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1. **Salutation:** Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr.

2. **Nominee's Name** *(please ensure correct spelling):*

Justice Cliff Young (Clarence Clifton Young)

3. **Nominee's Mailing Address:** _____

4. **Nominee's Phone Number: Work:** _____ **Home:** _____

5. **Employment History** *(attach additional material if necessary):*

1943 - 1946 United States Army

Attorney

1950 - 1952 Washoe County Public Administrator

1953 - 1957 U.S. House of Representatives

Attorney - Breen, Young, Whitehead, Belding & Hardesty

1966 - 1980 Nevada Senator

1981- 1983 National Wildlife Federation President

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6. Educational Background *(attach additional material if necessary):*

B.A., University of Nevada, Reno, 1943

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Clarence Clifton Young

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Clarence Clifton Young (born November 7, 1922) was a United States congressman from Nevada.

A Republican, Young was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the state's at-large district in 1952 and re-elected in 1954. He won the Republican nomination for United States Senate in 1956 but was defeated by incumbent Democrat Alan Bible in a close race.

Young later served in the Nevada Senate and on the Nevada Supreme Court, including a stint as chief justice (1989–1990). Young also served as president of the National Wildlife Federation (1981–1983).

Notes

External links

- Clarence Clifton Young (<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=Y000032>) at the *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress*
- A Guide to the C. Clifton Young (family) Papers (<http://dewey.library.unr.edu/xtf/view?docId=ead/mss/sc/96-06-ead.xml>), University of Nevada, Reno, Special Collections.
- A Guide to the C. Clifton Young (political) Papers (<http://dewey.library.unr.edu/xtf/view?docId=ead/mss/sc/2002-14-ead.xml>), University of Nevada, Reno, Special Collections.

Clarence Clifton Young



Member of the U.S. House of Representatives
from Nevada's At-Large district

In office

January 3, 1953 – January 3, 1957

Preceded by Walter S. Baring, Jr.

Succeeded by Walter S. Baring, Jr.

Personal details

Born November 7, 1922
Lovelock, Nevada

Political party Republican

Residence Reno

Profession Attorney

United States House of Representatives

Preceded by Walter S. Baring, Jr.	United States House of Representatives, Nevada At-Large 1953–1957	Succeeded by Walter S. Baring, Jr.
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List of Justices of the Supreme Court of Nevada

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Following is a list of the **Supreme Court of Nevada** justices. Chief Justices are listed in bold.

- **James F. Lewis** (1864-1873)
- Henry O. Beatty (1864-1868)
- Cornelius M. Bronsan (1864-1867)
- J. Neely Johnson (1867–1871)
- Bernard Crosby Whitman (1868-1875)
- John Garber (1871-1872)
- Charles Henry Belknap (1872-1875)
- Thomas Porter Hawley (1873–1890)
- Warner Earll (1875-1877)
- Orville Rinaldo Leonard (1877-1889)
- **William H. Beatty** (1879–1880)
- Michael Augustus Murphy (1889-1895)
- McKaskia Stems Bonnifield (1895-1901)
- Rensselaer R. Bigelow (1890-1897)
- William A. Massey (1896–1902)
- Adolphus Leigh Fitzgerald (1901-1907)
- Thomas Van Camp Julien (1902-1903)
- George Frederick Talbot (1903-1915)
- Frank Norcross (1905–1916)
- James G. Sweeney (1907-1913)
- Patrick McCarran (1913–1919)
- Benjamin Wilson Coleman (1915-1939)
- John Adams Sanders (1917-1935)
- Edward Augustus Ducker (1919-1946)
- William Edwin Orr (1939-1945)
- Charles Lee Horsey (1945-1951)
- Edgar Eather (1946-1958)
- Milton Benjamin Badt (1947-1966)
- Errol James Livingston Taber (1935-1947)
- **Charles M. Merrill** (1951–1959)
- Frank McNamee (1958-1965)
- Miles Nelson Pike (1959-1961)
- Gordon Rufus Thompson (1961-1977)
- David Zenoff (1965–1976)
- Jon R. Collins (1966-1971)
- Cameron McVicar Batjer (1967-1981)
- **John Code Mowbray** (1967-1993)^[1]
- Elmer Millard Gunderson (1971-1989)
- Noel Edwin Manoukian (1977-1985)
- Charles E. Springer (1981-1997)
- **Thomas L. Steffen** (1982–1997)
- Cliff Young (1985–2003)
- **Robert E. Rose** (1989–2007)
- Miriam Shearing (1993–2005)

