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**EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
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**T. ARTHUR RITCHIE, JR.**  
CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE

August 26, 2009

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Tracie Lindeman  
Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court of Nevada  
Supreme Court Building  
201 South Carson Street, Suite 201  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4702

Re: Eighth Judicial District Court Report

Dear Tracie Lindeman:

Enclosed is our original and 8 copies of the Report in response to the Supreme Court ORDER IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF A UNIFORM RULE GOVERNING TELEPHONIC AND AUDIOVISUAL PARTICIPATION IN CIVIL, CRIMINAL AND FAMILY LAW CASES IN ALL COURTS IN THE STATE OF NEVADA ADKT NO. 424, July 30, 2009.

This report details the Eighth Judicial District Court's continuous efforts to expand and embrace new technology which improves access to the courts and reduces litigation costs as well as the accomplishments made.

We are pleased to report that the Eighth Judicial District Court is compliant with this court's order. Further, the Chief Justice confirmed that one report from the Chief Judge on behalf of the Eighth Judicial District Court was sufficient. Again, the Eighth Judicial District Court would like to acknowledge the Nevada Supreme Court for its constant and continuous support and guidance.

Please file the original and return a file-stamped copy in the enclosed return-addressed envelope. Please provide copies to the seven Supreme Court Justices.

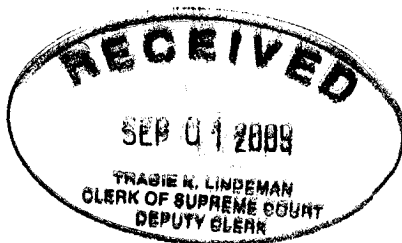
Very truly yours,

*[Signature of T. Arthur Ritchie, Jr.]*

T. Arthur Ritchie, Jr.  
Chief Judge

*[Signature of Steven D. Grierson]*

Steven D. Grierson  
Court Executive Officer/Clerk of Court



Enc.

cc: Eighth Judicial District Court Judge

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THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION  
OF A UNIFORM RULE GOVERNING  
TELEPHONIC AND AUDIOVISUAL  
PARTICIPATION IN CIVIL, CRIMINAL  
AND FAMILY LAW CASES IN ALL  
COURTS IN THE STATE OF NEVADA.

ADKT No. 424

On behalf of the Eighth Judicial District Court, please accept our report pursuant to your ORDER IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF A UNIFORM RULE GOVERNING TELEPHONIC AND AUDIOVISUAL PARTICIPATION IN CIVIL, CRIMINAL AND FAMILY LAW CASES IN ALL COURTS IN THE STATE OF NEVADA ADKT NO. 424, July 30, 2009.

This report will provide an update with respect to the arrangements and/or equipment that has been installed to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Order.

The Eighth Judicial District Court has historically had access to telephonic communication equipment which allowed participation in civil, criminal and family law cases. Court wide the analog telephone installed in each courtroom had the ability to make three-way-calls. Unfortunately, in order to participate in a true conference call the Courts needed to contact the County operator at least 24hours in advance or instruct the parties to facilitate the conference call.


In 2009, Clark County undertook a county wide project which converted the analog telephones to a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) system. Over the course of May and June 2009 the Eighth Judicial District Court's analog phones were converted to (VOIP.) This new system allowed the Courts to initiate conference calls without the assistance of the County operator. In fact, VOIP has the capacity to conference call up to fifteen (15) participants at once.

Additionally, the Eighth Judicial District Court is working with CourtCall (Telephonic Court Appearances) a Private Vendor that "enables attorneys to seamlessly simulate an in-person court appearance with no discernible disruption in the business of the Court, all at no cost to the Court." The Judiciary is given the option to utilize the services offered by CourtCall. Court Administration will facilitate the implementation of CourtCall if a Judicial department elects to take advantage of the program. Currently, ten (10) Departments are enrolled with CourtCall and ten (10) more are slated to begin. Each CourtCall user has a dedicated phone line exclusively used for those services.

The Eighth Judicial District Court also offers audiovisual appearances. Each courtroom is equipped with JAVS technology. As long as the participants on the other end have similar capabilities, video conferencing is available. Under extreme circumstances and with timely notice the Eighth Judicial District Court may assist with set-up and provide the necessary equipment for a participant to appear by videoconference.

In closing, the Eighth Judicial District Court has historically had the ability to hold hearings telephonically. Currently, the Court has equipment in place to allow for both telephonic and/or videoconference participation allowing all parties to hear and speak to each other. As industrial science continues to amplify the Court continues to expand and embrace these new technologies which improves access to the courts and reduces litigation costs.

Dated this 27 day of August, 2009.



T. Arthur Ritchie, Jr.  
Chief Judge