



## Guide to the Miriam Shearing oral history interview

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
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<b>Contributor:</b>	Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Oral history interview with Miriam Shearing conducted by Claytee D. White on August 15 and September 6, 2017 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. Justice Miriam Shearing is the first female member of the Nevada Supreme Court. She talks about her move to Las Vegas in 1968 and the difficulties she faced early on as a woman in the profession of law. Shearing shares how she successfully became a Justice Court Judge and recalls memories from her time on the Supreme Court. She also talks about her husband, Steven Paul Shearing, an ophthalmologist who invented the lens necessary for Lasik eye surgery. Subjects discussed in first session include: Jim Joyce; Helen Foley; Board of Pardons. Subjects discussed in second session include: Judge Guy; President Carter; child abuse

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## Scope and Contents Note

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Digital audio available; no transcript available.

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## Administrative Information

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- United States. Supreme Court
- Nevada. Supreme Court
- Sawyer, Grant, 1918-1996
- Mendoza, John F., 1928-2011