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

IN THE MATTER OF:
ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER OF FAMILY
DIVISION CASES IN DEPARTMENT 5, 11, AND 14

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-01

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court (“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)); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge shall assign cases to each judge in the judicial district (NRS 3.025(2)(a) and WDFCR 30(1)(e));

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court Family Division consists of 7 judges;

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court Family Division has designated business units, each overseen by a designated judge.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order 2018-06, Department 5, presided over by Judge Cynthia Lu, has been designated as the Child Dependency Department;

1 WHEREAS, effective January 4, 2021, Department 11, presided over by Judge Paige
2 Dollinger, shall now be the designated Child Dependency Department; and

3 WHEREAS, it is necessary for ease of administration to transfer all dependency cases
4 and termination of parental rights cases filed by the Washoe County Human Services Agency in
5 Department 5 to Department 11 and to transfer the caseload in Department 11 to Department 5.
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8 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 9 1. Effective immediately, all open cases currently assigned to Department 11 shall be
10 transferred to Department 5 and in accordance with WDCR 2(6).
11 2. Effective immediately, all closed cases filed 2002 or later, currently assigned to
12 Department 11 shall be transferred to Department 5 and in accordance with WDCR2(6).
13 3. Effective immediately, all open and closed dependency and termination of parental rights
14 cases filed by the Washoe County Human Services Agency currently assigned to
15 Department 5 shall be transferred to Department 11.
16 4. Effective immediately, all open NRS 159A minor guardianship matters currently
17 assigned to Department 11 shall be transferred to Department 14.
18 5. SCR 48.1(4)(a) provides that a peremptory challenge may be filed “within 3 days after
19 the party or his attorney is notified that the case has been assigned to a judge.” In all open
20 case types, with the exception of dependency and termination of parental rights cases
21 filed by Washoe County Human Services Agency, transferred pursuant to this order, a
22 notice of case transfer shall be filed providing notice pursuant to SCR 48.1(4)(a). This
23 Administrative Order shall be separately provided to the Offices of the Washoe County
24 District Attorney, Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender. In addition, this
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1 Administrative Order will be posted on the Court's website and forwarded to the Washoe
2 County Bar Association for publication. If a party wishes to file a peremptory challenge,
3 the challenge must be filed by January 21, 2021, or within three days after the
4 notification is received, whichever is later, and assuming no evidence has been taken or
5 any ruling made as described in SRC 48.1(4)(b).
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7 6. The Presiding Judge may develop internal protocols, organizational restructuring, or
8 court master assignments to implement this Order.

9 7. This Administrative Order shall be in effect until specifically modified or rescinded by
10 subsequent Administrative Order.
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12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 DATED this 15th day of January, 2021.

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16 SCOTT N. FREEMAN
17 CHIEF JUDGE
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