

Judge Del Vecchio for Family Supreme Court

WHAT THE HECK, WHY NOT?

- GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR
- GREAT SENSE OF FAIRNESS
- ECONOMICAL
- EXCELLENT GAS MILEAGE

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LAS VEGAS – The odor of scandal is still in the air following the arrest of a Family Court judge on domestic battery charges and a damning series of articles on our criminal judges published in the L.A. Times.

Not wanting to be outdone, Family Court Chronicles went in search of scandal ourselves and found it staring us in the face near the corner of Rainbow and Sahara on the valley's rough West Side.

A 6-foot-wide sign, among a dozen others in a vacant lot, said:

__ ELECT JUDGE
DEL VECCHIO
Supreme Court Dept. G
"Good Sense of Humor–Great Sense of Fairness"

Maybe that's what we need in the Supreme Court: a sense of humor! Certainly some of those rulings are laughable (like the

recent N.S. decision), and maybe we need a guy with a great sense of fairness to set things right.

But all was not as it seemed at Rainbow and Sahara. We stopped the car and got out to take some pictures.

What's this? Something's afoot, Watson!

We had to get close to notice. "Supreme," in dense print, appeared on a white sticker placed over the word "Family." "G", on another sticker, replaced the letter "K," while the letters "RE" were obscured by a blank white label.

This sign, and probably hundreds of others, has been recycled from Del Vecchio's successful Family Court re-election campaign of four years ago.

If it worked once, why not try it again?
Good sense of humor, indeed!

Hey, he already had the signs, so why not use them? Worth a shot, eh? Can't win the lottery if you don't buy a ticket.

In Nevada, of course, Judges are selected on purely linguistic grounds, based on the sound of their names and the mindless repetition of them in vacant lots. Del Vecchio's signs say more than most, but



maybe the message could use some refinement.

Obviously, our frugal jurist in Courtroom 6 isn't employing any political consultants, so perhaps we can help.

How about: "Judge Del Vecchio: We Can Do Worse."

Or: "Judge Del Vecchio: Never Mentioned in the L.A. Times."

But here's our favorite: "Judge Del Vecchio: What the Heck, Why Not?"

The important thing is that it's in small print that no one can read at 50 mph.

"DEL VECCHIO" – that's all that matters. Listen to the sound of it.

It's good, but "STEEL" is better.

–GC