

# A View from the Bench

- *Man is a knot into which relationships are tied.*

*-Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

- What an enormous privilege it is to touch lives from cradle to grave

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# The Good, the Bad and the well...

- In 2008, 39 million people age 65 and over lived in the United States, accounting for 13 percent of the total population. The older population grew from 3 million in 1900 to 39 million in 2008. The oldest-old population (those age 85 and over) grew from just over 100,000 in 1900 to 5.7 million in 2008.

# The Good, the Bad and the well...

- The baby boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964) will start turning 65 in 2011, and the number of older people will increase dramatically during the 2010–2030 period. The older population in 2030 is projected to be twice as large as their counterparts in 2000, growing from 35 million to 72 million and representing nearly 20 percent of the total U.S. population.

# The Good, the Bad and the well...

- The U.S. Census Bureau projects that the population age 85 and over could grow from 5.7 million in 2008 to 19 million by 2050. Some researchers predict that death rates at older ages will decline more rapidly than is reflected in the U.S. Census Bureau's projections, which could lead to faster growth of this population.<sup>1–3</sup>

-The older population (65+) numbered 40.4 million in 2010, an increase of 5.4 million or 15.3% since 2000, and is projected to increase to 55 million in 2020 (a 36% increase for that decade).

-The number of Americans aged 45-64 – who will reach 65 over the next two decades – increased by 31% during this decade.

-Over one in every eight, or 13.1%, of the population is an older American. Persons reaching age 65 have an average life expectancy of an additional 18.8 years (20.0 years for females and 17.3 years for males).

-Older women outnumber older men at 23.0 million older women to 17.5 million older men.

-Older men were much more likely to be married than older women--72% of men vs. 42% of women (Figure 2). 40% older women in 2010 were widows.

-About 29% (11.3 million) of non-institutionalized older persons live alone (8.1 million women, 3.2 million men).

- Almost half of older women (47%) age 75+ live alone.
- About 485,000 grandparents aged 65 or more had the primary responsibility for their grandchildren who lived with them.
- The 85+ population is projected to increase from 5.5 million in 2010 and then to 6.6 million in 2020 (19%) for that decade.
- Social Security constituted 90% or more of the income received by 35% of beneficiaries in 2009 (22% of married couples and 43% of non-married beneficiaries).
- Almost 3.5 million elderly persons (9.0%) were below the poverty level in 2010. This poverty rate is not statistically different from the poverty rate in 2009 (8.9%). During 2011, the U.S. Census Bureau also released a new Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) which takes into account regional variations in the livings costs, non-cash benefits received, and non-discretionary expenditures but does not replace the official poverty measure. The SPM shows a poverty level for older persons of 15.9%, an increase of over 75% over the official rate of 9.0% mainly due to medical out-of-pocket expenses.
- About 11% (3.7 million) of older Medicare enrollees received personal care from a paid or unpaid source in 1999.

## And in Nevada?

- Four counties, as of 2008, have greater than 20% of the population over 65 years of age: Mineral, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye
- Carson City and Lyon County are approximately 15%
- Washoe and Clark both exceed 10%

# Second Judicial District Court

- Approximately 1000 active adult cases
- Approximately 250 new filings in 2011
- One judge, one AA and one law clerk (no dedicated case management hardware or software)