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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF:  
FAMILY DIVISION.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2018-04

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court Chief Judge has authority to make administrative decisions pertaining to the business of the court (WDCR 2(2), NRS 3.025(2)(c));

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge shall assign cases to each judge in the judicial district (NRS 3.025(2)(a));

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court Family Division (Family Division) consists of 6 judges and 5 masters who hear all matters set forth in Nevada Revised Statutes 3.223;

WHEREAS, since July 1, 2012, the new case filings in the Family Division have increased exponentially;

WHEREAS, the families, citizens, attorneys, and all others who appear before the Family Division are entitled to have their matters heard in a timely, efficient and fair manner;

WHEREAS, the current judicial staffing is insufficient to allow for the high level of service deserved by the parties who appear in the Family Division;

1           WHEREAS, on November 17, 2017, the Second Judicial District Court Judges  
2 unanimously voted to seek two additional Family Division Judges during the 2019  
3 Legislative Session;

4           WHEREAS, the excessive caseload of the Family Division constitutes exigent  
5 circumstances necessitating the Chief Judge to temporarily assign contributory  
6 support from General Jurisdiction Division Judges to the Family Division;

7           WHEREAS, on November 17, 2017, the Second Judicial District Court Judges  
8 unanimously voted to authorize the Family Division to develop a plan that would allow  
9 the General Jurisdiction Division to provide needed and immediate support to the  
10 Family Division;

11           WHEREAS, on January 19, 2018, the Second Judicial District Court Judges  
12 unanimously voted to temporarily pair a General Jurisdiction Division Judge with a  
13 Family Division Judge who can provide assistance, as defined between the two judges,  
14 as needed and upon request by the Family Division Judge (see attached);

15           WHEREAS, no Family Division business units or cases shall be transferred due  
16 to this pairing;

17           WHEREAS, Family Division Judges will provide appropriate support and  
18 guidance in all areas of family law if needed and as is identified and/or requested by  
19 the General Jurisdiction Division Judges through their pairing partnership to  
20 accomplish this assistance; and

21           WHEREAS, all events performed by the General Jurisdiction Division Judge  
22 shall be coded to the General Jurisdiction Division Judge to ensure accurate statistical  
23 tracking.

24           **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

- 25           1.   The Chief Judge will temporarily pair a General Jurisdiction Division  
26           Judge with a Family Division Judge who can provide assistance, as  
27           defined between the two judges, as needed and upon request by the Family  
28           Division Judge (see attached);


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- 2. Each judicial pair will develop a plan of support to sufficiently provide a high level of service to those parties who are served by the Family Division; and
- 3. This plan will maximize the ability of the Second Judicial District Court to hear matters in a timely and efficient manner as is possible based upon existing judicial resources.

This Administrative Order shall remain in place until further order of the Chief Judge.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED this 8 day of February, 2018.



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SCOTT FREEMAN  
Chief District Judge

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**Department Pairings**

<b>Family Division</b>	<b>General Jurisdiction</b>
Department 2 (To be announced)	Department 7 (Judge Walker)
Department 5 (Judge Lu)	Department 6 (Judge Simons)
Department 11 (Judge Weller)	Department 15 (Judge Hardy)
Department 12 (Judge Doherty)	Department 4 (Judge Steinheimer)
Department 13 (Judge Robb)	Department 9 (Judge Freeman)
Department 14 (Judge Humke)	Department 3 (Judge Polaha)