

# JUDICIAL

## HONORABLE T. ARTHUR RITCHIE

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The best way to hit a home run with Judge T. Arthur “Art” Ritchie is to not only be prepared for your case, but also demonstrate a clear dedication to your clients. As a Family Court judge, Ritchie’s docket is heavy, and the cases he hears often revolve around important, fundamental concerns, including property and even children. Attorneys can help their own cases and help move the docket along by knowing the facts of a case and knowing what they and their clients are seeking from the court.

Ritchie strives to manage every case in a uniform, fair manner. “I have a systematic, fundamental approach to the work,” he said. “I approach every case the same. I want to make sure that the folks who come in front of me with a straightforward issue have the same level of preparation as cases that include millions of dollars.”

Ritchie takes the same approach with his favorite pastime – coaching baseball. He’s currently coaching the Nevada Power Baseball Club, but has been involved in coaching children for more than 20 years. Some of his former players have gone on to become coaches themselves, and Ritchie has coached all four of his sons.

Ritchie has led teams in the courtroom as well as on the ball field.

# PROFILE



He was the chief judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court in 2009 and 2010, and he served as presiding judge of the family division from 2006-2008, accomplishments of which he's very proud. Prior to his appointment to the district court in 1999, Ritchie was a partner at the firm of Freeman & Ritchie and he was an associate attorney with McDonald, Carano, Wilson, McCune, Bergin, Frankovich & Hicks. He earned his juris doctorate from George Mason University School of Law.

Ritchie is also proud to be recognized as a judge who supports pro bono work. "By and large the attorneys in family court are very dedicated to their clients, and many do that for little or no pay. They work pro bono," he said. "The need in our area for underrepresented folks is heavy."

Although Ritchie did not initially have an interest in family law, he now finds the work very rewarding. "When I went to law school, one of the last things I thought I'd be interested in is domestic relations," he said. "But solving problems is something I love to do, and that's what these cases are – helping people solve their problems." ■