

2013 Hall of Fame Inductee

Michael A. Cherry

Class of 1962

Michael Cherry grew up in University City and attended Nathaniel Hawthorne Elementary, Daniel Boone Elementary and Brittany Junior High Schools.

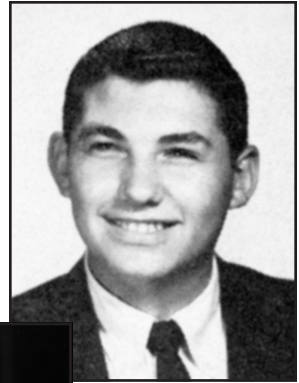
Following graduation from University City High School in 1962, Cherry received his undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri - Columbia and his Juris Doctorate from Washington University Law School.

Licensed to practice in Nevada since 1970, Cherry has been a partner in a couple of firms, served as an alternate municipal judge, a justice of the

peace pro tem and small claims referee, as well as a business law and history instructor for the University of Phoenix. He headed the newly-created Special Public Defenders' office until he took the bench as a district judge in 2007. Then, the Honorable Michael A. Cherry became a justice of the Nevada Supreme Court in Carson City and Las Vegas.

As Special Master in the early 1980s, Cherry was liaison between plaintiff/attorneys, defense attorneys and the court during the multi-million dollar fire litigation cases for MGM Grand Hotel and Las Vegas Hilton, which established procedures that are still part of most mass disaster litigations.

Cherry's daughter Meryl is an elementary teacher in Oregon and her husband is raising their two sons Liam and Hayden. His son David is press secretary to a Nevada congresswoman in Washington D.C.



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