17/26	\$10,000.00	Monetary
Ladah Law Firm PLLC General Account	Jacob Reynolds	2/25/26	\$10,000.00	Monetary
Paul Padda Law PLLC General Operating Account	Jacob Reynolds	3/2/26	\$10,000.00	Monetary

Benjamin Cloward is a founding partner at the Cloward Trial Lawyers firm. [[Cloward Trial Lawyers](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Eglet Adams (now Eglet Law) is a firm focusing on catastrophic injuries and civil litigation. [[Best law Firms of America](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Hutchinson & Steffen, PLLC was involved in a former-employee turned Reno City Councilmember's ethics investigation due to lack of transparency. "An ethics complaint filed in 2023 alleged lack of disclosure related to labor contracts when Reese was an attorney at Hutchison & Steffen. The law firm represents labor groups whose members work for the city." [[Reno Gazette Journal](#), 1/25/25]

Jacqueline Bretell is the CEO of Bighorn Law and hosts the "Legally Vegas" podcast. [[Bighorn Law](#), accessed 8/21/26] [[Legally Vegas Podcast](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Ladah Law Firm is involved in a longtime dispute alleging a paralegal, Maddy Carroll, was not paid for overtime wages. "Plaintiff-Appellant Wayne Hagendorf, on behalf of his deceased spouse Deborah Carroll ("Carroll"), appeals from the district court's order granting summary judgment to Defendants-Appellees Ladah Law Firm PLLC and Ramzy P. Ladah (collectively, "Ladah") on Carroll's claims for unpaid overtime wages and final paycheck penalties under Nevada and federal law." [[Justia Law](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Personal political contributions

Federal.

Reynolds donated a total of \$26,645.00 to federal candidates. [[FEC Filings](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Contributor	Recipient	Date	Amount	Type
REYNOLDS, JACOB	Heck Yes! Victory Fund	09/15/2016	\$4,000.00	Monetary
REYNOLDS, JACOB	Friends Of Joe Heck	09/15/2016	\$2,700.00	Monetary
REYNOLDS, JACOB	Heller For Senate	09/11/2014	\$1,000.00	Monetary
REYNOLDS, JACOB MR.	Marco Rubio For President	07/23/2015	\$1,700.00	Monetary
REYNOLDS, JACOB ALVIN	Nevada Republican Central Committee	09/15/2016	\$1,300.00	Monetary
REYNOLDS, JACOB	Battle Born Liberty Pac	10/20/2017	\$1,250.00	Monetary

2016: Joe Heck's son, Joey Heck, was condemned for posting vulgar, racist, and antisemitic posts on social media. "The BuzzFeed website first reported Thursday on Joey Heck's posts, which appeared on the social media network Reddit. The article offers examples of instances when the college student and son of Rep. Joe Heck made vulgar jokes about Hillary Clinton and "upvoted," or endorsed, racist and anti-Semitic memes." [[News 3 LV](#), 9/23/16]

2024: Although he acknowledged no "widespread fraud" affected the 2020 election, Heck also said mail-in ballots were an opportunity for fraud. "The panelists agreed that widespread fraud had not taken place in the 2020 presidential election, but Heck and Porter raised concerns about how recent changes to the state's election system could upend public trust. "It does raise a lot of concern and suspicion for people for the sheer amount of opportunities for fraud," Heck said during the panel. "I

think one of the areas where people see a great opportunity for fraud is the widespread use of mail-in ballots.” [\[Nevada Independent, 8/9/24\]](#)

2026: Dean Heller, former Nevada Senator, has advocated for largely unregulated prediction markets like Kalshi. “Former Nevada U.S. Sen. Dean Heller, long aligned with Nevada’s gaming industry, broke sharply with casinos Thursday, defending a prediction market company that is regulated as a financial exchange rather than a gaming operator and arguing that casinos “manipulate everything” to ensure the house wins... Heller argued that Kalshi spent four years obtaining its license through the federal Commodity Futures Trading Commission and faces ongoing daily oversight — labeling Christie’s “unregulated” assertion flat-out wrong. He also pushed back on the characterization that prediction markets are simply a form of sports betting, arguing that they cover weather, political campaigns and other event-based contracts, with sports making up roughly two-thirds of business rather than the 90% Christie cited.” [\[Las Vegas Sun, 7/10/26\]](#)

Battle Born Liberty PAC formerly was Stavros Anthony’s fundraising committee. [\[FEC Filings, accessed 8/21/26\]](#)

State.