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YOUNG, Clarence Clifton, (1922 -)

YOUNG, Clarence Clifton, a Representative from Nevada; born in Lovelock, Pershing County, Nev., November 7, 1922; attended the public schools of his native city; B.A., University of Nevada in Reno, 1943; during the Second World War served in the United States Army ground forces from May 1943 to October 1946, with twenty months' overseas duty in the European Theater with the One Hundred and Third Infantry Division, and was discharged as a major; LL.B., Harvard Law School, 1949; was admitted to the Nevada bar in 1949 and commenced practice in Reno, Nev.; public administrator of Washoe County 1950-1952; State president of the Young Republicans of Nevada in 1952; delegate, Republican National Convention, 1950; delegate to each State convention since 1950; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth Congresses (January 3, 1953-January 3, 1957); was not a candidate for renomination in 1956 but was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate; engaged in the practice of law in Reno; member, Nevada State senate, 1966-1980; president, National Wildlife Federation, 1981-1983; elected associate justice of the Nevada Supreme Court for the six-year term beginning January 1985, chief justice, 1989-1990; is a resident of Reno, Nev.

CLIFF YOUNG: CHIEF JUSTICE, NEVADA SUPREME COURT

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Description

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Justice Cliff Young was born in 1922 in Lovelock, Nevada. He graduated from the University of Nevada and received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1949. He established a law practice in Reno in 1949 and began serving in public office in 1950, when he ran for Washoe County public administrator. Young was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1952 and served two terms. He then went back to Reno to practice law for about ten years before returning to the political arena. He served as a Nevada state senator from 1967 to 1980, and since 1985, he has served as a Nevada supreme court justice.

Justice Cliff Young is a seasoned storyteller. From his early law practice in Reno in 1949 to the United States Congress, the Nevada senate, and finally the Nevada supreme court, his memories were clear. He especially remembered who was where and doing what, and the list of names of people he worked with and/or counted as friends reads like the Who's Who for Nevada, starting in the 1950s.

Justice Young is a many-faceted Nevada gem, and beneath the calm surface is a man who has been willing to enter the fray. He served his country in World War II and is a decorated combat veteran. He has been an active Republican Party member and an environmentalist with a special passion for Nevada's state parks. His oral history covers in detail his work to influence court reform and addresses issues such as death-penalty cases, bench memos, overcrowding in prisons, and fast track settlements.

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C. Clifton Young

Clarence Clifton (Cliff) Young was born on Nov. 7, 1922 in Lovelock Nevada. His parents were Florence Eliza Anker Young and Clarence L. Young. Cliff graduated from Pershing County High School in 1939 and the University of Nevada in 1943. He served three and one-half years in the Infantry in World War II, including action in France, Germany, and Austria. He was discharged as a major in 1946 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1949. He was a member of the Reno law firm of Breen, Young, Whitehead, Belding & Hardesty.

Young was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Nevada in 1953 and served until 1956. He served in the Nevada State Senate from 1966-1980. Young was elected to the Nevada Supreme Court in November, 1984 and served as Chief Justice of the Court from 1989-1990. As of 1996 he is still a justice in the Supreme Court.

