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### **VICTOR CLYDE CONFIRMED AS DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**

The probationary appointment of Victor J. Clyde as a District Court Judge was confirmed by the Navajo Nation Council on October 22, 2020.

Clyde was recommended for appointment by the Judicial Conduct Commission on February 22, 2020, and appointed by President Jonathan Nez on August 28, 2020.

Clyde has been serving as a Judicial Hearing Officer with the Judicial Branch for the past two years at Window Rock, Chinle, Shiprock, Ramah and Crownpoint Judicial Districts. Clyde has extensive legal experience having been elected Justice of the Peace for Apache County for the Chinle precinct in 2003. He has previously worked for the Navajo Nation as a police officer, criminal investigator and a prosecutor.

Judge Clyde is a graduate of Diné College, Tsaile, Arizona, and an alumni of the American Academy of Judicial Education and the National Judicial College.

Clyde has been a member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association since 1986. He has served on the Tribal, State, Federal Court Forum since 2004 as a state court Judge member.

Clyde is greatly interested in gaining more knowledge in traditional laws and teachings and has apprenticed with traditional practitioners to learn stories, songs and prayers related to the Beauty Way and Protection Way.

Judge Clyde is originally from Lukachukai, Arizona. He has been married to Marcella Clyde for 37 years and has four children.

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