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4 IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA  
5 IN THE FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE  
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9 IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF:  
10 PROJECT ONE.  
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12 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2017-02

13 WHEREAS, in 2010, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges  
14 began work on the Multi-Court Collaboration Initiative, now known as Project ONE,  
15 to provide judges with guidance in supporting the needs of families and children; and

16 WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges adopted  
17 the central concept of One Family One Judge to the Project ONE Initiative; and

18 WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court adopted the Project ONE  
19 Initiative in July 2012; and

20 WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court instituted a Project ONE docket  
21 to address the needs of juveniles who have a petition filed in both a delinquency and  
22 dependency case; and

23 WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court is committed to providing  
24 outstanding service to children, families, and its stakeholders; and

25 WHEREAS, allowing families and children to attend court hearings with one  
26 judge is believed to improve collaborative and holistic services to children; and

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1           WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court has determined that it is in the  
2 best interest of its users to be seen by one judge throughout their Court involvement;  
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4           WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court has determined it is in the best  
5 interests of families who have an open dependency case to be seen by one judge for  
6 related family cases;<sup>1</sup> and

7           WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court has determined it may be in the  
8 best interests of families who have an open dependency case to be seen by one judge  
9 for some related civil and criminal cases; and

10           WHEREAS the Second Judicial District Court authorized Judge Egan Walker  
11 to develop a pilot program to determine when it is appropriate for families who have  
12 an open dependency case to be seen by one judge for some related civil and criminal  
13 cases; and

14           WHEREAS Judge Egan Walker reported on the results of the pilot program to  
15 the Second Judicial District Court Bench, as required by Administrative Order 2015-  
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17           WHEREAS the Second Judicial District Court has determined that further  
18 information should be gathered to determine whether efficiencies and benefits, which  
19 ultimately work in the best interests of the families who come before the Second  
20 Judicial District Court, can be gained by having one judge preside over an open  
21 dependency action and some related civil and criminal cases.

22           NOW THEREFORE, Judge Egan Walker shall continue to examine when it is  
23 appropriate for families who have an open dependency case to be seen by one judge for  
24 some related civil and criminal cases. This program may result in the assignment of  
25 some related civil and criminal cases to Judge Egan Walker with the consent of the  
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28 <sup>1</sup> A related case is defined as one where a family member of a child in the open dependency case, within the second degree of consanguinity, has an open case in a different case type.

1 judge to whom the case was originally assigned. Judge Egan Walker shall report the  
2 results to the Second Judicial District Court Bench at the 2018 Judges' Retreat.

3 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

4 Judge Egan Walker shall continue to examine when it is appropriate for families  
5 who have an open dependency case to be seen by one judge for some related civil and  
6 criminal cases. This program may result in the assignment of some related civil and  
7 criminal cases to Judge Egan Walker with the consent of the judge to whom the case  
8 was originally assigned. Judge Egan Walker shall report the results to Second Judicial  
9 District Court Bench at the 2018 Judges' Retreat.

10 This Administrative Order becomes effective immediately;

11 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

12 DATED this 23 day of February, 2017.

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15 Patrick Flanagan  
16 CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE  
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