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

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10 IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF:
11 THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT'S
12 RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)
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15 **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-2**

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

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20 On March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency in Nevada in
21 response to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). Given the severity of
22 the risk posed to the public by COVID-19, and after consultation with the Nevada Supreme
23 Court Chief Justice Kristina Pickering, the Chief Judge of the District Court has determined that
24 alterations to court procedure are necessary for the protection of the community. At a meeting of
25 the entire Second Judicial District Court Bench this date, the following Administrative order was
26 unanimously approved.
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ADMIN ORDER 2020-02

1 During this time, the District Court will continue to accept filing and continue to operate
2 managing cases with the parameters set forth in this order.

3 Effective March 16, 2020, all currently scheduled non-essential District Court hearings
4 are ordered to be conducted by video or telephonic means; decided on the papers; or rescheduled
5 unless otherwise directed by the assigned District Court Judge.
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7 At this time, essential case types and hearings will continue to be heard through in-person
8 appearances, although appearance by alternative means under the Nevada Supreme Court Rule
9 Part IX is encouraged when possible. Essential case types and hearings include the following:
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- 11 1. In-custody criminal sentencings, bail motions, and probation revocation hearings until
12 arrangements can me made to hear these matters by alternative means;
- 13 2. Criminal arraignments;
- 14 3. Civil commitment cases;
- 15 4. Guardianship matters except for compliance related hearings which include annual
16 accountings. Given the vulnerability of the guardianship populations, all protected
17 persons shall appear by alternative means;
- 18 5. Temporary or extended protection orders against domestic violence;
- 19 6. Juvenile delinquency matters;
- 20 7. Abuse and neglect preliminary protective hearings;
- 21 8. Emergency ex parte requests regarding custody;
- 22 9. High-risk protective orders;
- 23 10. Civil temporary restraining orders and preliminary/permanent injunctive relief
24 hearings;
- 25 11. Probate petitions for orders of cremation;
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1 12. Proceedings to establish a special administrator for an estate; and

2 13. Other than jury trials, case-by-case exceptions may be ordered at the discretion of a
3 District Court Judge.

4 All jury trials, civil and criminal, scheduled in District Court for the next 30 days will be
5 suspended and will be rescheduled as the court calendar allows. No summoned prospective
6 jurors are to appear.

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8 This order shall operate to stay trial in civil cases for purposes of NRCP 41(e). The time
9 period of any continuance entered as a result of this order shall be excluded under for purposes
10 of calculating speedy trial under NRS 178.556(1) and NRS 174.512 as the court finds the that
11 ends of justice are served by taking that action outweigh the interests of the parties and the public
12 in a speedy trial. In addition, in any case type where good cause must be found to extend a
13 deadline or for a continuance to be granted, this order shall establish good cause.

14 All Grand Jury proceedings are hereby suspended for the duration of this order.

15 The Washoe County Law Library will be closed until further order of this Court.

16 Absent further order of the Court or any individual judge, the period of exclusion shall be
17 from March 16, 2020 through April 17, 2020. The Court may extend the period of exclusions as
18 circumstances warrant.

19 Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control has advised people to take precautions and
20 that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure. As a result, District Court
21 Administration is ordered to post a notice at the entrance of all district court facilities advising
22 the following people that they may not enter the court facility:

23 1. Persons who in the last 14 days have traveled to a country designated as a Level 3
24 travel health notice according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Currently those
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1 Countries include: China, Iran, South Korea, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark,
2 Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy,
3 Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal,
4 Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City. The list is
5 subject to change by the CDC.
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7 2. Persons who reside or have close contact with someone who has travelled to any
8 country described above within the last 14 days;

9 3. Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health
10 agency;

11 4. Persons who have been diagnosed with coronavirus or who has had contact in the
12 past 14 days with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; or
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14 5. Persons with unexplained fever, cough or shortness of breath.

15 Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry.
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17 If a person is unable to appear in court because of the restrictions above, the person may
18 call 775-328-3110 for assistance in rescheduling their court appearance, arranging for
19 appearance by alternative means or provide other information base on the circumstances of the
20 appearance.
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22 This order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall continue until modified
23 or rescinded by a subsequent order.

24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 DATED this 16th day of March, 2020.

26 Kristina Pickering
27 JUSTICE KRISTINA PICKERING
28 CHIEF JUSTICE
ADMIN ORDER 2020-02

DATED this 16 day of March, 2020.

Scott Freeman
SCOTT FREEMAN
CHIEF JUDGE