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Hon. Mark Gibbons Nevada Supreme Court 201 South Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701-4702

Dear Justice Gibbons:

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I am in receipt of the Order Scheduling a Public Hearing on June 2, 2008, regarding the proposed rule to govern telephonic and audiovisual participation in Nevada courts.

I am in favor of such a rule for short matters such a hearings before the Discovery Commissioner, motion practice or scheduling issues. Obviously, for a trial I would prefer to appear in person. However, I do believe such a rule would be in compliance with Rule 1 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure and would certainly be of assistance for Clark County and Washoe County lawyers practicing in the opposite county, as well as for us who practice in the rural counties.

As a practical matter, the Federal Court in Reno does allow telephone conference hearings with lawyers attending from throughout the United States. Most of the rural counties in Nevada will also allow telephone participation. It seems to be Clark County that does not.

As a practical matter, I was told by the former Chief Justice Miriam Shearing that once the new Justice Center was built in Las Vegas that there would be capabilities to do telephonic hearings. Hopefully, that is correct. Anything I can



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do to assist in this matter, I will be happy to do as I have been urging such a rule for many years.

Very truly yours,

MARGO PISCEVICH

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## <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

May 22, 2008

MEMO TO: En Banc Court

CC: Tracie Lindeman

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FROM: Chief Justice Mark Gibbons

RE: Telephonic and Audio Visual Court Participation

Enclosed is a letter I received from Margo Piscevich regarding our public hearing set for June 2, 2008. The letter is self-explanatory.

I have asked Tracie Lindeman to file the original letter in the Administrative Docket file.