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THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF NEVADA

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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

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On behalf of the Las Vegas Township Justice 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 Las Vegas Township Justice Court has historically had access to telephonic communication equipment which allowed participation in civil, criminal and family law cases. 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 24 hours 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 Las Vegas Township Justice 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.

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Additionally, the Las Vegas Township Justice 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, two (2) Departments are enrolled with CourtCall and (10) more are slated to begin. Each CourtCall user has a dedicated phone line exclusively used for those services.

The Las Vegas Township Justice 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 Las Vegas Township Justice Court may assist with set-up and provide the necessary equipment for a participant to appear by videoconference.

In closing, the Las Vegas Township Justice 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 <u>3</u>/ day of August, 2009.

Chief Judge Ann E. Zimmerman Las Vegas Township Justice Court

CHIEF JUDGE ANN E. ZIMMERMAN



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August 26, 2009

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

Re: Las Vegas Township Justice Court Report

Dear Ms. Lindeman:

Please find enclosed the Las Vegas Township Justice Court's 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.

We are pleased to report that the Las Vegas Justice Court is compliant with this court's order.

This report details the Las Vegas Township Justice Court's ongoing efforts to expand and embrace new technology which improves access to the courts and reduces litigation costs. Las Vegas Township Justice Court is proud of the accomplishments that we have made in improving access to justice for all citizens.

SEP 02 7000 LERK OF SUPPLEME DOUG DEPUTY CLERK A copy of the report is included for each of the seven Supreme Court Justices. Please file the original and return a file-stamped copy in the enclosed return-addressed envelope. The Las Vegas Township Justice Court would like to acknowledge the Nevada Supreme Court for its ongoing support and guidance in all matters related to the judiciary.

Very truly yours,

Chief Judge Ann E. Zimmerman

Las Vegas Township Justice Court

Steven D. Grierson

Court Executive Officer/Clerk of Court

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cc: Las Vegas Township Justice Court Judge

