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THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT SEAL

A Nevada Supreme Court seal – to symbolize the many aspects of justice – was authorized after Nevada became a state on Oct. 31, 1864.

With the Civil War raging at the time, and liberty on the public’s mind, the seal’s designers chose to use the Goddess of Liberty instead of the Goddess of Justice to represent the Supreme Court. It was a logical choice because the politics of the war had led to Nevada’s statehood and the preservation of the Union.

On the seal, Liberty’s left hand holds a liberty pole topped with a Phrygian cap. Her right hand supports a shield and she is accompanied on the seal by an eagle. The liberty pole and Phrygian cap continue the theme of Liberty. Phrygia was an ancient Indo-European country captured by the Romans, who later freed their Phrygian slaves. Each former slave was given a soft, close-fitting conical cap to confirm his status as a free person. In the 1700s, French revolutionaries adopted the Phrygian cap as a symbol of their struggle for liberty.

On the upper part of the seal are the words ‘Supreme Court State of Nevada,’ preceded and followed by single stars. On the seal’s lower edge are the Latin words *Fiat Justitia*, the court’s motto. It means, ‘Let Justice be Done.’

THE QUOTES

Throughout this year’s Annual Report are historic quotes about fairness, tolerance, and the law that have inspired both those who seek justice and those who judge. Many are favorites of Nevada judges and justices.

Nevada Supreme Court Justice Nancy Becker said that “quotes are a reminder that our system of justice has deep roots derived from many cultures dating back thousands of years. The common bond is that every justice system strives to provide elements of fairness and equity under the law of the land. The United States took these disparate elements from a variety of sources and merged them into our Constitution, which is enforced on a daily basis by our courts of law.

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