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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:
TEMPORARILY CLOSING IN-PERSON
PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-05(B)

[CLOSURE OF SJDC THROUGH DECEMBER 7, 2020]

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

WHEREAS on March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak (“Governor Sisolak”) declared a state of emergency in Nevada in response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, as the result of the Declaration of Emergency for COVID-19, Governor Sisolak issued Directives governing activities in Nevada, including a stay at home order, directives limiting the number of persons who can gather, phases for reopening and transfer of phase evaluation to counties to permit reopening;

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Emergency for COVID-19, and all Directives issued are available at: [gov.nv.gov/News/Emergency_Orders/Emergency Orders](http://gov.nv.gov/News/Emergency_Orders/Emergency_Orders) (last accessed 11/12/2020);

This AO is intended to be consistent with the Declaration of Emergency in Nevada and to effectuate Governor Sisolak’s issued Directives resulting from the Declaration of Emergency and subsequent

1 renewals or extensions of said Directives.

2 WHEREAS the Chief Judge continues to enter Administrative Orders (“AO(s)”) on court
3 matters during the COVID-19 pandemic as it ensues. All AOs are available at [washoecourts.com/](http://washoecourts.com/Main/AdminOrders)
4 [Main/AdminOrders](http://washoecourts.com/Main/AdminOrders) (last visited 11/12/2020).
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6 WHEREAS this AO is intended to be consistent with the May 12, 2020, Statement from the
7 National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Regarding Safe Courts and Access to Justice
8 During COVID-19 (“the NCJFCJ Statement”)¹ and AO 2020-05(A) which adopted the NCJFCJ
9 Statement’s protective guidelines.
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11 WHEREAS this AO is also intended to be consistent with the Center for Disease Control and
12 Prevention guidelines;²

13 WHEREAS on November 10, 2020, Governor Sisolak made his “Stay at Home 2.0,”
14 announcement (“SH 2.0”); gov.nv.gov/news/Press/Press_Releases/11/10/2020 (last visited
15 11/12/2020); @GovSisolak, TWITTER (Nov. 10, 2020, 6:00 – 6:17 p.m.), [https://twitter.com/](https://twitter.com/GovSisolak/status/1326345073043279873)
16 [GovSisolak/status/1326345073043279873](https://twitter.com/GovSisolak/status/1326345073043279873).
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18 WHEREAS in accordance with Governor Sisolak’s SH 2.0, during this time it remains critical
19 for community members to stay at home, telework, wear masks, wash hands, among other stated
20 prevention activities, to reduce the recent increase in COVID-19 cases; and,
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22 WHEREAS it is critical for the SJDC to address the recent increased spread of COVID-19 by
23 taking action to restrict contact of members of the court, counsel, staff, the public and our valuable
24 community partners;

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27 ¹ NCJFCJ.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/NCJFCJ_Statement_Regarding_Court_Safety_COVID-19_Final.pdf (last visited 10/27/2020).
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² The CDC guidelines are available at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncor/community/organizations (last visited 11/12/2020).

1 **Accordingly, and good cause appearing therefor, this Administrative Order 2020-05)(B)**
2 **follows:**

3 All provisions of prior AOs shall remain in full force and effect except as specifically
4 modified or supplemented by this or other subsequent AOs.
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6 **Effective immediately the Second Judicial District Court is temporarily closed, entrance**
7 **is limited and scheduled proceedings are continued through December 7, 2020, absent**
8 **extraordinary circumstances. Closure of the Second Judicial District Court includes the**
9 **General Jurisdiction 75 Court Street facility and the Family Division 1 S. Sierra SJDC facility.**
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11 This SJDC court closure does not affect the portions of the 1 S. Sierra Street facility that are
12 not used by the Family Division of the SJDC, i.e. Reno Justice Court and Reno Municipal Court
13 facilities.

14 Essential staff, as determined by the Chief Judge and Court Administrator, will be allowed on
15 site and must adhere to SJDC protocols and policies regarding masks, temperature checks and all
16 preventative procedures currently in place. Other access shall only be granted in extraordinary
17 circumstances by the Chief Judge.
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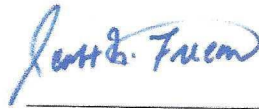
19 Access to the Second Judicial District Court will continue by electronic filing, telephone calls,
20 live chat via the Court's website (www.washoecourts.us), physical mail of which distribution may be
21 delayed, and audiovisual hearings conducted in accordance with the Nevada Rules Governing
22 Appearance by Audiovisual Transmission Equipment, Part IX via Zoom.us platform. Public access
23 to court proceedings is available for viewing and listening through the link on the SJDC website, on-
24 line hearings, by department (www.washoecourts.us/Online Hearings/[Department]/Click here to
25 view on Zoom.us (last visited 11/13/2020) and also by accessing Zoom.us and entering the applicable
26 meeting number.
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2 Protection order applications and the SJDC drop box in the lobby of 1 S. Sierra will remain
3 available and accessible during this closure.
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5 This AO shall be reviewed at appropriate intervals, as determined by the Chief Judge, based
6 on the changing circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 DATED this 13th day of November, 2020.



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11 SCOTT N. FREEMAN
12 CHIEF JUDGE
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