

James Popovich serves as the Specialty Courts Program Manager, a position he has held for two years. In this role, he develops and implements the mission, goals, and performance standards for various Specialty Courts' programs. Mr. Popovich is the court liaison between Specialty Courts and the local and statewide judicial, legal, government, and treatment communities. He is the direct supervisor to a team of Specialty Court Officers. Mr. Popovich leads the Specialty Court team to success by promoting open communication, team work and professional development.

Prior to this role at the Second Judicial District Court, Mr. Popovich worked in the substance abuse and mental health treatment field for more than fifteen years. He served in various roles within this field, including as a Counselor, Vice President, and Program Director. During this time, he managed and supervised both administrative and clinical staff. He also worked as the Adult Drug Court Administrator for a local treatment provider. As the Administrator, he served as the treatment provider liaison on the Second Judicial District Court's Adult Drug Court team.

Mr. Popovich received his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration with a Minor in Psychology from California State University, East Bay. He is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor in the State of Nevada. He also has extensive classroom education in substance abuse treatment and has completed graduate coursework in national security and public safety.

He lives in Carson City with his wife and two daughters. They spend much of their free time enjoying the outdoors, while taking advantage of the incredible recreational opportunities Northern Nevada has to offer. He has a passion for mountain biking and he can be found in the foothills of Carson City and Reno enjoying the trails with other enthusiasts.