Reynolds has donated a total of \$174,141.74 to in-state candidates. [NV Aurora Search, accessed 8/21/26]

Contributor	Recipient	Date	Amount	Type
Jacob Reynolds	Keystone Corporation	9/26/16	\$3,550.00	Monetary
Jacob Reynolds	Keystone Corporation	7/25/17	\$3,500.00	Monetary
Jacob Reynolds	Brenda Moore Flank	10/27/21	\$2,500.00	Monetary
Jacob Reynolds	Mark Hutchison	5/14/14	\$1,500.00	Monetary
JACOB REYNOLDS	Pamela Goynes-Brown	10/22/21	\$1,000.00	Monetary
Mr. Jacob Reynolds	PROTECTMARRIAGE.COM - YES ON 8, A PROJECT OF CALIFORNIA RENEWAL	10/24/08	\$100	Monetary

2008: Reynolds donated \$100 to support Prop 8, which would eliminate rights to same-sex marriage.” “SUPPORTED: PROPOSITION 008 - ELIMINATES RIGHT OF SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.” [California Power Search, accessed 8/21/26]

Keystone Corporation’s mission is “[t]o recruit, support and advocate for candidates for public office who support private sector job creation, low taxation, a responsible regulatory environment, and effective delivery of essential state services.” [\[Keystone Corporation, accessed 8/21/26\]](#)

Keystone’s 2026 dinner features former White House Press Secretary (under Trump’s first administration) Kayleigh McEnany. Past guests included Jesse Waters, Ben Carson, Kellyanne Conway, and Jeanine Pirro. [\[Keystone Corporation, accessed 8/21/26\]](#)

Brenda Moore Flank, former executive director of the Alliance for Education and Liberty, ran for Las Vegas City Council in 2022. [[Brenda Moore Flank CE July 15](#), accessed 8/21/26] [Las Vegas Review Journal, 12/3/21]

Mark Hutchinson was the Republican lieutenant governor of Nevada and is a founding partner at Hutchinson & Steffen. [[Ballotpedia](#), accessed 8/21/26] [[Hutchinson & Steffen](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Pamela Goynes-Brown is Mayor of the City of North Las Vegas. [[City of North Las Vegas](#), accessed 8/21/26]

Goynes-Brown was a no-show at a debate hosted by the ACLU of Nevada, Clark County Black Caucus and NAACP Las Vegas. “In a debate that was supposed to feature two candidates running for North Las Vegas Mayor, current City Councilwoman Pamela Goynes-Brown didn’t show and state Sen. Pat Spearman used her time to chastise the city for blocking a rent cap ballot initiative and question the absence of her opponent.” [[Nevada Current](#), 10/17/22]

WEALTH

No personal finance disclosures are available for Reynolds.

ISSUES

DEMOCRACY & ELECTION STANCES:

2020: Reynolds was the attorney for Republican Las Vegas Councilman Stavros Anthony, who lost his race for Clark County Commission by 15 votes, and helped Anthony work for a recount.

“County lawmakers unanimously agreed to certify the results of the recount, showing that Miller defeated Republican Las Vegas Councilman Stavros Anthony by 15 votes. Anthony had filed to re-examine the election tally after losing by 10 votes in the initial count in November. The recount certification came without any commentary from commissioners, and Anthony’s campaign is looking ahead to a hearing in county District Court on Friday, where it is seeking a writ of mandate to force the all-Democrat commission to hold a new election ‘We believe the commission did have discretion to order a new election in the (District C) race, and that it was proper to do so, that it should have done so and that it must do so now,’ Anthony campaign attorney Jacob Reynolds told county lawmakers Tuesday.”

