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Leveraging more than 160 years of combined judicial education experience, The National Judicial College, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the University of Nevada, Reno Judicial Studies Graduate Degree Program—all located in the emerging global technology hub of Reno, Nevada—have prepared thousands of domestic and international judicial officers to serve their respective legal systems with deeper knowledge and even greater distinction.

The National Judicial College focuses on the education of judges who hear criminal and civil cases. The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges focuses on training, technical assistance, research, and policy development in the area of juvenile and family law. The University of Nevada, Reno Judicial Studies Graduate Degree Program grants both master (MJS) and doctoral (PhD) degrees in judicial studies to judges who seek to rise to the top of their profession through rigorous scholarship focused on the most pressing challenges in the legal system today.

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For more than 50 years, The National Judicial College (NJC) has remained the national leader in judicial education. The first to offer programs to judges nationwide, the NJC continues to work with the judiciary to improve productivity, challenge perceptions of justice, and inspire judges to achieve professional excellence. The NJC is one place where judges from across the nation and around the world can meet to improve the delivery of justice and advance the rule of law through a disciplined process of professional study and collegial dialogue.

The NJC serves approximately 10,000 judges annually from all 50 states and offers an average of 100 courses in Reno and at locations across the country, as well as more than 50 online programs, including courses specific to tribal courts. The NJC has educated judges from more than 150 countries as part of its mission to make the world a more just place by educating and inspiring its judiciary.

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“Every court, every child.”

The vital and important work of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) began in 1937 when a group of judges came together to improve the effectiveness of the nation’s juvenile courts. For more than eight decades, the NCJFCJ has sought to meaningfully improve practice and policy in juvenile and family courts.

The NCJFCJ is the oldest judicial membership organization in the nation and serves approximately 30,000 professionals in the juvenile and family court system, including judges, referees, commissioners, and court masters. Every year, the NCJFCJ hosts more than 300 trainings, webinars, and meetings—including two national conferences—where judicial officers and justice professionals learn innovative and leading-edge best practices in juvenile and family law. The NCJFCJ also offers premier national faculty engagement and collaborates with state and tribal court systems across the country. For those involved with juvenile, family, and domestic violence cases, the NCJFCJ provides abundant resources, knowledge, and educational opportunities to improve the lives of families and children seeking justice.

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The challenges facing our court systems are becoming more complex, so continuously educating the judiciary is imperative. At the forefront of this is the Judicial Studies Graduate Degree Program at the U.S. News & World Report Tier 1-ranked University of Nevada, Reno, which offers one of two known judicial studies graduate programs nationwide – and the only known program to offer a PhD in Judicial Studies. The Judicial Studies Graduate Degree program, established in 1986, has made a significant global impact on the field of judicial education, graduating nearly 200 judges with advanced degrees, and currently enrolling judge-students from 33 U.S. states and a number of foreign countries as well.

Today’s judiciary must be well-equipped to handle the plethora of challenges facing our courts and justice system. The Judicial Studies Graduate Degree Program at the University of Nevada, Reno, in collaboration with the NJC, NCJFCJ, and academic partners such as UC Berkeley School of Law and William S. Boyd School of Law, is uniquely positioned to offer judicial officers two concentration options for the master’s degree (trial track and juvenile/family track), both of which lead to eligibility to apply for the doctoral degree program. The curriculum focuses on judges, their roles and contributions to American society, and on the improvement of services rendered by judges in a free society.

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