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Date: August 10, 2009

To: Tracie K. Lindeman, Clerk of the Nevada Supreme Court

From: Judge Susan Deriso
Judge Kevin Higgins *[Signature]*

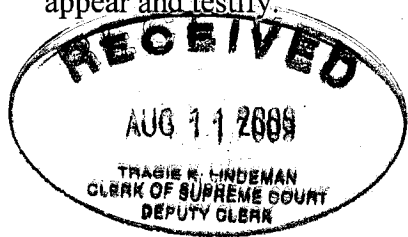
Re: **ADKT No. 424, Report of Telecommunication Options for Sparks Justice Court**

In response to the Nevada Supreme Court's Order of July 30, 2009, regarding the status of tele-communications or video conferencing equipment available in Nevada at the Sparks Justice Court, we provide the following information:

- (1) The Sparks Justice Court currently records hearings in its two main courtrooms through the use of a JAVS audio/visual recording system. Each courtroom currently has a speaker phone with teleconference capabilities integrated into the JAVS system. These speaker phones can set up a maximum of two outside calls, allowing three parties to be connected to hear the proceedings in court, and to be recorded over the JAVS system. This system would seem to accommodate the majority of any future need for a single outside witness, or perhaps a witness and outside counsel to appear at a hearing.

We would also note, the court is allowing attorneys from Las Vegas to appear in default matters via teleconference to save the need to appear at the court to request a default in simple matters.

- (2) Pursuant to the Administrative Office of the Courts' prior request and the court's Committee on the Rural Courts' Video Teleconferencing Project, the Sparks Justice Court has elected to have equipment installed from CourtCall allowing for the teleconferencing of an even greater number of participants. In the event that more than two parties would need to participate in the hearing, the system will allow multiple outside counsel and potentially other witnesses to appear and testify.



- (3) Lastly, through the work of the Rural Courts' Video Teleconferencing Project and a prior donation from the former Nevada Judges' Association, part of that funding will be used to install video teleconferencing equipment at the Sparks Justice Court. This will allow the justice court to have a video link and be integrated into the Administrative Office of the Courts' statewide system.

If the court should require any additional information for technical details of our teleconferencing and future video teleconferencing systems, please let us know.

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