

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

RONNEKA ANN GUIDRY,

Appellant,

vs.

THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondent.

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Case No. 80156

**APPELLANT'S MOTION TO ALLOW ORAL ARGUMENT  
TO BE CONDUCTED VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING OR BY  
APPEARING IN PERSON IN LAS VEGAS**

Comes Now Appellant RONNEKA ANN GUIDRY, by and through Chief Deputy Public Defender, SHARON G. DICKINSON, pursuant to NRAP 27, moves this Court to allow counsel to appear in the Las Vegas Courthouse or appear via video conferencing for the January 11, 2022, oral argument. Alexander Chen, Chief Deputy District Attorney for the Appellate Division joins in this request. The grounds for this request are described in the attached Declaration. Counsel asks for a decision by **Thursday, January 6, 2022.**

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2022.

DARIN F. IMLAY  
CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER  
By /s/ Sharon G. Dickinson  
SHARON G. DICKINSON, #3710  
Chief Deputy Public Defender

## **DECLARATION OF SHARON G. DICKINSON**

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada; I am a chief deputy public defender assigned to handle the appeal of this matter; I am familiar with the procedural history of this case.

2. The Guidry case is currently scheduled for oral argument on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 1:10 p.m., in Carson City.

3. The attorneys who will be arguing this case live in Las Vegas and will need to fly to Carson City for the argument. I currently have a flight schedule to leave on Monday, January 10, 2022, and a hotel room reserved in Carson City.

4. Due to the news of the increase in COVID cases and reoccurring flight cancellations, Defense Counsel and Counsel for the State, Alex Chen, are requesting that the Court allow the parties to appear in person in the Las Vegas Courthouse or remotely through Blue Jeans. I spoke to Chief Deputy District Attorney Alex Chen this morning and he agreed to allow me to use his name when filing this motion because he has no opposition.

5. Clark County has seen an increase in persons infected with COVID. News stations report that the number of cases has been higher on some days than in peak periods last year. Today I received further warnings

about COVID testing and requirements for quarantining for all employees who work for Clark County. This weekend, the Clark County Detention Center closed for in-person visits due to COVID increases. Just last week I learned of an attorney who was fully vaccinated but became sick while out-of-state and needed to quarantine out-of-state. Since traveling in airports is a catalyst for increases in the virus, I believe it would be safer for me to handle the oral argument from Las Vegas.

6. I will do whatever the Court requests but ask the Court to allow the parties to argue in person at the Las Vegas Courthouse or by Blue Jeans.

7. If the Court is willing to grant this motion, I ask that the Court issue an order by Thursday January 6, 2022, so that we can cancel the airline reservations, hotel, and car rental.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2022.

/s/ Sharon G. Dickinson  
SHARON G. DICKINSON

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that this document was filed electronically with the Nevada Supreme Court on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2022. Electronic Service of the foregoing document shall be made in accordance with the Master Service List as follows:

AARON D. FORD  
ALEXANDER CHEN

SHARON G. DICKINSON

I further certify that I served a copy of this document by mailing a true and correct copy thereof, postage pre-paid, addressed to:

RONNEKA ANN GUIDRY  
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BY /s/ Carrie M. Connolly  
Employee, Clark County Public  
Defender's Office