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*John J. Blum*  
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

AND

**EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER OF  
TEMPORARILY CLOSING THE TRAFFIC  
COUNTER AT THE REGIONAL JUSTICE  
CENTER

Administrative Order: 0009  
Administrative Order: 20-04

*ORDER CONCERNING ACCESS TO LAS VEGAS JUSTICE COURT AND MUNICIPAL  
COURT FACILITIES AT THE REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER*

The judicial power is vested in the state court system—comprised of the supreme court, a court of appeals, district courts, justices of the peace, and municipal courts. Nev. Const. art. VI, § 1. The Nevada constitution expressly recognizes the chief justice as the administrative head of the court system. Nev. Const. art. VI, § 19. By expressly identifying the chief justice as the court system's administrative leader, the chief justice has "inherent power to take actions reasonably necessary to administer justice efficiently, fairly, and economically." Halverson v. Hardcastle, 123 Nev. 245, 260, 163 P.3d 428, 439 (2007) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). Consequently, the Nevada Supreme Court, "through the chief justice, has the ultimate authority over the judiciary's inherent administrative functions." Id. at 260, 163 P.3d 428 at 439.

Rule 1.30(b) of the Rules of Practice for the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada ("EDCR") charges the Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court ("EJDC") with various responsibilities, such as supervising the administrative business of the EJDC, ensuring the quality and continuity of its services, supervising its calendar, reassigning cases as convenience or necessity requires, assuring the court's duties are timely and orderly performed, and otherwise facilitating the business of the EJDC.


1 On March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency in  
2 Nevada in response to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The  
3 Nevada Supreme Court and District Court are closely monitoring local developments in  
4 response to COVID-19. We will continue to evaluate and implement measures to slow  
5 the spread of infection in our community. During this time, it is critical to prevent the  
6 spread of any illness among members of the court, counsel, staff, the public, and our  
7 valuable community partners. To further prevent the spread of disease, the Centers for  
8 Disease Control and Prevention recommends putting distance between yourself and other  
9 people. According to the CDC, the virus is spread mainly from people who are in close  
10 contact with one another—within about six feet.  
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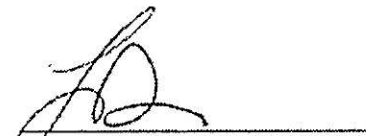
12 Therefore, effective immediately, the Las Vegas Justice Court and Las Vegas  
13 Municipal Court traffic customer service counter located on the first floor at the Regional  
14 Justice Center is temporarily closed.  
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16 To the extent possible, traffic-related matters should be conducted by telephone,  
17 video, or other remote electronic means. Individuals with questions regarding these  
18 restrictions may call 702-455-4472 to speak to a customer service representative and be  
19 directed to the appropriate court.

20 This order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall continue until  
21 modified or rescinded by a subsequent order.

22 Entered this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

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25 KRISTINA PICKERING  
26 Chief Justice  
27 Nevada Supreme Court  
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LINDA MARIE BELL  
Chief Judge  
Eighth Judicial District Court