



# Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval

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## **Governor Sandoval Appoints Tierra Jones and Mark Bailus to Eighth Judicial District**

**CARSON CITY, NV** – Governor Brian Sandoval today announced the appointments of Tierra D. Jones and Mark B. Bailus to the Eighth Judicial District Court Departments 10 and 18, respectively. Bailus will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge David Barker and Jones will fill an open seat created by the retirement of Judge Jessie Walsh. Currently, there is a great demand in the Eighth Judicial District Court for judges to hear criminal cases. The significant criminal law experience which these two appointees possess will help to meet that demand, and enhance the court’s capacity to hear criminal cases.

“Tierra Jones has dedicated her legal career to public service. She has extensive experience in criminal law having worked as both a prosecutor and defense attorney which has given her the opportunity to spend most of her time in the courtroom,” **said Governor Brian Sandoval**. “She has a passion and great enthusiasm for seeking justice and I know as a member of the judiciary she will perform with integrity. I am confident in her ability and proud to appoint her to the bench.”

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to continue to serve the Las Vegas community that I love so much,” **said Tierra Jones**. “My entire career, I have worked tirelessly in public service and am honored that Governor Sandoval has given me the opportunity to continue such vital work through this judicial appointment.”

“I am pleased to appoint Mark Bailus to Department 18 of the Eighth Judicial District Court. He is an experienced criminal law attorney with broad trial experience,” **said Governor Brian Sandoval**. “His trial and appellate experience in both civil and criminal law makes him well-suited for this appointment. I know he will be well respected and in the courtroom and prepared to make informed judicial opinions.”

“I am extremely honored to be chosen by Governor Sandoval as the next District Court Judge for Department 18,” **said Mark Bailus**. “I will work tirelessly for the people of Clark County.”

Tierra Jones currently serves as a Deputy District Attorney in Clark County where she prosecutes criminal cases ranging from misdemeanors to felonies. Prior to accepting this position in 2013, Jones’ experience included employment with the Nye County District Attorney’s Office and Clark County Public Defender’s Office. A native Nevadan, Ms. Jones was born and raised in Hawthorne and later attended the University of Nevada, Reno where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice with a minor in counseling and educational psychology. She earned her Juris Doctorate at the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She is 35 years old and resides in Las Vegas.

Mark Bailus currently works in private practice at the law firm Bailus Cook & Kelesis, Ltd. where he primarily practices in the areas of complex civil and criminal litigation and appeals. Prior to private practice, Mr. Bailus served as Vice President and General Counsel for Nevada Beverage Company. His experience also includes employment with the Clark County Special Public Defender’s Office. He is a graduate of Valley High School in Las Vegas and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in political science. He went on to receive his Juris Doctorate at Pepperdine University School of Law. He is 64 years old and resides in Las Vegas.

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