

Distinguished Nevadan Nomination Form

Deadline: December 31

Please send all nominations to:

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1. **Salutation:** Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr. Judge
2. **Nominee's Name** (*Please ensure correct spelling.*):
Edward C. Reed, Jr.
3. **Nominee's Mailing Address:** United States District Court, 400 S. Virginia Street,
Ste 606 Reno, Nevada 89501
4. **Nominee's Phone Number:** Work: 775.686.5919 Home: _____
5. **Employment History** (*Attach additional material if necessary.*):
United States District Judge (1979- present) Reed & Bowen, Chartered (1953-1979)
Arthur Andersen & Co. (Boston 1952-53). Judge Reed served as Special Deputy
Attorney General for water rights litigation in Nevada from 1967 to 1979.
6. **Educational Background** (*Attach additional material if necessary.*)
Mt. Rose Grammar School, Billingshurst Junior High School, Reno High School
University of Nevada (1949) Harvard Law School 1952

7. **Reasons for Nomination** *(Please include outstanding accomplishments, achievements, and contributions to Nevada and its people. Please be specific and provide considerable detail. You may attach additional pages if necessary.):*

Edward C. Reed, Jr., was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the United States District Court for the District of Nevada on September 26, 1979. He has served on the federal bench with distinction since 1979. He was Chief Judge of the District of Nevada for many years (1986-1992) and served as acting Chief Judge for the District (1983 to 1986). One of a handful of federal judges who in their 80s still maintain a full case load, Judge Reed at age 86 continues to sit both in Reno and Las Vegas. Judge Reed is recognized by his peers as being one of the brightest and hardest working judges in the state.

Prior to being appointed to the District Court and while in private practice, he was elected four times to the Washoe County School Board, serving as a trustee of the school district for 16 years. He was elected President of the School Board during much of his tenure on the Board. In 1973, the Washoe County School District named its new high school in his honor, the Edward C. Reed, Jr., High School in Sparks, Nevada.

Judge Reed served in WW II as a staff sergeant in both the Southwest Pacific and Europe (Judge Reed was a German prisoner of war in 1945). He is a member of the American Legion (Darrell Dunkle Post No. 1) and the Gen. Westmoreland Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

While at the University of Nevada, Judge Reed – who was born in Mason, Nevada, but was reared in Reno - was president of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi scholastic organization. He was recognized as the ATO “Distinguished Alumni” in 1971. He played on Nevada’s famous basketball team which in 1948 beat St. John’s University at Madison Square Garden. Judge Reed was a skilled tennis player and was also on the University’s tennis team. After graduation from college, Judge Reed was the periodic Reno Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles tennis champion (1951 through 1965). While in high school, he was

a Nevada all state basketball player and was awarded the 1942 Norman Whiddett Award as Reno High's "Outstanding Athlete."

Judge Reed has served on various community and professional boards, including the 1977-78 Citizens Advisory Committee for the Washoe County School Bond issue; the Washoe County Personnel Committee (Chair 1973); the Sun Valley Swimming Pool committee (1978); the Washoe County Board of Tax Equalization; Washoe County Annexation Commission (1968-72); United Way (Chairman, Professional Division, 1978); Reno Silver Sox baseball team (Board of Directors, 1962-65). He taught for the Washoe County School District for two years and was a lecturer on Water Rights Law for the University of Nevada School of Agriculture (1955-60). He was a basketball coach (JV) at Reno High in 1948-49 and Reno High's Tennis Coach in 1949.

While in private practice, Judge Reed served as attorney for numerous charitable organizations, including the Girl Scouts of America (Sierra Nevada Counsel); the University of Nevada Agricultural Foundation; the Nevada School Administrators Association; the Nevada Congress of Parents and Teachers (and is a lifetime member of the PTA). He also served as Chairman of the Governor's School Survey Committee (1958-1961).

Judge Reed married Sally Knowlton Torrance (Wellesley College, 1953) in Jamestown, New York, in 1952. Mrs. Reed passed away in 2007. They had four children, all of whom attended Reno schools and went to colleges and professional schools across the United States. He is a member of the Free & Accepted Masons (Reno Lodge # 13) and has been conferred the 33rd the Degree by Scottish Rite. He continues to be an avid San Francisco 49er fan and still frequently attends home games of his favorite NFL team.

8. Other NSHE Awards *(Please list other awards this individual has received.)*

None known

9. **Nominated by*: William G. Cobb, Member, Board of Regents, Nevada System of Higher Education**

*Candidates for the Distinguished Nevadan Award may only be nominated by a current member of the Nevada Board of Regents. (Added 6/05)