# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

**ADKT 0442** 

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# IN THE MATTER OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT RULES

# ORDER AMENDING THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT RULES 4 AND 28

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2015, the Honorable Nathan Tod Young and the Honorable Thomas W. Gregory filed a petition seeking amendment of the Ninth Judicial District Court Rules (NJDCR) 4 and 28; and

WHEREAS, this court has determined that amendment to NJDCR 4 and NJDCR 28 is warranted; accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the NJDCR 4 and NJDCR 28 shall be amended as set forth in Exhibit A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these amendments shall be effective 30 days from the date of this order. The clerk of this court shall cause a notice of entry of this order to be published in the official publication of the State Bar of Nevada. Publication of this order shall be accomplished by the clerk disseminating copies of this order to all subscribers of the advance sheets of the Nevada Reports and all persons and agencies listed in NRS 2.345, and to the executive director of the State Bar of Nevada. The certificate of the clerk of this court as to the accomplishment of the above-described publication of notice of entry and

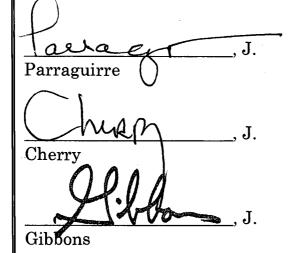
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dissemination of this order shall be conclusive evidence of the adoption and publication of the foregoing rule amendments.

It is so ORDERED.

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cc: Laurence P. Digesti, President, State Bar of Nevada Kimberly Farmer, Executive Director, State Bar of Nevada Clark County Bar Association Washoe County Bar Association Administrative Office of the Courts

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#### EXHIBIT A

## AMENDMENT TO THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT RULES 4 AND 28

### Rule 4. Arbitration.

(a) The Ninth Judicial District Court has adopted the mandatory, non-binding "Nevada Arbitration Rules" and any amendments thereto promulgated by the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada.

(b) Those civil cases commenced in this court that are subject to the mandatory provisions of the "Nevada Arbitration Rules" [will be processed and governed as provided in said rules except that the monetary threshold shall remain at \$25,000, and the arbitration commissioner will submit any request to exempt or remove a case from the arbitration program to the district judge to whom the case is assigned to determine whether exemption or removal is warranted.] that have a probable jury award value not in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per plaintiff, exclusive of interest and costs, will be processed and governed as provided in said rules.

(c) The special master is designated as the "arbitration commissioner" for purposes of the "Nevada Arbitration Rules."

#### Rule 28. Short trial program.

(a) The Ninth Judicial District Court has adopted the [binding] <u>voluntary participation</u> Short Trial Program [as provided by NRS 38.258 and the "Nevada Short Trial Rules," including] as provided in NSTR 4, and any amendments [to those rules] <u>thereto</u> promulgated by the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada.

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(b) Those <u>trial de novo</u> actions submitted to the <u>voluntary</u> <u>participation</u> Short Trial Program will be processed and conducted as set forth in the "Nevada Short Trial Rules" [except a judgment arising out of the Short Trial Program may not exceed \$25,000, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney fees, unless the parties establish a different ceiling of recovery by stipulation.] provided the parties to the action agree to be bound by the results of the short trial as set forth in NSTR 32. Otherwise, trials de novo will be processed in the ordinary course of the court's business.

(c) The special master is appointed [to administer the Short Trial Program.] short trial commissioner.