



# Clark County Courts Administration



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Re: Justice Court, Las Vegas Township  
State of Nevada vs. Orenthal James Simpson - Case No. 07F19284A-D  
Dept 9. – Joe M. Bonaventure, Justice of the Peace, Las Vegas Township  
Initial Appearance – September 19, 2007

Dear Messrs. Grasso and Galanter:


On behalf of the Clark County Courts, I apologize for the actions of one of our contract employees during the initial appearance of your client, Mr. Simpson. A court reporter took a photograph with his cell phone of your client as he exited the courtroom.

Our court is a professional organization and this behavior is an aberration and will not be tolerated. The court does not condone this type of conduct by its employees and deeply regrets this took place. I can assure you this has been addressed with this individual in the appropriate way, and the photograph was deleted from that cell phone. Additionally, the photo had not been shared electronically.

The Court's code of conduct and the judicial cannons of the State of Nevada require our judges and court employees to conduct themselves with integrity, neutrality and without the appearance of bias.

In closing, this organization's employees are expected to set the standard for conduct and professionalism in the courts.

Very truly yours,

  
Charles J. Short  
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CJS:jb

cc: LVJC Chief Judge Douglas Smith  
Joe M. Bonaventure, Justice of the Peace, Las Vegas Township  
Chief Judge Kathy Hardcastle, Clark County District Court  
David Roger, Clark County District Attorney  
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