2020: Reynolds also helped Anthony’s campaign work to hold a special election. “In the spirit of President Donald Trump, Anthony, also a Republican, is pursuing any and all avenues that could land him on the commission. On Tuesday, his attorney, Jacob Reynolds of Hutchison Steffen, called in during the commission’s public comment segment to suggest the commission really should order the new election it’s already rejected in the race for District C. Reynolds told the commission his client is ‘seeking a Writ of Mandamus from the Supreme Court’ and having a ‘hearing Friday in chambers with Judge (Elizabeth) Gonzalez.’” [[Nevada Current](#), 12/15/20]

IDEOLOGY, RHETORIC & EXTREMISM SIGNALS

2025: Reynolds allowed law enforcement officers and a bank to freeze a Florida resident’s account without a warrant, a precedent that surprised and worried civil rights lawyers. “The law in question states warrants must “be directed to a peace officer in the county where the warrant is to be executed.” The appeal claims this law requires the warrant to be served in Clark County because that is the jurisdiction of the judge who approved it. But Clark County Judge Jacob Reynolds ruled it was legal because Filutowski’s bank, Truist, has appeared as a plaintiff in Nevada courts. Truist does not operate in

Nevada. Reynolds also ruled Truist provided "voluntary consent" to freeze his account, making it legal. Filutowski worries that could allow any bank to consent to freezing a client's bank account. Civil rights lawyers worry the case could create a precedent on property seizures even in cases not involving cryptocurrency." [\[The Nevada Independent, 8/15/25\]](#)

POLITICAL POWER

2011: Reynolds incorrectly signed an expert report while working with the Nevada Republican Party on a redistricting case. "Hutchison said Republicans are not sharing the expert witness with Garza's group. He added the mistake by his office was brought to his attention today. The court document submitting the mistaken report was signed by his associate Jacob Reynolds." [Las Vegas Sun, 9/15/11]

GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY & ABUSE OF POWER

No findings of note.

CORRUPTION & LEGAL

Reynolds worked on the largest antitrust case in Nevada history. "Prior to becoming a judge, Reynolds worked in-house at Switch Ltd. as special litigation counsel and successfully took to jury trial what was understood to be the largest antitrust case in Nevada history valued at \$400 million." [\[Clark County, accessed 8/21/26\]](#)

GOVERNANCE & COMPETENCE

2025: Reynolds has faced 131 peremptory challenges, or payments to remove judges from civil cases. "Attorneys in Nevada can pay to remove a judge from a civil case through peremptory challenges, and data shows that a small group of Las Vegas judges has faced a large number of those challenges... District Judge Anna Albertson followed with 159, then District Judges Erika Ballou, Jacob Reynolds and Veronica Barisich with 131, 128 and 126 respectively, the statistics show. Judge Mary Perry had 115, the highest in Family Court... Reynolds, who became a judge in March 2023, said some people use peremptory challenges to buy time. He said many firms challenged him early on because they didn't know him and were not sure how he would rule on certain issues." [Las Vegas Review Journal, 12/14/25]

2025: Reynolds has a retention rating of 73%. [Las Vegas Review Journal, 12/14/25]

2025: Reynolds dismissed charges against a lawyer accused of legal malpractice. "It alleged a Northern Nevada hospital was responsible for her father's death by administering the COVID-19 drug Remdesivir, despite her family's pleas that the drug not be provided. However, the woman later claimed the drug was never actually administered and that ChattahandGilbert had misled her for personal gain. After the suit was filed, Gilbert said that "a reckoning is coming," while Chattah wrote that, "They knew the science. They lied. They killed people. No mercy. No amnesty..." But in a decision on Thursday on the legal malpractice case, Clark County Judge Jacob Reynolds determined that Chattah, who was not the primary lawyer in the case, was not involved in making the allegedly false representations to the woman, Melissa Dillon. As a result, he dismissed the case against Chattah. "The information supplied about Chattah is that she tried to find a way to extend the statute of limitations argument and also gave a frank appraisal of the merits after the Complaint was unsuccessful," the ruling said." [\[The Nevada Independent, 10/16/25\]](#)

2026: Reynolds made the will of Tony Hsieh, former Zappos, available while it still contained unredacted personally identifiable information. Reynolds previously said in an emailed statement to

the Review-Journal that the sealing he ordered ‘was based on oral motion when it was discovered personal information that should have been redacted was in the filing.’ He added: ‘The sealing is a temporary immediate solution so the information can be redacted.’ The refiled report includes numerous new redactions, including addresses and other personal information on images of the will.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, 8/11/26]

2026: Reynolds has a civil error rate (how often his decisions have been reversed or vacated by higher courts) of 14.29%. [\[Our Nevada Judges\]](#), accessed 8/21/26]

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