

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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ADKT 126

IN THE MATTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES TO TRADITIONAL LITIGATION FOR RESOLVING LEGAL DISPUTES.

## ORDER AMENDING RULES 3, 16, 20 AND 24 OF THE

## NEVADA ARBITRATION RULES

On February 22, 1991, this court entered an order establishing the Nevada Arbitration Rules as a part of the Supreme Court Rules. On March 12, 1991, this court appointed a committee to implement those rules. Now, pursuant to recommendations made by the implementation committee,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that subdivision (A) of Rule 3 of the Nevada Arbitration Rules be amended to read as follows:

> (A) All civil cases commenced in the district courts, except probate proceedings, domestic relations cases, cases seeking judicial review of administrative decisions, cases seeking to quiet title to real property, cases seeking declaratory relief, cases presenting significant issues of public policy and cases seeking equitable or extraordinary relief, that have a probable jury award value not in excess of [fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)] <u>twenty-five</u> <u>thousand dollars (\$25,000</u>), exclusive of interest and costs, and regardless of comparative liability, are subject to the Program.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that subdivision (B) of Rule 16 of the Nevada Arbitration Rules be amended to read as follows:

(B) The arbitrator shall determine all issues raised by the pleadings <u>in cases</u> that are subject to arbitration under the Program,

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including a determination of comparative negligence, if any, damages, if any, and costs. Regardless of whether a party made a request pursuant to Rule 5(A) to exempt a case from the Program, the arbitrator may award in an appropriate case damages that exceed [\$50,000] \$25,000.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that subsection (1) of subdivision (A) of Rule 20 of the Nevada Arbitration Rules be amended to read as follows:

(1) The penalty provided in subdivision (A) of this rule does not apply to any case in which the arbitrator's award exceeds [\$50,000] \$25,000.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that subdivision (A) of Rule 24 of the Nevada Arbitration Rules be amended to read as follows:

> (A) Arbitrators appointed to hear cases pursuant to these rules are entitled to be compensated at the rate of seventy-five dollars (\$75) per hour to a maximum of [one thousand dollars (\$1000)] <u>five hundred</u> dollars (\$500) per case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that to better coincide with the fiscal years of the counties affected by the Nevada Arbitration Rules, the effective date of the rules is changed. The rules will be effective in all actions commenced on or after July 1, 1992, and continue in effect until January 1, 1994. This court may extend the application of the arbitration rules, or amend or terminate the rules at any time before or after January 1, 1994.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall become effective immediately. Publication of this order shall be made by the mailing of a copy by the clerk of this court to each member of the State Bar of Nevada according to the clerk's official list of membership of such bar (which will include all district court judges and district attorneys), and the certification of the clerk of the court as to the accomplishment of such mailing shall be conclusive evidence of

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the adoption of the foregoing amended rules, in accordance with the provisions of NRS 2.120.

Dated this 12th day of July, 1991.

C.J. be Mowbray Spr J. lose J. Steffen

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