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EDITORIAL: Justice Court

Local justice courts, the first contact most potential defendants have with the system.

In addition to handling small claims cases and misdemeanors, justices of the peace -- who are paid \$158,000 a year -- are responsible for conducting initial arraignments and preliminary hearings before felony cases move along to District Court.

In North Las Vegas, 35-year-old Jonathan MacArthur is competing against 33-year-old Chris Lee for the newly created Department 3 seat.

Mr. Lee is a deputy secretary of state who deals with white-collar crime. A Bishop Gorman High School graduate, he spent seven years as a prosecutor in Clark County, where he was the lead attorney on several jury trials. He vows to treat people with fairness yet be "firm in that fairness."

Both young men have bright futures. But Mr. Lee's temperament, judgment and experience with both civil and criminal matters tip the scales. We urge a vote for **Chris Lee**.

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