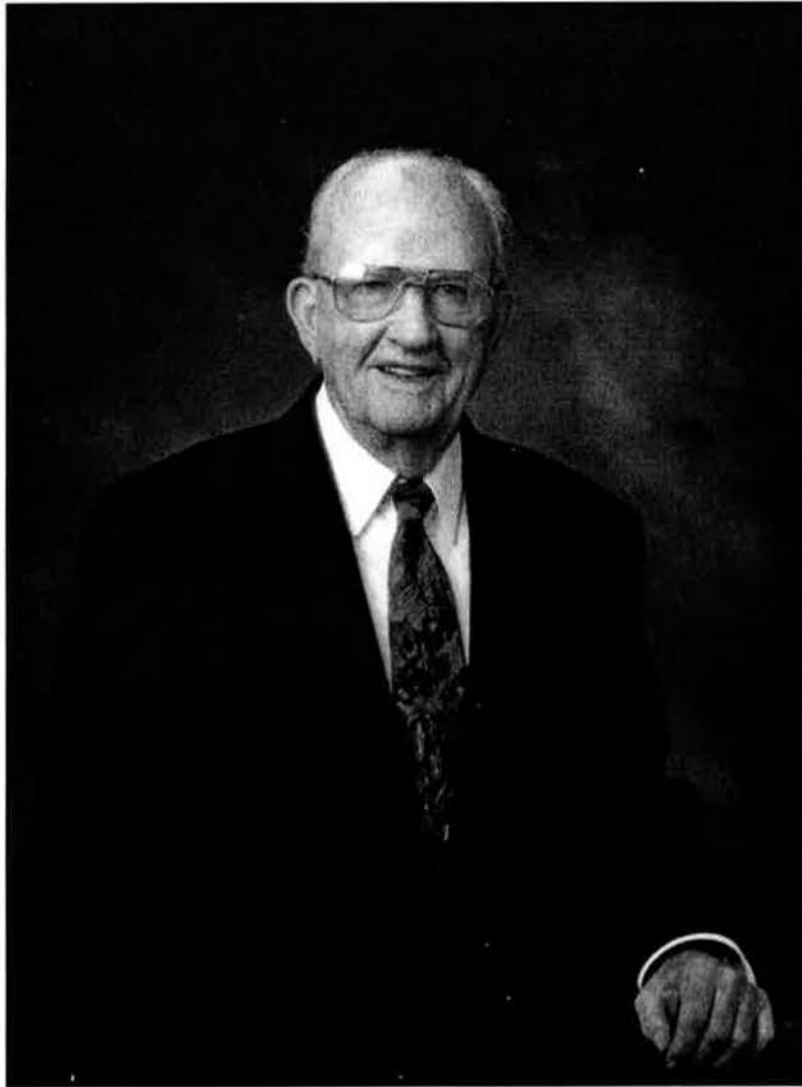
Cliff married Loretta Jane Hempfling Gibson on Dec. 25, 1952. She was born in Kansas City, Missouri on Oct. 13, 1926. She is an artist and active in many Reno club and church activities. She has a son, Mark Craig Gibson, born July 13, 1948 in Altadena, California.

Cliff and Loretta have four children:

- Diana Jane Young Monfalcone (Mrs. Clint), born Nov. 11, 1954.
- Florence LaVonne Young Duhon (Mrs. Gary), born Feb. 13, 1956.
- Clifton James Young, born Jan. 8, 1958.
- Robert Alfred Young, born June 24, 1961.

Clarence L. Young

Clarence L. Young, father of Cliff Young, was born in Lovelock, Nevada, on Aug. 17, 1886 to Stephen R. and Mary E. Wilson Young. He attended public schools in Lovelock and was an engineering student at the University of Nevada. He supervised construction of the Lovelock and Woolsey Light and Power Company plant situated on the Young Ranch. For nine years he was Superintendent of the Lovelock and Woolsey Light and Power Company until the transmission lines and distribution system were sold to the Nevada Valley Power Company, later part of Sierra Pacific Power Company.



Justice Cliff Young

Cliff Young

Chief Justice, Nevada Supreme Court

*From oral history interviews
conducted by Victoria Ford*

Edited by Kathleen M. Coles

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Cliff Young

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For readers who are interested in examining the unaltered records, copies of the tape-recorded interviews are in the archives at the Nevada Supreme Court Library at Carson City, Nevada; the Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society at Pasadena, California; and the UNOHP in Reno. As with all oral history projects, Justice Young has recorded his remembered past, and memory is never flawless. Readers should exercise the same caution used when consulting government records, newspaper accounts, diaries, and other primary

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