

## Judge William Kephart Is Charged With Publicly Interfering In Kirstin Lobato Case

Judge William Kephart Is Charged With Publicly Interfering In Kirstin Lobato Case, was the [lead news story on the front page](#) of the *Las Vegas Tribune's* May 17, 2017 issue.

The news story details that five misconduct charges have been filed against Clark County District Court Judge William Kephart by the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline. The charges are based on the Commission's investigation of allegations he publicly interfered in Kirstin Lobato's case during an on-camera interview that was broadcast on February 29, 2016, by KSNV News 3 in Las Vegas.

Kephart was the lead prosecutor when Lobato was convicted in 2006 of voluntary manslaughter and other charges related to the July 2001 homicide of Duran Bailey in Las Vegas.

In May 2010 Lobato filed a habeas corpus petition in the Clark County District Court that included new evidence she is actually innocent.

Kephart was elected a District Court judge in November 2014, and at the time of the interview Lobato's case was pending before the Nevada Supreme Court.

The news story can be read on the *LV Tribune's* website at, [Las VegasTribune.net](#). The article was written by Hans Sherrer, *Justice Denied's* editor and publisher.

In November 2016 the Nevada Supreme Court remanded Lobato's habeas corpus back to the District Court, where it is currently pending.

[Click here to read the](#) Formal Statement Of Charges against Kephart on the Commissions' website.

Information about Kirstin Lobato's case is on Justice Denied's [Kirstin Blaise Lobato's case webpage](#).

Sources:  
["Judge William Kephart Is Charged](#) With Publicly Interfering In Kirstin Lobato Case," *Las Vegas Tribune*, May 17, 2017

[Kirstin Blaise Lobato's](#) case webpage, Justice Denied website

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| 2009 | 99.7%   | 0.3%   |        |
| 2010 | 97%     | 3%     |        |
| 2011 | 92%     | 8%     |        |
| 2012 | 82%     | 13%    | 5%     |
| 2013 | 72%     | 19%    | 9%     |
| 2014 | 61%     | 28%    | 11%    |
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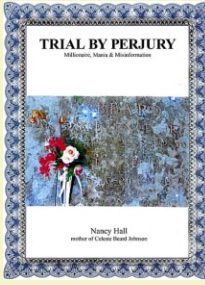
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 Federal Ninth Circuit Judge Stephen Reinhardt in "Demise Of Habeas Corpus And The Rise Of Qualified Immunity," 113 MichLawRev. 1219.

**Trial by Perjury:**  
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 by Nancy Hall

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